



President & CEO. The National WWII Museum

Stephen J. Watson,

Dear Friend of the Museum,

One of the most inspiring moments during my 20+ years with the Museum was visiting Omaha Beach in 2005 with WWII veteran Dr. Hal Baumgarten, who landed there with the 116th Infantry Regiment as part of the first wave on D-Day and was wounded five times in just 32 hours.

Nothing can match learning about the Normandy landings as you visit the very places where these events unfolded and hear the words of those who fought there.

The story of D-Day and the Allied invasion of Normandy have been at the heart of this Museum since we first opened our doors on June 6, 2000, and while our mission has expanded to cover the entire American experience in World War II, we still hold our Normandy travel programs in special regard—and consider them the very best in the market.

Drawing on our historical expertise and extensive archival collection, the Museum's highly regarded D-Day tours take visitors back to June 6, 1944, through a memorable journey from Pegasus Bridge and Sainte-Mère-Église to Omaha Beach and Pointe du Hoc. Along the way, you'll learn the timeless stories of those who sacrificed so much to pull off the greatest amphibious attack in history and ultimately secure the freedom we enjoy today.

Led by historical experts along with local managers and guides, our Normandy travel programs offer an exclusive experience that incorporates pieces from the Museum's oral history and artifact collections into presentations that truly bring history to life. After operating hundreds of trips to Normandy throughout the years, we've added new locations and experiences, forged new friendships and partnerships, and uncovered countless untold stories of those who fought to liberate Europe.

I hope you will take a few minutes to review this brochure, learn about the historical sites and figures our Normandy tours highlight, and then join us for this trip of a lifetime!

Sincerely,

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







8,000+ travelers, representing every US state



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TRAVEL WITH EXPERTS top historians published books and documentary credits



Tour Programs operated

on average per year, at

times accompanied by

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STAND WHERE HISTORY WAS MADE



For more than two and a half years the Allies planned and gathered their military strength to launch the decisive amphibious invasion of northern France and strike a mortal blow against the Third Reich. In anticipation, Adolf Hitler stockpiled reserve units in the Atlantic Wall defenses across the French coastlines, determined to drive the Allied forces back into the sea when the invasion was finally launched. There would be no second chance for the Allies: The fate of the continent hangs upon this decisive day.

In the early minutes of June 6, 1944, Allied paratroopers and gliders descended from the night sky to wrest control of key bridges and roadways from the German Nazis. Behind them in the darkness of early morning, an initial force of over 130,000 servicemen from the Allied nations crossed a choppy English Channel aboard an armada of more than 5,000 ships. Their destination was Normandy, D-day had arrived.

LEARN THEIR NAMES



LIEUTENANT JOHN MARR 1918 - 2015

Company G, 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division

Colonel John Marr was born in Missouri in May 1918. He was drafted into the Army and entered service in June 1941. When he became aware of a new, specialized unit called the paratroopers, which would give him twice his monthly pay, Marr decided to join up. Assigned to Company G of the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, he was dropped behind enemy lines on June 6, 1944, with the 82nd Airborne Division. Lt. Marr saw action almost immediately near Sainte-Mère-Église, where he was involved in what is considered the costliest small-unit action in United States Army history: the Battle of La Fière.

After fighting in Normandy, Marr was put in command of Company B of the 507th during the Battle of the Bulge, and continued to lead the company as it spearheaded Operation Varsity, the crossing of the Rhine River, on March 24, 1945.



Hear John's story in his own words in the Digital Archive of The National WWII Museum. Visit ww2online.org and enter "John Marr" into the search field.

HEAR THEIR STORIES



PRIVATE HAROLD "HAL" BAUMGARTEN 1925 - 2016

116th Regiment, 29th Infantry Division

Harold "Hal" Baumgarten was born in New York City in March 1925. When he was just 18 years old, he was drafted into the US Army, was shipped overseas to England, and assigned to the 116th Infantry Regiment of the 29th Infantry Division.

