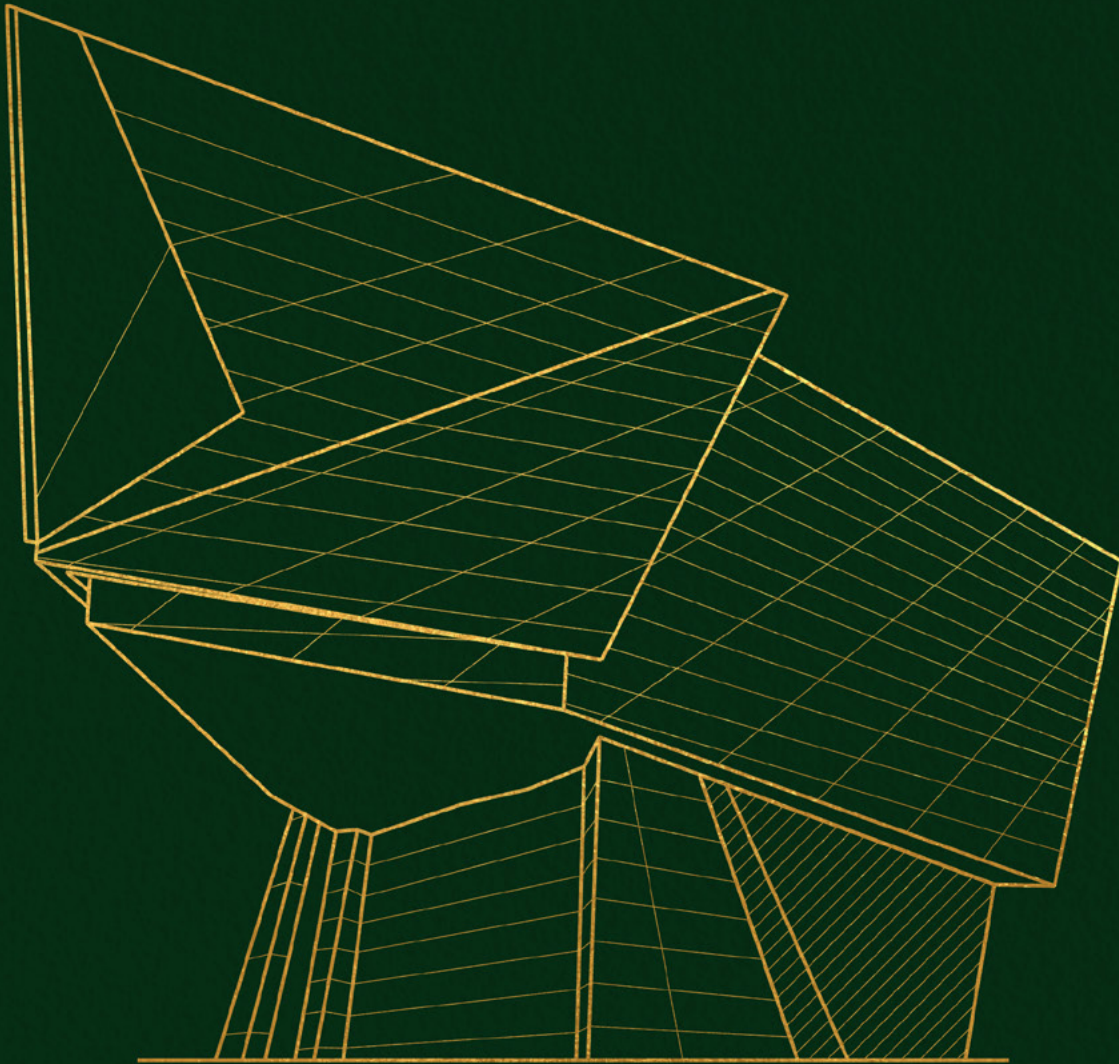




THE NATIONAL
WWII MUSEUM
NEW ORLEANS



2023

Annual Report





“Our cause was greater than anything else, and we haven’t had a greater cause since.”

