



Battle of the Bulge

80th Anniversary Commemoration Tour

9 DAYS | DECEMBER 11-19, 2024



FEATURED HISTORIAN AND AUTHOR
John C. McManus, PhD
Alamo in the Ardennes

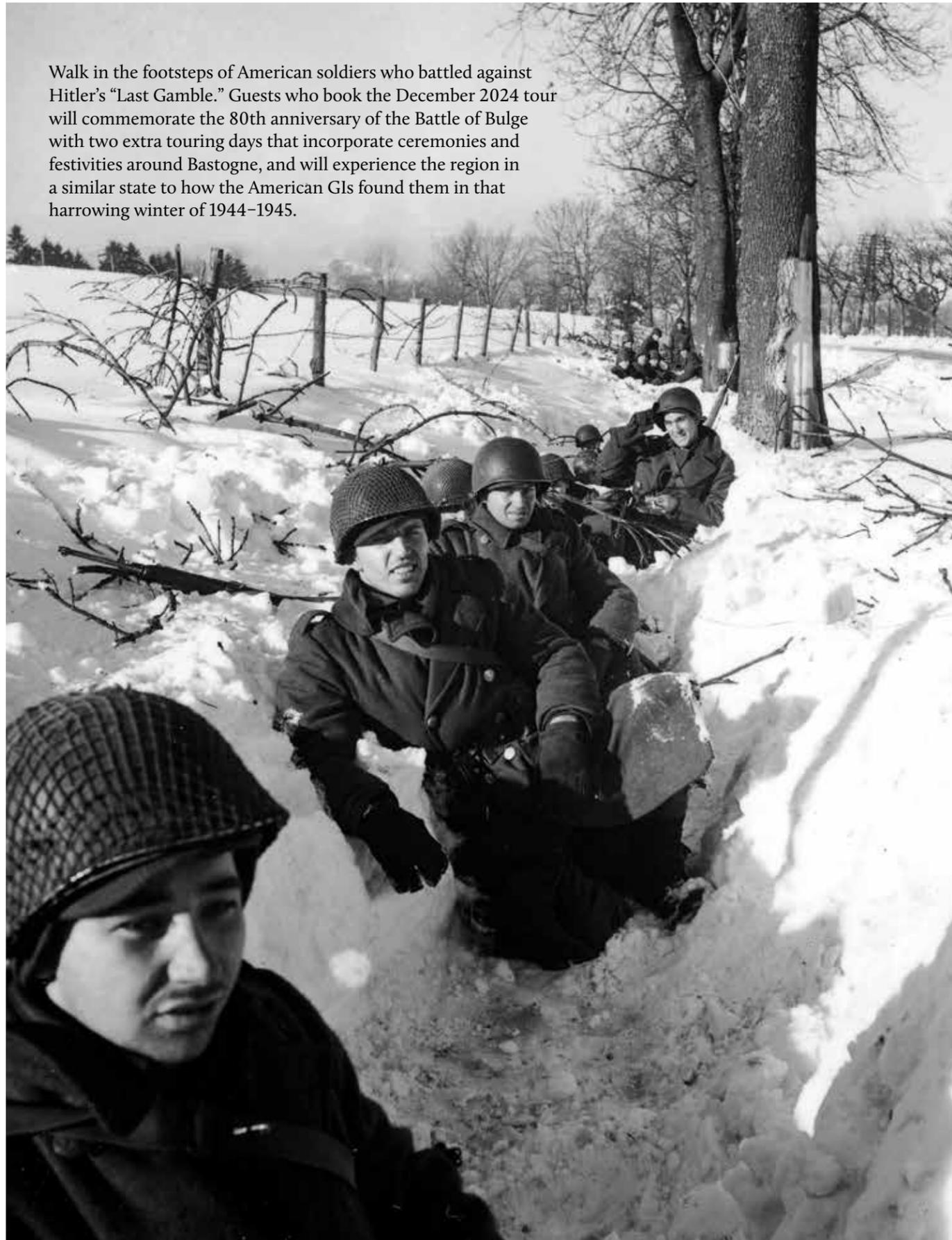
Including the Optional
Pre-tour Extension Program

The Battle of the Hürtgen Forest



FEATURED GUEST AND ACTOR
Shane Taylor
Eugene "Doc" Roe, *Band of Brothers*, 2001

Walk in the footsteps of American soldiers who battled against Hitler's "Last Gamble." Guests who book the December 2024 tour will commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Bulge with two extra touring days that incorporate ceremonies and festivities around Bastogne, and will experience the region in a similar state to how the American GIs found them in that harrowing winter of 1944-1945.



