

In 1970, I received my Eagle rank, presented to me by T63 scoutmaster, Mr. Stan Rames. He lived about two blocks away from my house in New Orleans. I vaguely remember that Mr. Rames worked as a commercial artist for a local TV station, but never knew much else about his past or personal life. He was a good scoutmaster, though.

Digging through some old pics today, one of my sons came across this image of me, and he asked me about my scoutmaster. A quick Google of "Stanley Rames New Orleans" produced some interesting stuff I never knew.

Jim



April 9, 1970

The "Midday" celebs [ on WDSU TV New Orleans ] were backed up by a krewe (that's New Orleans for "crew") of talented people you may seldom or never have seen on the screen, but the program couldn't air without the work of the people shown in the picture below.



The last row shows Film Archivist and Processor Don Perry, *Graphic Artist* **Stan Rames**, Designer/ , Scenery/Prop Asst. Cleostophas Bell and Scenery/Prop Manager Alvin "The Bird" Birdlow. "Midday" Still Photographer Mike Podgurski was out on assignment when the above photograph was made by an outside contract photographer.

where he met up with Lt. Stanley D. Rames of the 375th (below), whose engine had failed that same day during a chase with a Me109 east of Berlin.



**Stanley Rames** was a fighter pilot w/ the 361st FG. He flew P-47s and P-51s in the ETO and is credited with one BF-109 kill and two shared kills. He was shot down over Berlin on 24 May 1944 and taken prisoner, spending the balance of the war in Stalag Luft III. After the war, Rames became TV personality and celebrated artist in New Orleans, LA and later Arkansas. He passed away in 2005.

**SWORN STATEMENT**

On Wednesday, 24 May 1944, at approximately 1130 hours, I last saw Lt. Rames in the vicinity of Altlandsberg. He reported over the R/T just after the dog-fight east of Berlin, that he was having engine trouble. I was orbiting above for approximately five minutes while he tried to fix his ship. All this time his air speed was about 150 miles per hour and he was losing altitude. He called over the R/T that there was nothing he could do to the plane and that he was going to bail out. His last message was "Tell my wife I am O.K.". At about 10,000 feet he rolled the ship over and bailed out. I saw the chute open and watched it until it hit the ground. The last I saw of him was when he was running across a field with the chute in his arms. He bailed out in the vicinity of Altlandsberg, a small town east of Berlin.

*Russell J. Sobieski*  
RUSSELL J. SOBIESKI,  
1st Lt., Air Corps.

Sworn to before me this date,  
24 May 1944.



The DFC is an Air Force version from the 50s. My assumption is that Rames was awarded the DFC after he was captured. His ribbons and wings are probably the ones he wore back in the states immediately after the war, so they include the DFC. He then got around to asking for the actual medal in the 50s after the AC had become the Air Force.



Also of note is **Rames' P-47 "Shiverless"**. It is well known in aircraft modelling circles, and is the subject of several aftermarket decal sets. Rames was an artist by trade, and painted the nose art himself. He also did the work on many well known fighters in his Group.



375th Fighter Squadron ready for take-off. Nice atmospheric shot taken during the unit's stay in Belgium



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