HERSHEL “WOODY” WILLIAMS (1923–2022),
LAST LIVING MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT
OF WORLD WAR II

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Our Mission

The National WWII Museum tells the story of the American experience in *the war that changed the world*—why it was fought, how it was won, and what it means today—so that all generations will understand the price of freedom and be inspired by what they learn.

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Summer campers get a hands-on learning experience with a Museum volunteer.



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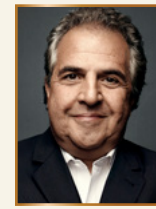
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Museum Welcomes Seven New Trustees

IN 2023, THE NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM appointed seven new members to its national Board of Trustees, bringing the Board's total membership to 57 business and philanthropic leaders representing 21 states and Washington, D.C.

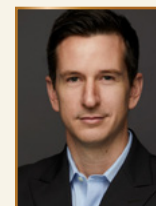
The Board of Trustees works to advance the Museum's mission and offers guidance and support of strategic priorities including the development and continued success of the Museum's educational initiatives and the endowment. The new Trustees joined the Board at a pivotal time in the Museum's history as the institution opened its capstone exhibition hall, Liberation Pavilion; dedicated the Col. Battle Barksdale Parade Ground in the heart of the campus; and celebrated the completion of the \$400 million Road to Victory Capital Campaign that fueled the Museum's expansion over the past two decades. We are honored to welcome these leaders to our distinguished ranks of Trustees.



James N. Gianopulos

Founder/CEO of Muses Media Enterprises
Los Angeles, California

Gianopulos has played a prominent role in the entertainment and media industry for over 40 years. Most recently, he served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Paramount Pictures, overseeing all feature film production, marketing, and global distribution of film and television in all media. Gianopulos was also previously the Chairman and CEO of 20th Century Fox. He serves as Chairman of the Motion Picture & Television Fund, as a Board member of the X Prize Foundation, and as a member of the Board of Trustees and Adjunct Professor of the USC School of Cinematic Arts.



J. Tyler Herbert

Founding Partner of Gravel Road Partners
Washington, D.C.

Herbert is a Founding Partner of Gravel Road Partners, a real estate development and investment firm focused on workforce and mixed-income housing in emerging US markets. Herbert was formerly the Global Head of Real Estate for Convene, a leading meetings/events and workplace hospitality company, where he served as a member of the executive team and focused on strategic growth and construction. Prior to that, he worked with Invesco Real Estate and Deloitte Real Estate Consulting. While pursuing his MBA at the University of Oxford, Herbert was the Chairman of the Venture Capital Fund and was awarded the Robert H. Hayes Award for Operations Management.



Jeffery D. Hildebrand

Executive Chairman & Founder of Hilcorp Energy Company
Houston, Texas

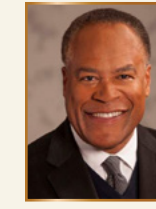
Hildebrand is the Executive Chairman and Founder of Hilcorp Energy Company, the largest privately held energy exploration and production company in America and the largest operator and gas supplier in Alaska; Harvest Midstream Company, a leading, privately held midstream services provider; and JDH Capital, a private investment firm. He belongs to several professional associations and is active in the Houston community, serving on the boards of Central Houston, Inc.; the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo; Houston Police Foundation; Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy; and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission.



Gregory Kowalski

President & CEO of The RK Group
San Antonio, Texas

Kowalski is President and CEO of The RK Group, a family-owned company that has grown to be a global hospitality company. In 1946, Kowalski's father, WWII veteran and Burma Hump pilot Henry "Hank" Kowalski, used his mustering-out pay from the US Army Air Corps to purchase Uncle Ben's BBQ in San Antonio. Gregory Kowalski began working as a dishwasher at age six and later returned after his schooling to join the family business, which by then had grown to a full-service catering company. Kowalski has been an active community supporter of numerous nonprofit and veterans organizations, including K9s For Warriors, CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Friends Foundation, and others.



Jessie J. Knight Jr.