Cover photo: Column of American soldiers near Mont-le-Ban on January 20, 1945, during the Liberation of Belgium near the end of the Battle of the Bulge. Courtesy of Roger Violette/Getty. Photo above: American soldiers in a snowy ditch in Belgium during the Battle of the Bulge. Courtesy of John Florea / The LIFE Premium Collection/Getty Images.



Dear Friend of the Museum,

I invite you to join The National WWII Museum on a commemorative 80th anniversary tour of the sites made significant during the Battle of the Bulge. Expertly researched by our own staff, and led by expert battlefield guide Roland Gaul and military historian Edwin Popken, this is the most immersive tour of the Ardennes available today. From the famous "northern shoulder" of the Bulge near Elsenborn Ridge, through the Bastogne Corridor, and to the Luxembourg Ardennes, you will trace the routes of the last major German offensive in the West and encounter the heroic stories of the soldiers who fought and won America's largest and costliest campaign of World War II.

In late 1944, few thought that a massive German counterattack was possible. Rome fell on June 4, and two days later, the greatest amphibious invasion in history brought more than 150,000 men to the shores of Normandy on D-Day. By the end of August, French and American soldiers were marching through the streets of Paris. Hitler's "Fortress Europe" was broken, and the Allies were rushing toward the German border on the road to Berlin. As Christmas approached, the Allied Forces in Europe felt the war was nearing its end. But on December 16, that optimism vanished suddenly. The supposedly impossible German counterattack was here and was larger than anyone could have anticipated. With over 400,000 German soldiers ready to push into the Ardennes, the next five weeks tested the limits of our troops.

Anyone who has read or watched *Band of Brothers* by Museum founder Stephen Ambrose knows of the swirling snow, the bitter cold, and the murderous nature of the German onslaught. We are honored to be joined by Shane Taylor, the actor who portrayed Eugene "Doc" Roe in the HBO miniseries. He will share his insight on what it was like to train for and re-create the battle for episode 6: "Bastogne."

We invite you to commemorate the battle during the time of year when it happened—exactly 80 years ago. This tour retraces the unexpected, dramatic battle and offers the unique opportunity to visit key sites blanketed in snow with expert battlefield guides. Join us for this inspiring educational journey, and stand in the precise locations where the American Spirit overcame the last desperate gamble of the Third Reich.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Watson
President & CEO, The National WWII Museum

Join us on this one-of-a-kind journey of remembrance & commemoration.

"I had wanted to take the Battle of the Bulge tour for a long time. The experience of the war changed my dad, as it did most veterans. I was able to share with our group my father's Silver Star and Presidential Unit Citation at the Twin Villages. Very moving experience. I would recommend this tour to anyone."

– Robert B. Gretna, NE

"I had the privilege of laying the wreath during the ceremony. My brother was wounded at the Battle of the Bulge in 1944 and again in 1945. My mother was National President of the Gold Star Mothers. My other brother was killed in September 1944. This trip meant a lot to me!"

– Marge H. Richmond, IN

"The wreath laying was a very nice experience and showed us how important the locals regard the sacrifices made by these men and how important it is that they must never be forgotten. It was truly special to see the foxhole positions occupied by the troops so many years ago!"

– Anonymous

"Roland is wonderful. Roland's knowledge of the Battle of the Bulge was very impressive, and the tour manager had the trip well planned and kept us on schedule without being pushy. The accommodations in Clervaux were outstanding; the meals were good and in locations that allowed us to mix with others on the tour. Great tour, well planned, well executed."

– William H. Little Rock, AR

FEATURED GUEST AND ACTOR

Shane Taylor

Eugene “Doc” Roe, *Band of Brothers*, 2001



Shane’s first ever screen appearance came as a teenager playing a page boy in Franco Zeffirelli’s *Hamlet*, starring Mel Gibson. It was an event that would stay with him and influence his future course of action. Shane is best remembered for his role as Easy Company medic Eugene “Doc” Roe in Steven Spielberg’s Emmy- Award winning series *Band of Brothers* for HBO. Further credits include Osman in *The Day Of The Triffids* for the BBC alongside Dougray Scott and Vanessa Redgrave; a season regular as Craig Hanson alongside Sullivan Stapleton and Philip Winchester in *Strike Back Vengeance* for HBO-Cinemax; opposite Gabriel Byrne and Michael Gambon as Andy Stafford in *Quirke*; and as Captain Thomas Preston in the History Channel’s miniseries, *Sons Of Liberty*, starring Ben Barnes, Henry Thomas, and Dean Norris. Shane also played Ben Kingsley’s son, Miklos Horthy Jr., in the war film, *Walking with the Enemy* and most recently played Turner onboard the USS *Arkansas* in the feature film, *Hunter Killer* starring Gerard Butler, Michael Nyqvist, and Gary Oldman. Shane is also an active voice artist, with his main body of work being in commercials, animation, and video games.

