

## World War II Community Celebration

June 8, 2023

9:00 9:50	<p><b>“Voices of the Greatest Generation”</b> VWM Director of Education Jim Triesler will share compelling stories from the men and women who served in the U. S. military during World War II.</p>	Lecture Room
9:00 9:50	<p><b>“D-Day and Why It Still Matters”</b> John Long, Director of Education, National D-Day Memorial <b>(Remote Instructor)</b> After almost eighty years, D-Day is well-known—but little understood. Find out why this single day in a long war mattered, and why it continues to matter, in this presentation by John Long, Director of Education at the National D-Day Memorial.”</p>	Room 1 and Online
10:00 10:50	<p><b>“The Price of Unpreparedness: POWs in the Philippines”</b> Amanda Williams, Director, MacArthur Memorial After the fall of the Philippines in 1942, tens of thousands of American and Filipino soldiers were captured by the Japanese. The saga of the POW experience will be discussed from the Bataan Death March in 1942 to the return of General MacArthur in 1944 and the war crimes trials that followed.</p>	Lecture Room
10:00 10:50	<p><b>“The Forgotten Front: Displaced Person and Refugee Care During and After WWII”</b> Mitchell Gehman, Educator, National D-Day Memorial Learn about the refuge crisis that developed during and after WWII and how the Allies attempted to handle it during one of history’s most destructive wars.</p>	Room 1
10:00 10:50	<p><b>“SBD Dauntless: Naval Scout Plane and Dive Bomber”</b> Keegan Chetwynd, Director, Virginia Aviation Museum The SBD (Scout Bomber Douglas) served the Navy and Marines from 1940 to 1944. Although it earned the nickname “Slow But Deadly,” this plane played a decisive role against the Japanese carriers at the Battle of Midway. This lecture will also cover the Navy’s Great Lakes Training Programs during WWII, as well as the role of underwater aircraft recovery.</p>	Room 3
10:00 10:50	<p><b>“The Last Battle: Okinawa 1945”</b> Chris Kolakowski, Director, Wisconsin Veterans Museum <b>(Remote Instructor)</b> The Battle of Okinawa, which began on 1 April 1945, was the largest and bloodiest battle of the Pacific War. Both sides regarded it as a dress rehearsal for an invasion of Japan proper. This talk will discuss the battle and its aftermath.</p>	Room 5 and Online

11:00 11:50	<p><b>“Children of the Reich”</b></p> <p>VWM Director of Education Jim Triesler will explore what life was like inside Germany before and during the war by interviewing those who experienced it firsthand.</p>	Lecture Room
11:00 11:50	<p><b>“General Douglas MacArthur: Triumph and Controversy”</b></p> <p>Amanda Williams, Director, MacArthur Memorial</p> <p>Douglas MacArthur was often found at the center of triumph or controversy. Roosevelt valued his military mind but also called him the most dangerous man in America. Eisenhower considered him a genius, but also found him too theatrical. Churchill lauded him as one of the bravest allied commanders, and Truman found him enormously frustrating. What do you think of MacArthur? Join us for an examination of his career and its World War II highlights – the good, the bad, the facts, and the fiction.</p>	Room 1
11:00 11:50	<p><b>“The Soldier’s Bulge Campaign: Third Army Closes the Southern Flank and Rescues Bastogne”</b></p> <p>Leon Reed, Historian and Editor of the <i>Bulge Bugle</i></p> <p>This engaging presentation looks at the Bulge campaign through the eyes of three particular soldiers, two of whom were part of the liberation of Bastogne.</p>	Room 3
1:00 1:50	<p><b>“The American Military Experience”</b></p> <p>VWM Director of Education will interview an American WWII veteran about his experiences during WWII.</p>	Lecture Room
1:00 1:50	<p><b>“George H.W. Bush in World War II”</b></p> <p>Keegan Chetwynd, Director, Virginia Aviation Museum</p> <p>George Bush enlisted as a naval aviator on his 18th birthday in 1942. This lecture will discuss flight training during WWII and examine the career of George H. W. Bush who saw combat in the Pacific and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.</p>	Room 1
1:00 1:50	<p><b>“The Battles at Home: WWII Comes to America!”</b></p> <p>Rusty Nix, Historian</p> <p>As the war raged on overseas, some Americans found themselves in the crosshairs and bombsights of the enemy while living their day t day lives on the Homefront! Join us for this intriguing look at World War II’s often forgotten, theater of war, and the battles that took place in North America!</p>	Room 3

2:00	<b>“The Ipson Saga”</b>	<b>Lecture Room</b>
2:50	<b>Jay Ipson, Holocaust Survivor and Co-Founder of the Virginia Holocaust Museum</b> <b>When the Nazis invaded Lithuania in 1941 the Ipson family was placed in the Kovno Ghetto and later, the Kovno Concentration Camp. Meet Jay and Elly Ipson and learn about one family’s struggle for survival during the Holocaust.</b>	
2:00	<b>“Two Deaths of Hitler”</b>	<b>Room 1</b>
2:50	<b>Dr. Clay Mountcastle, Director, Virginia War Memorial</b> <b>This presentation will discuss the last day of Adolph Hitler, his death, and the effort to erase his image and impact from European Society.</b>	
2:00	<b>“The Legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen”</b>	<b>Room 3</b>
2:50	<b>Howard Baugh, President, Howard Baugh Chapter - Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.</b> <b>The Tuskegee Airmen flew hundreds of combat missions and fought to defeat fascism in Europe and for the equality of all Americans at home. Join Howard Baugh as he discusses the legacy of his father, Lt. Colonel Howard Baugh.</b>	