

AFRS Guadalcanal – One of Our Ancestors

This photo was posted on Facebook by Dick Downes, August 22, 2017.



AFRTS Celebrates 75th Anniversary

Radio and television networks serve American service men and women worldwide from such humble beginnings as this outpost in Guadalcanal.

The following message was received from Steve Sevits on November 11, 2017.

Veteran broadcaster, Dick Sinclair who was instrumental in helping establishing Armed Forces Radio in WW II passed away on October 14th of 2017. Sinclair set up the AFRS outlet on Guadalcanal where he pioneered a polka music program for GI listeners.

Sinclair who was still an active radio host at 91 was heard weekly on CRN (streaming and cable) hosting Polka Party. Sinclair's long list of broadcasting credits included KRLA and KFI. A commercial broadcast scheduling quirk left an open time slot which Sinclair filled with polka music which generated such audience enthusiasm that it became a regular feature provoking audience calls from 11 western states. Sinclair's broadcast career spanned six decades.