Photo above pictured left to right: *Band of Brothers* actor Shane Taylor, Museum tour manager, and expert battlefield guide Roland Gaul outside the December 44 Museum in La Gleize. Photo courtesy of The National WWII Museum.

FEATURED HISTORIAN AND AUTHOR

John C. McManus, PhD

Alamo in the Ardennes



John C. McManus, PhD is a Curators’ Distinguished Professor of US military history at the Missouri University of Science and Technology and a leading historian of World War II. His critically acclaimed books include *September Hope*, *The Americans at D-Day*, and *The Dead and Those About to Die*. McManus is completing a major three volume history of the US Army in the Pacific/Asia theater during World War II with the first two books, *Fire & Fortitude* and *Island Infernos* receiving major acclaim.

In his 2008 book *Alamo in the Ardennes*, McManus reveals that the original German battle plan allowed only two days for the capture of Bastogne. Standing in the way of the Germans were a smattering of Luxembourg towns (including the tour’s home base of Clervaux) and the battle-weary 28th Infantry Division. Had the Germans achieved their objective on time, Hitler would have gained a vital foothold in his quest to split the Allied armies in two. For five days the 28th held at all costs, bearing the full fury of the Nazi onslaught, making the Germans pay for every icy inch of ground they gained.

Photo above: John C. McManus signing copies of his books at The 2021 International Conference on World War II in New Orleans.

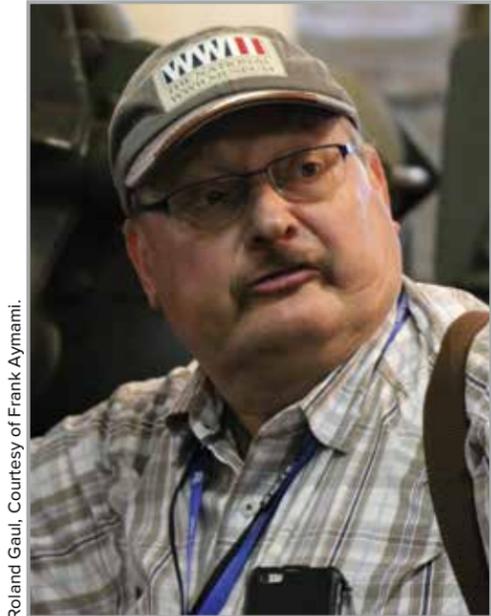


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Roland Gaul



Edwin Popken



Born in Diekirch, Luxembourg, Roland Gaul has collected Battle of the Bulge artifacts since childhood. Growing up with the remains of one of history's largest land battles in his backyard, Roland developed a keen interest in military history at a young age. A graduate of the Diekirch "Lycée Classique," Roland continued his studies at the Royal Military Academy (ERM) in Brussels, Belgium. In 1982, he founded the Diekirch Historical Society and the Diekirch Historical Museum, which became the National Museum of Military History in 1993.

A scholar, lecturer, historian, consultant, and author of several books, including the field guide *Battle of the Bulge in Luxembourg*, Roland has led many tours in the Ardennes over his 25 years as a guide for international audiences. He has also served as a consultant on many Battle of the Bulge films and documentaries.

Photo above: Roland Gaul escorts a veteran of the 99th Infantry Division to the unit's memorial in the Northern Shoulder of the Battle of the Bulge. Photo courtesy of Frank Aymami.

For more than 25 years, Edwin Popken has studied World War II and visited the battlefields throughout Europe, both well-known and lesser-known. His main interests are the operations in Northwest Europe between September 1944 and March 1945. A regular guide on the Museum's *Easy Company: From England to the Eagle's Nest* tours, Edwin has escorted guests from all across the United States to sites of Operation Market-Garden, the Hürtgen Forest, and the Battle of the Bulge.

Edwin holds a master's degree in military history from the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom, and is a member of the International Guild of Battlefield Guides with guild badge number 93.

Photo above: Edwin Popken leads a group past the foxholes and trenches near the German-Belgium border. Photo courtesy of The National WWII Museum.



Stand where history was made

On the outskirts of Bastogne, near the town of Foy, a short walk into the woods leads to the foxholes used by Easy Company of the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division. Braving temperatures of 20 degrees below zero, Easy Company held out against intense shelling, aerial attacks, and German assaults. The foxholes, dug on December 18, 1944, are still visible today, and a memorial to Easy Company honors the men who held Bastogne and recaptured Foy.



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Photo above: A snow-suited US infantry soldier is shown in St. Vith, Belgium, January 1945. Courtesy of Photo 12 / Alamy Stock Photo.