CEO & Managing Director of Knight Angels
Charlotte, North Carolina

Knight is CEO and Managing Director of Knight Angels, a family private equity fund devoted to anonymous philanthropy and financial support of grassroots leaders who improve their local communities with innovative long-term solutions. Knight serves on the boards of the Hudson Institute, the US Chamber of Commerce, and Saint Louis University, and he is Chairman of the Board of the Timken Art Museum in San Diego. He is an active homeland security member of InfraGard and the FBI Citizens Academy, and is a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He was formerly Executive Vice President of Sempra Energy and Chairman/CEO of San Diego Gas and Electric, a diversified Fortune 150 energy company serving over 40 million customers.



Glenn Solomon

CEO & Founder of Simbol Commercial
Dallas, Texas

Solomon is CEO and Founder of Simbol Commercial, a commercial real estate development and management company. Real estate holdings consist of raw land, shopping centers, and commercial office buildings across the Midwest, South, and Southwest. Solomon also founded Coyote Theaters, which develops and operates state-of-the-art drive-in movie theaters. Previously, Solomon served as President of Gulf States Theaters, a privately held corporation involved in commercial theater development and management in New Orleans. Solomon actively supports several charitable organizations, including the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of North Texas and the Dallas Historical Society.



Massey Villarreal

President & CEO of Precision Task Group, Inc. (PTG)
Houston, Texas

Villarreal is known for his work in economic development, his service to numerous advisory boards, and the leadership positions he has held across local, state, and national chambers of commerce. He has served three Texas governors as an appointee to the Economic Incentive Oversight Board, the governing board of the Texas Economic Development Corporation, and to the Board of Regents of the Texas State University System. He also serves on the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) National Council, the Texas Association of Community Colleges Business Advisory Council, the Excelencia in Education Board of Directors, and the Memorial Hermann Hospital System Board.

Letter from the Chairman of the Board

2023 was a milestone year for The National WWII Museum. After a two-decade-long journey, we reached the successful conclusion of the \$400 million Road to Victory Capital Campaign with the opening of the Col. Battle Barksdale Parade Ground and Liberation Pavilion. This ambitious—and sometimes seemingly impossible—campaign has transformed our Museum from a single pavilion dedicated to sharing the story of the Normandy invasion into a leading destination attraction and world-class educational institution. Simply put, what we have accomplished is nothing short of remarkable.

It has been an honor to serve as Chairman of the Board during this pivotal time for the Museum, and I am humbled and inspired by so many who have dedicated their time and talents to our efforts. First among those are my fellow Trustees, past and present, whose leadership and generosity have paved the way for our success. I especially want to recognize Trustee Emeritus Louis Freeman, who served as the inaugural Chair of our Capital Campaign Steering Committee. Those first dollars are often the most difficult, but his tenacity allowed us to gain early momentum. I also want to recognize my fellow Trustee Governor Pete Wilson, who took over the reins and chaired the committee for 15 years, ensuring we would meet—and ultimately surpass—our goal. And to all of the Capital Campaign donors, Members, program supporters, partners, staff, and volunteers, thank you for your incredible commitment that has made our journey possible.

Together, we have fulfilled the vision laid out in our original campus Master Plan. Our seven-acre, seven-pavilion campus now shares a more complete story of the American experience in World War II and is equipped to educate and inspire Americans of all ages for generations

to come. But we have also built more than buildings and exhibits—we have created a permanent tribute to the service and sacrifice of the WWII generation. This is truly their museum, built in their honor to preserve their legacy. It has been a distinct privilege to have been entrusted with this responsibility.

