Panel Presentation
by Four La Verne Students
Who Served in World War II
in Civilian Public Service as
Pacifist Conscientious
Objectors to War

Dedication of a Plaque
Honoring 42 La Verne College
Students and Faculty
Who Served in the World Wars
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Peace in the Heart of War:
Peace in the Heart of War is a series of events organized by the College of Arts and Sciences commencing with the dedication of the plaque today and culminating in a Benjamin Britten Concert on October 27. Events that are part of this series connect to the university’s affirmation of a philosophy of life that actively supports peace with justice and the health of the planet and its people. The Britten concert, featuring tenor Jonathan Mack, ties in with the LA Opera’s Britten 100/LA: A Celebration.

Tuesday, October 22
Out of Rubble Curator’s Lecture: Susanne Slavick
4:40-6:00, Abraham Campus Center, 3rd floor
Out of Rubble Reception
6:00-8:00, Harris Art Gallery

Thursday, October 24
Hot Spots: The Exile of Benjamin Britten: Ken Marcus
11:00-12:05, Presidents Dining Room

Sunday, October 27
Benjamin Britten Concert: "Peace in the Heart of War"
Jonathan Mack, tenor
Carol Stephenson, soprano
Grace Xia Zhao, piano
ALUMNI CPS PANEL — 4 p.m.

CHARLES DAVIS, B.A. ’48
CPS 6/15/43 – 6/12/46
CLAIR HANAWALT, B.A. ’48
CPS 3/7/45 – 10/23/46
RODNEY LEHMAN, B.A. ’41
CPS 3/26/43 – 1/7/46
Delmar Stanley, B.A., ’50
CPS 7/28/43 – 3/14/45

Moderator: Alfred Clark, Ph.D.

PLAQUE DEDICATION — 5 p.m.

ZANDRA WAGONER, B.A. ’89, Ph.D.
University Chaplain
DEVORAH LIEBERMAN, Ph.D.
President

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American involvement: 1918-1919

World War II
American involvement: 1941-1945

Civilian Public Service
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