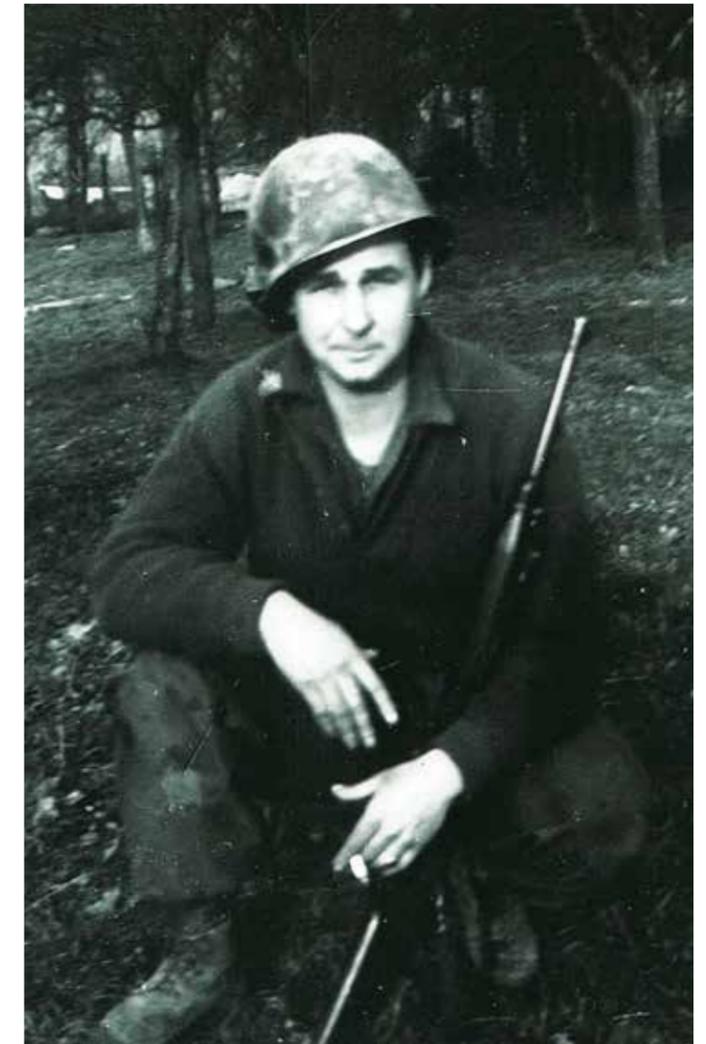
Learn their names

“TO THE MEMORY OF THE SOLDIERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY WHO WHILE PRISONERS OF WAR WERE MASSACRED BY NAZI TROOPS ON THIS SPOT ON 17 DECEMBER 1944. WE HERE HIGHLY RESOLVE THAT THESE DEAD SHALL NOT HAVE DIED IN VAIN.”

- Inscription on the Malmedy Massacre Memorial Baugnez Crossroads, Belgium

Near Malmedy, Belgium, a memorial consists of 84 flat stones bearing the names of American prisoners massacred in a field by soldiers from *Kampfgruppe Peiper* who opened fire on the unarmed prisoners. A handful of survivors lived to tell the story of what happened there, which quickly made its way through the ranks of soldiers. Surrender was not an option.

Photo above left: WWII-era image of Jack Baldwin holding a rifle circa 1945. Courtesy of The National WWII Museum. Photo above right: Detail of the monument in memory of the 84 killed in Malmedy. Courtesy of Guido Vermeulen-Perdaen / Alamy Stock Photo.



Hear their stories

Hear from the men of the Battle of the Bulge who persevered through the toughest conditions: surviving German artillery, tree bursts, and the freezing temperatures. “Cold. It was so cold that if you got wet, you couldn’t get dry.” Lewis “Jack” Baldwin vividly remembers the conditions in which he and his fellow Rangers fought in the Ardennes. With record low temperatures, the weather was as much an enemy as the Germans. Baldwin was told that anyone who was separated from his men would freeze to death.



Learn the rest of the story online in the Digital Collections of The National WWII Museum.

Itinerary Map



	Independent flights (not included)		Main Tour		Pre-Tour
	Overnight Stay		Overnight Stay		Tour Stop
	Tour Stop		Tour Stop		Exploration
	Exploration		Exploration		Exploration



The Battle of the Bulge 80th Anniversary Commemoration

~~\$6,995~~ **\$6,495*** per person double occupancy, ~~\$9,296~~ **\$8,796*** single occupancy
*\$299 taxes and fees additional per person.