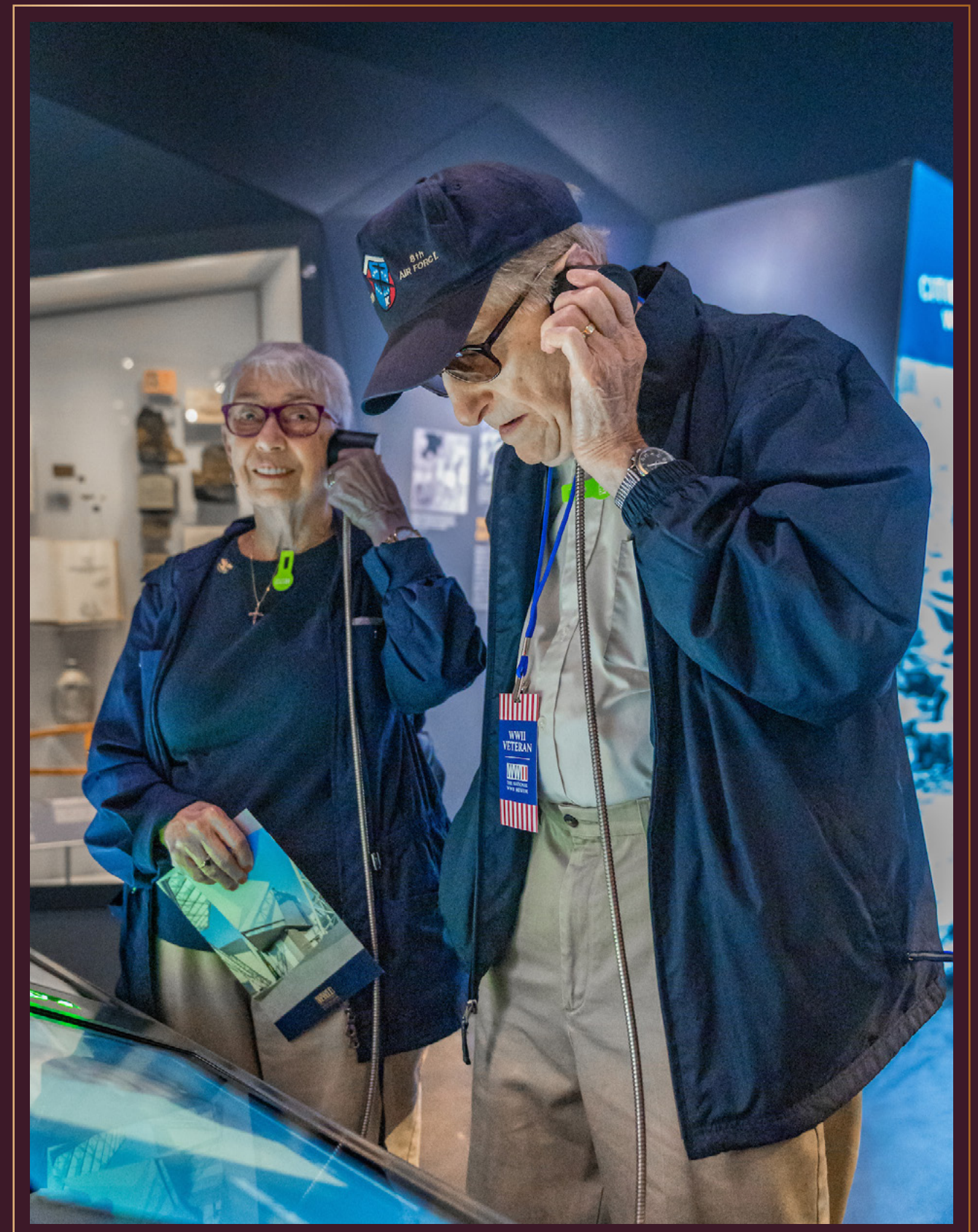
This has been a transformational year, indeed, but our work is far from over. Sharing the lessons and legacies of World War II has never been more important. We have established a bold vision to become the most accessible resource for trusted knowledge on the American experience in the war. As you'll see in the coming pages, we have made great strides toward this goal over the past year and have much on the horizon for the future.

As I prepare to pass the gavel to the new Board Chair, I am incredibly proud and grateful for what we have accomplished. We have far exceeded Stephen Ambrose's original vision and kept the history of World War II alive and relevant even as the war becomes a more distant memory. Thank you to each of you for the role you have played in our success, and I look forward to all we will accomplish in the years to come.



Ted Weggeland

Ted Weggeland



ABOVE WWII Army Air Forces veteran Norman Bussel listens to his oral history at a station in Liberation Pavilion.



ABOVE Members of the St. Augustine High School Marching 100 perform during the annual Dr. Hal Baumgarten D-Day Commemoration.