On the morning of June 6, 1944, Baumgarten landed in front of the Vierville-sur-Mer draw at the Dog Green Sector of Omaha Beach, known to history as "Bloody Omaha." Of the 30 men on his landing craft, he was one of only two survivors. After the war, the multi-decorated veteran earned his MD and practiced medicine for over 40 years.

He became a renowned speaker and internationally recognized historian who wrote two books on D-Day, including Eyewitness on Omaha Beach: A Story about D-Day, June 6, 1944.



Hear Hal's story in his own words in the Digital Archive of The National WWII Museum. Visit ww2online.org and enter "Baumgarten" into the search field.

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D-DAY:

THE INVASION OF NORMANDY AND LIBERATION OF FRANCE

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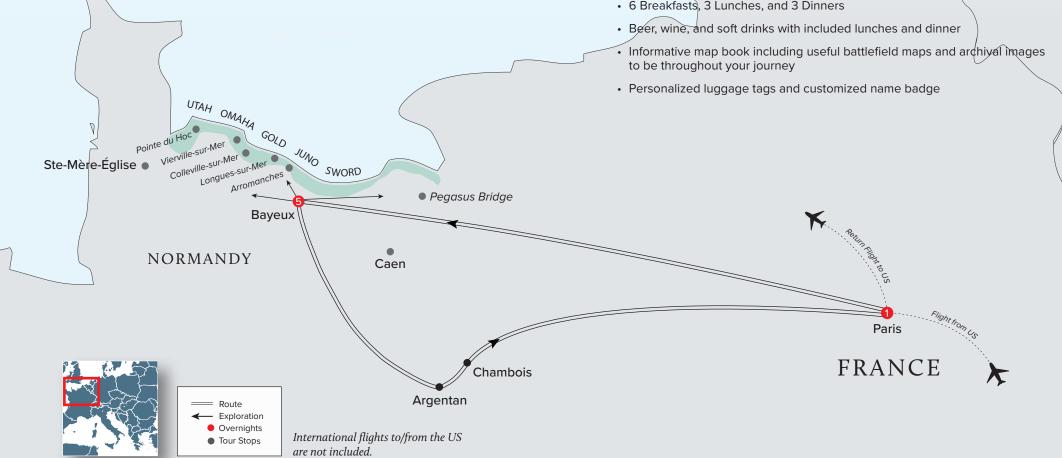
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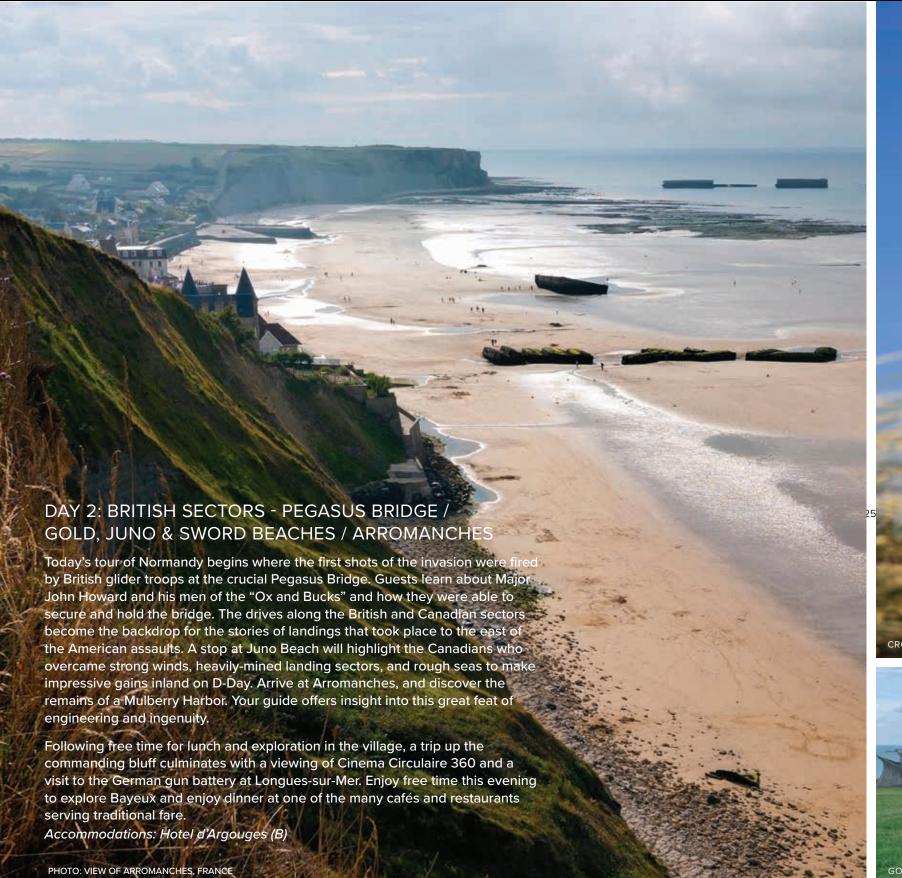
TOUR INCLUSIONS