Program Inclusions

- Tour with best-selling author John McManus, PhD
- Daily touring with Shane Taylor who portrayed Eugene "Doc" Roe on *Band of Brothers*
- Expert Battle of the Bulge guides Roland Gaul and Edwin Popken
- Full-time National WWII Museum logistical tour manager
- Video Oral History presentations from the Museum's collection
- VIP access to sites not offered on other tours
- Personal listening devices on all included touring
- Accommodations for eight nights at Le Clervaux Boutique & Design Hotel and one night at Sheraton Brussels Airport Hotel
- 5 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 4 Dinners, and 2 Evening Receptions
- Beer, wine, and soft drinks included with lunches and dinners
- Private, first-class, motor coach transportation with bottled water
- Roundtrip airport transfers (on scheduled group arrival and departure days)
- Included gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, and servers
- Informative map book including useful battlefield maps and archival images to be used throughout your journey
- Personalized luggage tags and customized name badge

EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY!

Optional Three-Night Pre-tour Extension Program

Battle of the Hürtgen Forest

\$2,128* per person double occupancy, **\$2,888*** single occupancy
*\$199 taxes and fees additional per person. See page 30 for more information.



View of Vogelsang Ordensburg during its construction in 1936. Photo by ullstein bild via Getty Images.



View of modern day Vogelsang Ordensburg (Order Castle).



Day 1 – Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Arrivals in Brussels & Transfer to Clervaux

Upon arrival at Brussels International Airport (BRU), guests are warmly welcomed by Museum staff. Depart for Clervaux, Luxembourg, with a lunch stop along the way. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner with the group.

Accommodations: *Hotel Le Clervaux (L, R, D)*

Photo above: Refugees evacuating the Belgian town of Bastogne. Courtesy of nsf/ Alamy Stock Photo.



Day 2 – Thursday, December 12, 2024

Northern Shoulder

The first full day of touring explores the “Northern Shoulder” of the Bulge, where the outnumbered Americans on the Elsenborn Ridge offered unexpected resistance in the first days of the German attack. Visit the little village of Lanzerath, Belgium, where a small American platoon under the command of 20-year-old Lieutenant Lyle Bouck held back 500 German paratroopers for an entire day. Continue to the “twin villages” of Rocherath and Krinkelt, where superior German armor failed to break through the American positions. Enjoy a group lunch and finish the day with a tour of Camp Elsenborn.

Accommodations: *Hotel Le Clervaux (B)*

Photo above: First Army GIs on patrol, looking for German paratroopers among frost-covered hedges during the Battle of the Bulge. Courtesy of George Silk/The LIFE Picture Collection/ Getty Images.



Photo above: A tour guest stands near a bunker in the Ardennes to the southeast of St. Vith.
Photo courtesy of Nathan Huegen.



Day 3 – Friday, December 13, 2024

106th Sector & St. Vith

On December 11, 1944, the 106th Infantry Division entered the Ardennes, taking up positions in Belgium and across the border into Germany. The 106th had only arrived in England three weeks prior, and expected to hold the line along the German border in a quiet sector until spring 1945. On December 16, chaos enveloped the division. The German offensive sped past their positions and surrounded two of the three regiments. The surrender of the 422nd and 423rd Regiments on December 19 was the largest military surrender in Europe during World War II. The scattered forces included the 333rd Field Artillery Battalion, a segregated unit. The Germans murdered 11 of these soldiers outside of a farmhouse near Wereth, Belgium. The 424th Regiment regrouped and defended the crucial crossroads town of St. Vith. **Accommodations: Hotel Le Clervaux (B, L, D)**

Photo above: US Army soldiers from the 7th Armored Division crouching in a war-damaged street in front of a brick building; M4 Sherman tank in background. Official caption on front: "7th Arm. Div. troops work on German snipers in St. Vith, 1-23-45. US Army Photo 179-12." Saint-Vith, Belgium. January 23, 1945. From the Collection of The National WWII Museum.



Day 4 – Saturday, December 14, 2024

Bastogne

Visit Bastogne during the festive “Nuts Weekend.” Starting at the Our River Bridge in Dasburg on the German/ Luxembourgish border, follow the route of the German 5th Panzer Army on its way to Bastogne. See the memorial to Renée Lemaire, a Belgian nurse who worked tirelessly at an American aid station in Bastogne. On Christmas Eve, the Germans bombed the aid station, and Lemaire died while evacuating wounded soldiers from the burning building. In the Bois Jacques, visit the foxholes used by Easy Company during their heroic defense of Bastogne. **Accommodations: Hotel Le Clervaux (B)**

Photo above: Weary infantrymen of the 110th Regiment, 28th Division, US First Army following the German breakthrough in that area.



Photo above: A memorial to the American units that fought in the Luxembourg Ardennes from December 1944–January 1945. Photo courtesy of Frank Aymami.



