Selected Bibiliography for Andersonville and Prisoners of War throughout American History

A comprehensive bibliography of Andersonville and American prisoners of war would be book-length. Although it is difficult to choose a few among the many fine publications available, the selections listed here stand out for their combination of historical quality, enjoyable and often compelling writing styles, and availability from public libraries and bookstores.

Many of the titles listed here are available through the Eastern National bookstore at the National Prisoner of War Museum. Older titles may be located through a number of digital resources.

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Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office
http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo/

The National League of POW/MIA Families
http://www.pow-miafamilies.org/

American Ex-Prisoners of War
http://www.axpow.org/

Korean War Ex-POW Association
http://www.koreanwarexpow.org/

NAM-POWs
http://www.nampows.org/

Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee
http://koreanwar.defense.gov/

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http://www.loc.gov/rr/frd/Military_Law/

International Committee of the Red Cross
War and International Humanitarian Law
http://www.icrc.org/eng/war-and-law/

International Humanitarian Law - Treaties & Documents
http://www.icrc.org/ihl

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PRISONER OF WAR MUSEUM

Andersonville National Historic Site was established by Congress in 1970 to "provide an understanding of the Civil War prisoner of war (POW) story, to interpret the role of prisoner of war camps in history, and to commemorate the sacrifice of Americans who lost their lives in such camps."

The park includes the site of the Andersonville Prison, the National Prisoner of War Museum, and Andersonville National Cemetery. The museum opened at Andersonville in 1998, and it is dedicated to all brave men and women of the United States who have suffered captivity. Close to 20,000 soldiers and their dependents are buried in the cemetery at Andersonville.

Today, the park is a tribute to the prisoner of war experience. Etched on memorials throughout the park, and throughout the prisoner of war experience in American history, is the phrase, "Death Before Dishonor," symbolizing the American resolve to uphold the value of freedom and liberty in the face of adversity.

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Andersonville National Cemetery
496 Cemetery Road
Andersonville, GA 31711

Phone
229 924-0343

Official Park Website
http://www.nps.gov/ande/

Researching Andersonville Prisoners
http://go.nps.gov/Andersonville_POWs

Andersonville and POW Bibliography
http://go.nps.gov/POW_bibliography

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