Normandy's WWII history is intriguing and moving in countless ways. You will experience these sacred sites in ways other tours can't offer with The National WWII Museum. With unmatched local expertise, our itinerary delves deeper into the stories and tumultuous times of World War II while providing the convenience and attention to detail you expect while traveling.

- · Full-time logistical Tour Manager
- · Expert local battlefield guides
- · Roundtrip Airport Transfers (when arriving & departing on scheduled group tour dates)
- Historic, hand-picked, fully-renovated accommodations in Normandy
- Four-star Charles de Gaulle Airport accommodations
- Private, first-class, air-conditioned motor coach transportation
- VIP access to sites not offered on other tours
- Video Oral History presentations from the Museum's digital collection
- · Gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, and servers
- Personal listening devices on all included touring
- 6 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, and 3 Dinners























BAYEUX TAPESTRY

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DAY 5: OMAHA BEACH / POINTE DU HOC / NORMANDY AMERICAN CEMETERY

Today's touring is devoted to the ground troops who came ashore in the Omaha Beach area. Head out for a morning visit to Pointe du Hoc, where the Army Rangers faced tough odds coming ashore before scaling the imposing 100-foot cliff. After visiting Omaha Beach, enjoy an included group lunch. The afternoon is devoted to the Normandy American Cemetery, where more than 9,000 Americans are laid to rest in the ground they helped liberate. Guests will be given time to walk the grounds, visit the small museum, and remember the sacrifices made here. Reflect on the day's touring during dinner with the group this evening.

Accommodations: Hotel d'Argouges (B, L, D)







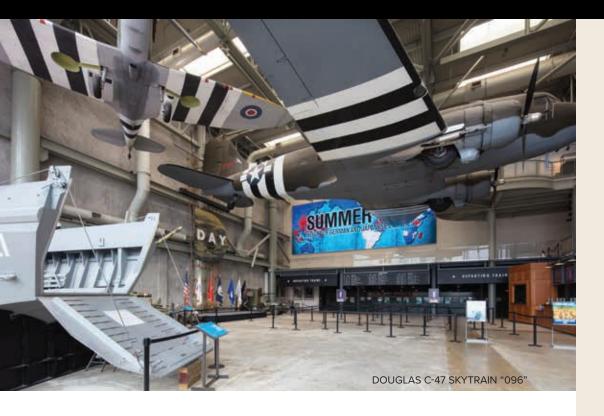
DAY 6: FALAISE GAP

This morning, bid farewell to Normandy and return to Paris. Focusing on the concluding battles of the Normandy Campaign, the first stop is in Falaise, which lends its name to the Falaise Pocket, where the Allies began a move to encircle the Germans. Traveling south from the city, traverse the infamous Corridor of Death, where the awful scenes of the routed Germany army were on display for several months as dead bodies and wreckage covered the landscape. Memorial de Montormel on Hill 262, where the Poles held off a desperate German counterattack, commemorates the closing of the pocket and offers an incredible view across the landscape, and the perfect vantage point for recounting these final battles. Upon arrival at the Sheraton Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport, the remainder of the evening is at your leisure.