Day 5 – Sunday, December 15, 2024

28th Infantry Division Sites and Schuman's Eck

After brutal fighting in the Hürtgen Forest, the 28th Division arrived in Luxembourg in November 1944 to rebuild its forces. The German 5th Panzer offensive poured into the thinly held front lines, but the men of the 28th mounted a dramatic “hold at all costs” defense that delayed the German thrust to Bastogne. In towns such as Hosingen, Dahl, Wiltz, and Diekirch, the men of the 28th delayed the German timetable. The 28th engaged in one of the largest individual battles of the German offensive near Café Schumann. A memorial trail leads to numerous foxholes and reminders of the battle.

Accommodations: Hotel Le Clervaux (B, L, D)

Photo above: Soldiers from the mortar squad of the 8th Infantry Regiment pause to eat rations near Bettendorf, Luxembourg. Photo from the service of Allan Voluck, who served as a photographer with the 3908th Signal Service Battalion in Europe. From the Collection of The National WWII Museum.

THROUGH THEIR EYES



1st Lieutenant Lyle Bouck
1923–2016

Born in St. Louis, Missouri, Lyle Bouck joined the National Guard at age 14, and found himself in the Ardennes six years later—in charge of an 18-man intelligence and reconnaissance platoon. He was one of the youngest commissioned officers in the Army, and had grown accustomed to giving orders to older soldiers.

Bouck's platoon made frequent patrols into Germany to scout terrain and enemy movements, occasionally returning with German prisoners for interrogation. But they never encountered evidence of a looming German attack. During a transfer of divisions in the area around Elsenborn Ridge, Bouck's platoon was ordered to defend the position near the town of Lanzerath. Holding and defending a position was unusual for an intelligence and reconnaissance platoon, but Bouck had no doubt his men could do the job.

On the morning of December 16, Bouck was surprised by the sound of shelling. The area in front of his platoon was hit, and the shelling was moving closer and closer to his position. Luckily, the firing overshot their position. Bouck wanted to mount an ambush on Germans in Lanzerath, but his position was revealed. Digging in on a hill, Bouck's men repelled three German frontal assaults, but during a fourth assault, the Germans flanked Bouck's position. Surrounded and out of ammunition, the men of the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon, 394th Regiment, 99th Infantry Division surrendered.

The efforts of the platoon tied up a much larger German force for an entire day, allowing other American units time to regroup and prepare a defense. For their efforts, all 18 men in the platoon were decorated, and the platoon received the Presidential Unit Citation. Bouck received the Distinguished Service Cross.

THROUGH THEIR EYES



Theodore "Ted" Paluch
1922–2015

Theodore "Ted" Paluch was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to a small family. Ted followed the war in Europe closely and thought that the United States might eventually get involved. He was playing pinball on Sunday, December 7, 1941, when he heard about the attack on Pearl Harbor from a friend. Initially attempting to enlist in the Marine Corps, which turned him down, he was drafted into the Army in 1943 and sent into combat in the Hürtgen Forest in 1944, as part of the 285th Field Artillery Observation Battalion.

After fighting in the Hürtgen Forest, the 285th was sent south, and ordered to report to St. Vith, Belgium, on December 16. On December 17, one day into the German attack, Paluch and the 285th were passing through the town of Baugnez, where they encountered the lead elements of *Kampfgruppe Peiper*. Under attack from tanks and vehicles, Paluch jumped into an ice-cold ditch. A German tank commander ordered him and the other remaining men to surrender. They were marched to a field where SS troopers searched the prisoners and took everything of value from them.

As the American prisoners stood in the field with their hands up, the SS troopers left. Suddenly, a column of vehicles approached and began firing into the crowd of prisoners. Next, tanks passed by and fired into the middle of the crowd. Paluch fell to the ground and was hit in the hand. After lying in the field for more than an hour, Paluch and several men escaped toward Malmedy where they reported their story and received treatment for their wounds.

Word of the massacre near Malmedy spread rapidly through American lines and helped strengthen the American resolve to stop the German offensive dead in its tracks. The Battle of the Bulge officially ended on January 25, 1945, when American forces pushed the Germans back to their original pre-December 16 lines.



Photo above: Luxembourg American Cemetery decorated for the 75th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge.



Day 6 – Monday, December 16, 2024

80th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge

On the 80th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge, attend the commemorative events in the Ardennes. The citizens of Belgium and Luxembourg have not forgotten the sacrifice of the Allied soldiers in what became the largest land battle fought by the US Army.

Accommodations: *Hotel Le Clervaux (B, L, R, D)*

Photo above: American troops manning trenches along snowy hedgerow in the northern Ardennes Forest during the Battle of the Bulge. Courtesy of George Silk / The LIFE Picture Collection/Getty Images.



Photo above: An actor in period US uniform takes part in the reenactment of the 70th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge, December 2014. Courtesy of JOHN THYS/AFP/Getty Images.



