

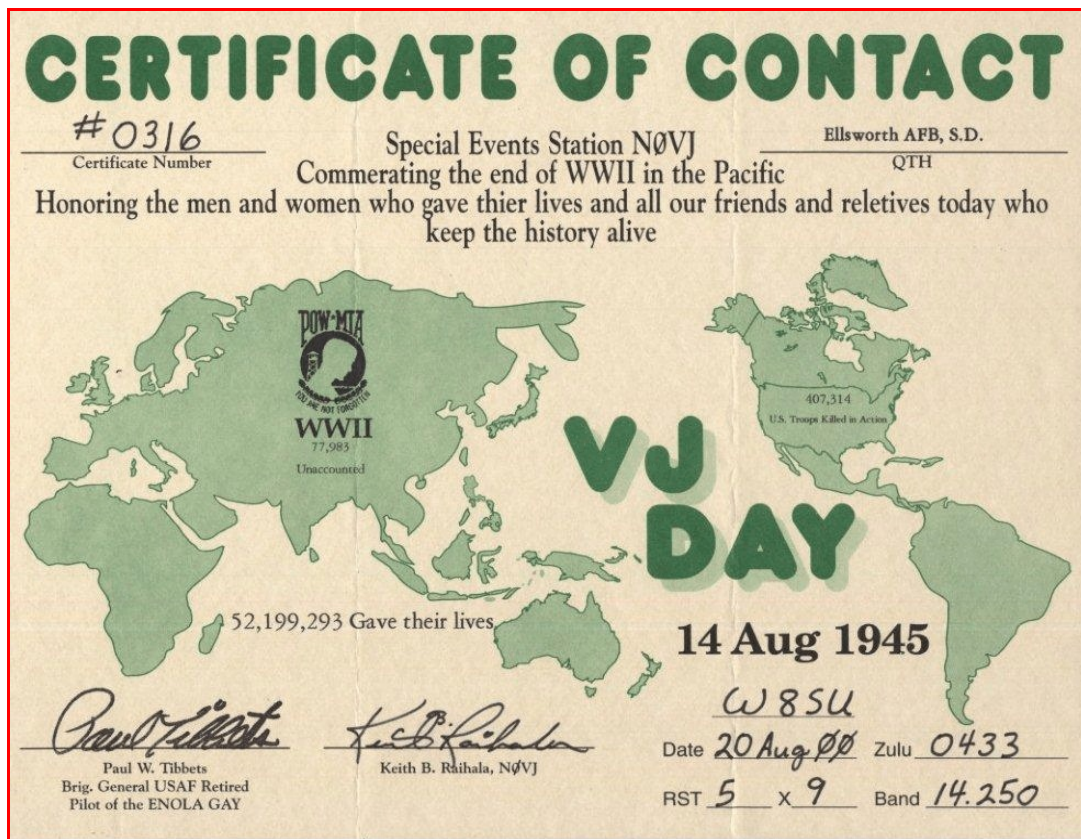
General Paul W. Tibbets K4ZVZ Added;

Those that know me are aware of my interest in Special Event radio opportunities to say hello to groups making available historic and local interest ham radio coverage.

Ellsworth AFB S.D. is no exception in August of 2000. The day of 14 August 1945 was commemorated by a special event at Ellsworth using NØVJ - Later on I noticed an endorsement on the special event certificate I received and there it was, General Paul Tibbets autograph, USAF retired, Pilot of the Enola Gay.

I have asked Keith NØVJ a few questions via email and hope that I am not to late, (Its been over 7 years now that the special event occurred!)

We may have worked General Tibbets on the air and not have known it. Keith will be able to tell me, I am quite sure.



Mr. Keith Raihala NØVJ reply January 2008 - Hi Bob, thank you for your note. The General was not at the SD special event. I got him to sign our certificates through his grandson Paul Tibbets III, who is also a bomber pilot that flies the B2 stealth bomber out of the 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman AFB Missouri. I am hoping that we will have another VJ Day station this coming August or Sept operating out of a B-29 at Whiteman. I was very excited because Paul III said grandad Paul would most likely come up for the event but as you may know he passed away just a few weeks ago. I so wanted to meet him. I do have a book from him titled "Enola Gay" that has a photo of the crew with all of their original signatures on it. A real keepsake. I hope to hear from you if we get this station up and running in Aug/Sep....Regards Keith NØVJ