DAY 7: PARIS CHARLES DE GAULLE AIRPORT TO THE UNITED STATES

After breakfast, make your way to your departure terminal at Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) on your own for individual journeys home. (B)





FROM THE MUSEUM'S COLLECTION

The National WWII Museum's C-47, serial number 42-93096, was built at the Douglas Aircraft Manufacturing plant in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. "096" was delivered to the US Army on April 8, 1944, at which time it was assigned to the 806th Army Air Force Base Unit at Baer Field, Indiana. The following month "096" was assigned to the 8th Air Force and transferred to the European theater of operations. Immediately after arriving in England on May 28, 1944, the aircraft was transferred to the 9th Air Force. One week after arriving in England, "096" carried pathfinders from the 82nd Airborne Division into the Normandy invasion.

The plane then dropped pathfinders from the 101st Airborne Division into Holland during Operation Market Garden. "096" also flew with the rest of its group to drop supplies to the 101st in Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge. During this mission, "096" sustained minor damage from German ground fire, but the plane was repaired and placed back in service in a matter of days. The plane's final combat mission occurred on March 24, 1945, when it dropped paratroopers from the 17th Airborne Division across the Rhine River during Operation Varsity.

After the war, "096" participated in the Berlin Airlift before being transferred to the Finnish Air Force. After decades of service as both a military and civilian transport plane, and a reprisal of its participation in Market Garden for the movie *A Bridge Too Far*, "096" became a part of The National WWII Museum's collection in 2006. It is on permanent exhibit in the Louisiana Memorial Pavilion.

The purchase and restoration of the C-47 was made possible through a gift from Paul Hilliard. The National WWII Museum Inc., 2006.181



BRITISH PARATROOPER BERET

British paratroopers wore red berets during World War II, and this one belonged to Corporal Wally Parr of the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infan-

try. He wore it on D-Day, throughout the Battle of Normandy, at the Battle of the Bulge, in Denmark, and after the war in Palestine. A tear in the beret was caused by a shell fragment that tore a gash in the side of Parr's head on July 22, 1944. *Gift of Wally Parr, 1995.002.001*

101ST AIRBORNE EASY COMPANY HELMET

This US M1 infantry helmet with airborne liner was worn by Edward Sabo, member of Easy Company, 2nd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, during and after the Normandy invasion. Each of the four infantry regiments in the 101st Airborne used a suit from a deck of cards as its identifying mark. The spade went to the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment hence the mark on the side of this helmet. *Gift of Linda Sabo Peck*, 2033.352.001





GERMAN BOOTS

The black leather boots pictured here were worn by Franz Gockel on Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944. Franz Gockel's 18th birthday passed while he was defending the Atlantic Wall as a member of Germany's 726th Infantry Regiment of the 352nd Infantry Division. He manned a captured Polish machine gun in Widerstandsnest (Resistance Nest) 62 on Omaha Beach.

Gift of Franz Gockel, 2004.235.005

PARACHUTE WEDDING DRESS

Wedding dresses were made from parachutes on the US Home Front and in postwar occupied Europe. The war led to shortages of most fabrics, and to have dresses for their special day, brides often would acquire a parachute from a relative serving in the military. The parachute would then be cut up and turned into a dress, either at home or by a dedicated dressmaker. This dress was worn by Myrtille Delassus when she married American GI Sergeant Joseph Bilodeau in France shortly after the end of the war.