Day 7 – Tuesday, December 17, 2024

Luxembourg City

Luxembourg City served as the headquarters for General George S. Patton's Third Army after they turned north in response to the German assault. Visit the La Fondation Jean-Pierre Pescatore—home of the chapel where Patton prayed for clear weather on December 23, 1944. Returning north, visit the National Military Museum of Luxembourg, which was founded by Roland Gaul and a community of local collectors.

Accommodations: *Hotel Le Clervaux (B, D)*

Photo above: US Lt. Gen. George S. Patton and US Brig. Gen. Otto P. Weyland in Belgium – January 1945. Courtesy of Photo 12 / Alamy Stock Photo.



Photo above: A local woman meets American veteran Malcolm "Buck" Marsh in Stavelot, Belgium, one of the battle sites along Peiper's attack. Photo courtesy of Sarah Kirksey.



Day 8 – Wednesday, December 18, 2024

Peiper's Route

SS-Standartenführer Joachim Peiper, commander of the lead elements of the 1st SS Panzer Division, and his men were at the tip of the German counterattack. On December 17, 1944, Peiper's unit shot 84 US prisoners in cold blood near Malmedy—a crime that strengthened American resolve during the battle. The victims were machine-gunned in an open field, with a few survivors managing to escape to tell the tale of the massacre. After hearing the news, other American units knew that surrender was not an option, even if outnumbered or surrounded. Today, the tour will follow the path of Peiper's attack, and will hear the heroic stories of American GIs whose actions blunted, and eventually halted, the main German thrust in the north. Other sites visited include Stavelot, Trois-Ponts, and La Gleize.

Accommodations: *Sheraton Brussels Airport Hotel (B, L)*

Photo above: A disabled Tiger Tank in Belgium, Peipers Route. Courtesy of National Archives.



Photo above: Members of the 203rd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Self-Propelled) pose atop a tank during the Battle of the Bulge. Courtesy of The National WWII Museum.



Day 9 – Thursday, December 19, 2024

Departure

Independent departure flights from Brussels International Airport (BRU). (B)

Photo above: Medics of the 8th Armored Division watch while a soldier dances with a nurse. Courtesy of MNHM, National Archives and Records Administration.

Extend Your Journey



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Photo above: WWII Veteran Malcolm "Buck" Marsh visiting the gravesite of his fallen comrade Robert L. Morries at the Henri Chapelle American Cemetery in Belgium

The Itinerary



View of Aachen Cathedral

Day 1 – Sunday, December 8, 2024:

Arrivals in Brussels and Transfer to Aachen

Upon arrival at Brussels International Airport (BRU), guests are warmly welcomed by Museum staff. Depart for Aachen, Germany, with an independent lunch along the way. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner with the group.
Accommodations: Parkhotel Quellenhof Aachen (D)

Day 2 – Monday, December 9, 2024

Hill 400, Ochsenkopf, Vossenack



Hill 400 in Ochsenkopf, Vossenack

The Hürtgen Forest, thick with dense woods and rolling hills, stood between the Americans and the industrial Ruhr Valley in Germany. The Battle of the Hürtgen Forest lasted from September 19, 1944, to February 10, 1945. The campaign left numerous units in shambles as casualties mounted for both veteran and replacement soldiers. Today's touring visits the sector near Vossenack and Schmidt, two towns that changed hands multiple times. The front line of the battle once ran through the center of Vossenack's church. From Hill 400, the site of an impressive assault by the US 2nd Ranger Battalion, gain a commanding view over the terrain that stalled the Allied advance.

Accommodations: Parkhotel Quellenhof Aachen (B, L)

Day 3 – Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Vogelsang Ordensburg



View of Vogelsang Ordensburg (Order Castle)

On a commanding hill in the Hürtgen Forest, the Nazis built a dominating concrete structure known as Ordensburg Vogelsang (Order Castle). Distinct from the medieval castles that dot western Germany, this complex was meant to demonstrate the party's domination over nature. Completed in 1936, Vogelsang was a training center for future Nazi Party bureaucrats. With training in racial ideology, the graduates of this center would carry out Nazi policy throughout the occupied territories. The complex closed in 1939. It was used as a training center for the Belgian military after the war, and today it is an International Place dedicated to peace and refuting the Nazi ideas that were once promoted inside.

Accommodations: Parkhotel Quellenhof Aachen (B, L)



Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery

Day 3 – Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery

This morning, visit the Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery, the final resting place of 7,987 Americans, most of whom lost their lives during the advance of forces into Germany. Continue to the border town of Monschau for an independent lunch before joining the main tour in Clervaux, Luxembourg, for a welcome dinner.

