

WITNESS TO LIBERATION

WWII VETERAN GEORGE AIGEN AT DACHAU

A program presented by the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust

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Thomas County Schools Professional Learning Center ■ 200 N. Pinetree Blvd. Thomasville, GA 31792



“When we made it through the gate, it was like walking into another world.”

Photos courtesy of George Aigen

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workshop is required at
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On January 14, 2016, World War II veteran George Aigen, who witnessed the liberation of the Dachau concentration camp in 1945, will share his story at the Thomas County Professional Learning Center. This program is part of "Teaching About the Holocaust: Lessons for Today", a FREE 2-day professional development workshop for educators. Registration is required to attend.

George was inducted into the army at the age of 18. He was assigned to the 1269th Combat Engineer Battalion, charged with the responsibility of building roads and destroying mines and bridges. In the summer of 1944, just after his 19th birthday, George was shipped overseas to Marseille, France.

George and his unit crossed the border from France to Germany in April 1945. They stopped a few miles ahead of Munich at Dachau, the first Nazi concentration camp, established in 1933. The American soldiers found abandoned prisoners starved and dying. They liberated over 32,000 survivors from the camp.

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