Gift of Myrtille M. Bilodeau, 2010.233.003











HÔTEL d'ARGOUGES

Bayeux, France

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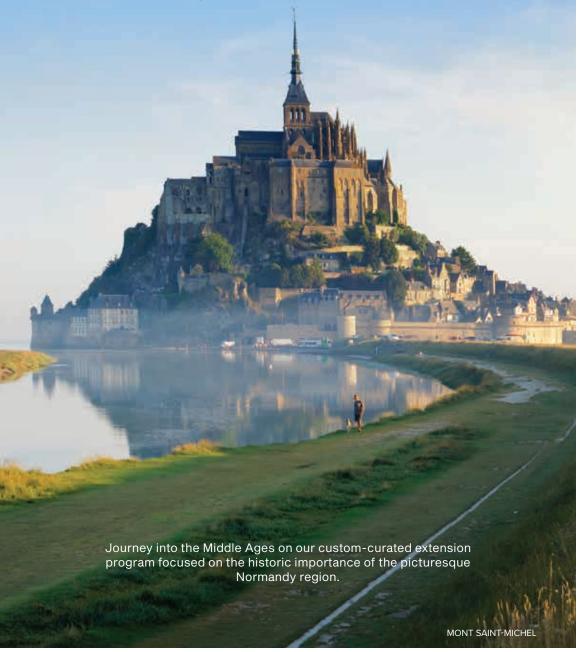
The ideal location of the historic Hôtel d'Argouges is perfect for exploring Normandy. This elegant, 18th-century residence owned by the same family for two generations invites you to experience luxury and comfort among refined surroundings: high ceilings, original doors, period fireplaces, and parquet floors polished by time.

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CHÂTEAU DE FALAISE

PROGRAM ITINERARY

Day One - Arrive Paris, transfer to Normandy

Enjoy a scenic transfer from Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) to Bayeux and settle into the historic Hotel d'Argouges. Spend the afternoon and evening exploring the medieval town center and enjoying dinner at one of the many quaint restaurants serving traditional fare.

Accommodations: Hotel d'Argouges

Day Two - Falaise

On your first day of touring, journey to the picturesque town of Falaise, the birth-place of William the Conqueror. Visit Chateau de Falaise, the seat of the Dukes of Normandy from the 13th century to the 17th century, when it was abandoned. During World War II, the chateau suffered from heavy bombardment during the Battle of the Falaise Pocket, but was restored after the war. Next, visit the Memorial des Civils, dedicated to the Norman civilians who were affected by the D-Day invasion and during the ensuing 3 months of the Battle of Normandy. Return to Bayeux for an evening at leisure.

Accommodations: Hotel d'Argouges (B)

Day Three - Mont Saint-Michel

Today's touring includes a trip to a breathtaking tidal island just off the Normandy coast. The island's signature abbey projects a dominating presence that has attracted pilgrims, armies, and tourists for more than a millennium. The visit includes lunch. Return to Bayeux this afternoon and attend a welcome dinner with main tour guests arriving today.

Accommodations: Hotel d'Argouges (B, L)

Program Inclusions

- · Two-night accommodations at the historic 4-star Hôtel d'Argouges
- · Transfer from Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) to Bayeux
- · Two days of touring, including all admissions
- · 2 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch
- · Beer, wine, and soft drinks with included lunches
- · Expert local guide / tour manager
- · Private, first class air-conditioned coach
- · Personal listening devices on all included touring
- · Included gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, and servers



The National WWII Museum Educational Travel Programs

THE EUROPEAN THEATER



FLAGSHIP LAND PROGRAM

D-DAY: THE INVASION OF NORMANDY AND LIBERATION OF FRANCE

Normandy Beaches • Arromanches Sainte-Mère-Église • Bayeux • Caen • Pointe du Hoc



FLAGSHIP LAND PROGRAM

EASY COMPANY: ENGLAND TO THE EAGLE'S NEST

Featuring an original Band of Brothers cast member Aldbourne • Portsmouth • Normandy • Eindhoven Bastogne • Clervaux • Dachau • Zell Am See Berchtesgaden



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BATTLE OF THE BULGE

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Featuring Jonathan Parshall and James M. Scott