Accommodations: Hotel Le Clervaux (B, R, D)



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CLERVAUX, BELGIUM

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-  **160,000+** active Museum members
-  **8,000+** travelers, representing every US state
-  **625,000+** social media followers

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covering all theaters of World War II



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- 174** published books and
- 47** documentary credits

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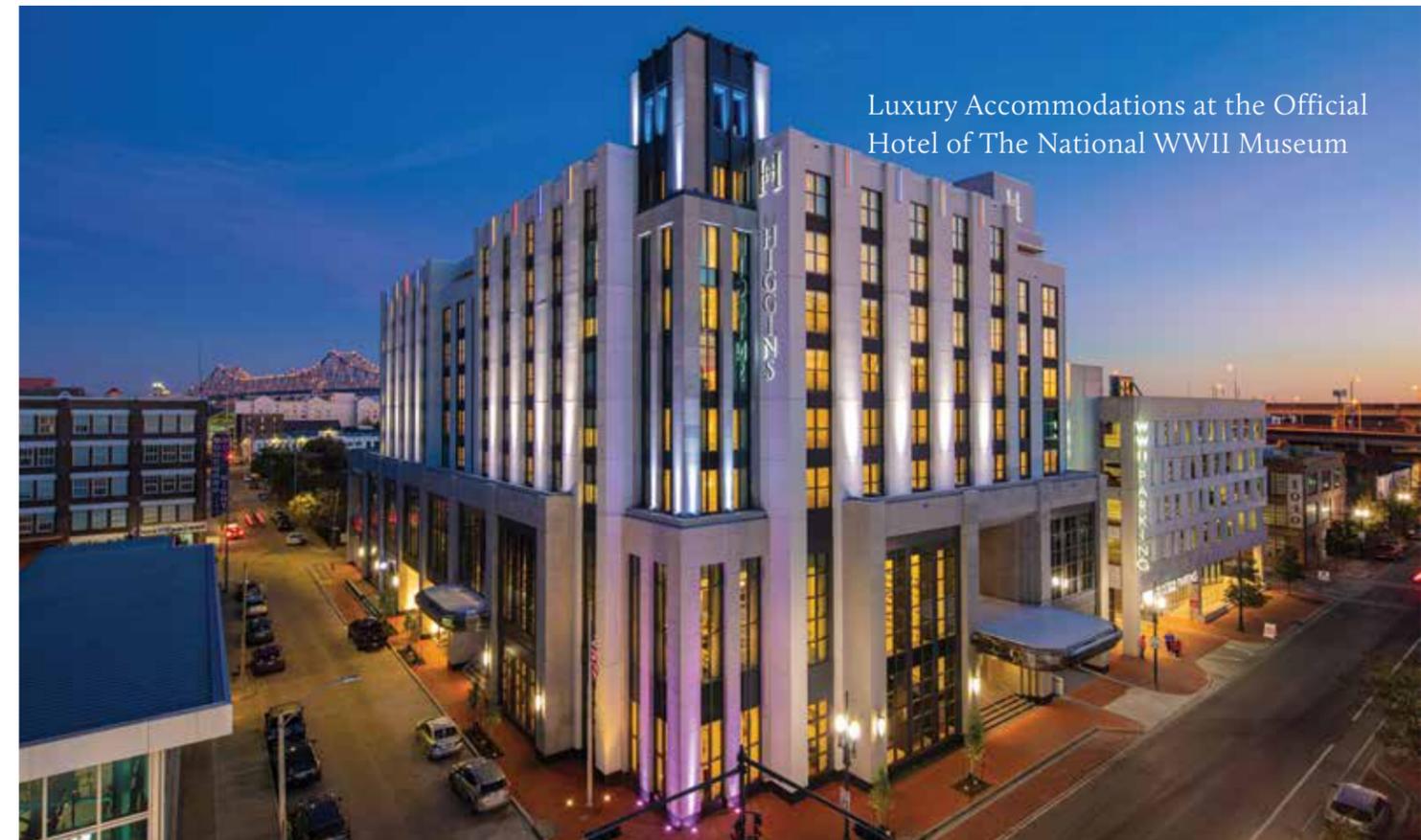
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Luxury Accommodations at the Official Hotel of The National WWII Museum



Rosie's on the Roof, Restaurant



Lobby of The Higgins Hotel



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Tour Inclusions

- Out of the Vault tour with a Museum Curator
- Guided touring of all of the Museum's permanent exhibits
- Private early access to the Museum
- Three-day access to The National WWII Museum
- A showing of *Beyond All Boundaries*
- Final Mission: *USS Tang Submarine Experience*

- Three-nights stay at The Higgins Hotel with three breakfasts
- Special group events including a welcome cocktail reception, private lunch, and VIP dinner with viewing of *Expressions of America*
- Free time to explore the Museum and New Orleans on your own
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