HISTORIAN CURATED PROGRAM

VICTORY IN THE PACIFIC: WORLD WAR II IN THE PHILIPPINES

Featuring James M. Scott Manila • Corregidor • Bataan



HISTORIAN CURATED PROGRAM

VICTORY IN THE PACIFIC: BATTLE OF GUADALCANAL

Featuring Jonathan Parshall Brisbane • Guadalcanal • Tulagi



HISTORIAN CURATED PROGRAM

VICTORY IN THE PACIFIC: JAPAN & OKINAWA

Featuring Jonathan Parshall Tokyo • Hiroshima • Kagoshima • Okinawa





HISTORIAN CURATED LAND & CRUISE PROGRAM

NORMANDY & THE SEINE RIVER: FROM THE D-DAY BEACHES TO THE LIBERATION OF PARIS

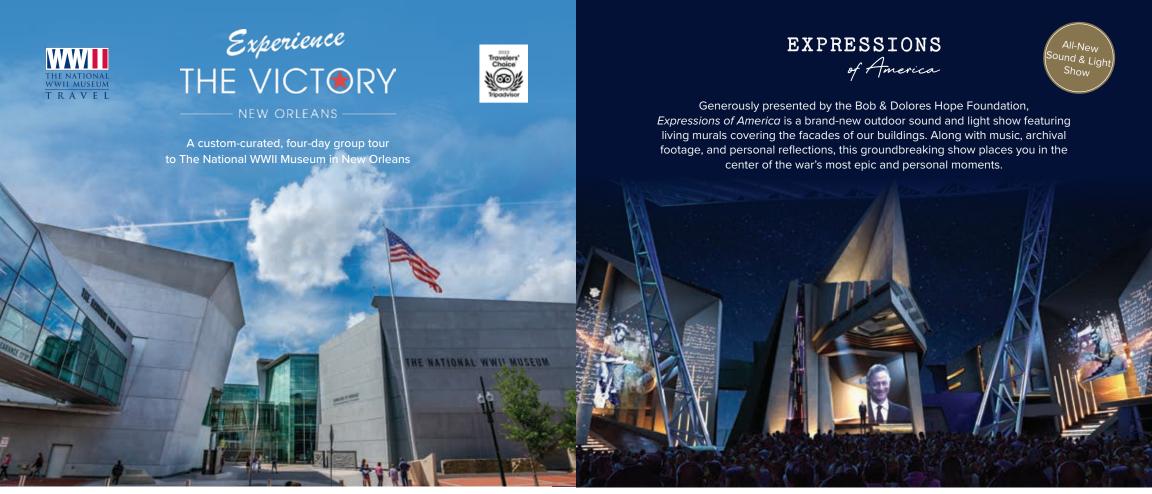
Featuring Jonathan Boff, PhD & Michael Neiberg, PhD Bayeux • Normandy Beaches • Sainte-Mère-Église Pointe du Hoc • Normandy American Cemetery Rouen • Dieppe • La Roche-Guyon & Les Andelys Versailles or Auvers-sur-Oise



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Program Highlights



OUT OF THE VAULT MUSEUM TOUR
WITH A MUSEUM CURATOR



BEYOND ALL BOUNDARIES
A UNIQUE CINEMA EXPERIENCE



EARLY ACCESS TO CAMPAIGNS OF COURAGE GALLERIES-

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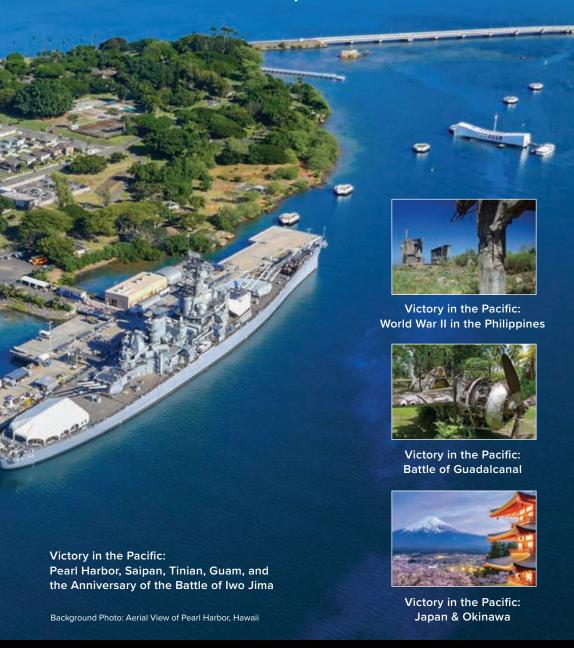
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