Letter from the President & CEO

This past November, I had the privilege of joining with friends, partners, supporters, members of the WWII generation, and countless others to celebrate the opening of the Museum's Col. Battle Barksdale Parade Ground and capstone exhibit hall, Liberation Pavilion. This was a special moment to reflect on our institutional journey and to pay tribute to those who sacrificed so much for Allied victory.

With less than 1 percent of the 16.4 million Americans who served during World War II alive today, there is a sense of urgency to our work. We committed early on to open our final pavilion in time for members of the WWII generation to be with us, and we were proud to welcome 40 WWII veterans, Home Front workers, and Holocaust survivors to see what has been built in their honor. The Grand Opening and dedication of these new additions to our campus was the culmination of a nearly weeklong series of events that rivaled the fanfare, excitement, and reverence of the opening of The National D-Day Museum nearly 24 years ago. I'm deeply grateful to everyone who made this possible—from our Liberation Pavilion donors and other Capital Campaign supporters to our current and former Trustees and event sponsors, our staff and volunteers, and so many more.

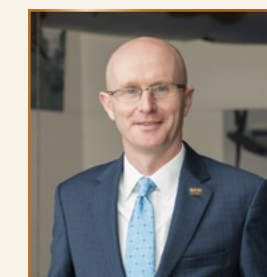
The opening of a new pavilion is always a significant milestone, and Liberation Pavilion has been our most challenging and important one yet. Liberation Pavilion explores the final leg of our mission: What does World War II mean today? That's a big question, and to answer it, the Pavilion helps visitors understand the stakes of the war, the cost of our victory, and the changes ushered in—at home and abroad—in its wake. Through their experience, we hope our visitors come away with a deeper appreciation of the cost of the freedoms they enjoy today and the role each of us plays in strengthening our democracy.

The Pavilion's opening occurred alongside the 2023 Congressional Medal of Honor Society Convention. As Chair of this year's Convention, I had the privilege to join with the State of Louisiana and City of New Orleans

to host 40 recipients of our nation's highest military honor. Their participation served as a powerful reminder of the ongoing service and sacrifice required to preserve those hard-won freedoms born out of World War II. The Convention also offered an array of educational programs that shared an important message of courage, sacrifice, integrity, commitment, patriotism, and citizenship with our local students, veterans, and other community members.

Amid the planning and execution of these major events, we continued to expand the scope and impact of our educational outreach. The past year has seen significant growth in our production of original, thought-provoking content across a variety of digital platforms. From podcasts to Electronic Field Trips, shareable videos to online teacher professional development, we are continuing to reach beyond our walls to tell the ongoing relevance of WWII history. And we are finding new ways to bridge the virtual world and our on-site offerings, welcoming 67 graduates of our online Master's in World War II Studies program to our campus for the first time.

It has been a tremendous year, and I am grateful to our vast network of supporters from across the country who have made it possible. I'd also like to recognize and thank our Chairman of the Board Ted Weggeland whose leadership, passion, and vision pushed us to achieve a new standard of excellence. We have so much to be proud of and so many exciting things on the horizon for the year ahead.



Stephen J. Watson

The War in 1943

2023 MARKED THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY of several key turning points in the Soviet Union and North Africa, as the Allies began to see success in 1943. The Soviet defeat of the German 6th Army at Stalingrad was a significant moral victory, in which Germany lost the initiative on the Eastern Front. In North Africa, American, British, and Free French forces drove Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's army out of Tunisia by the

spring. In the southern Pacific, the Allies began Operation Cartwheel, inaugurating their new island-hopping strategy in June and invading the Solomon Islands in November. Meanwhile, the Allies invaded Sicily in July, liberating the island by August and exerting pressure on Italy, leading to Prime Minister Benito Mussolini's arrest and Italy's exit from the Axis powers. Still, the war in Italy continued, with Allied landings

at Reggio Calabria and Salerno, beginning a campaign that stretched into 1945. While much fighting remained before ultimate victory, the progress made in 1943 allowed Allied leaders at Tehran and Cairo to contemplate long-term strategies for the defeat of Japan and Germany, and policy for the establishment of a postwar world order. The end of the war, while distant, was finally beginning to come into focus.

Casablanca Conference

JANUARY 1943

The Casablanca Conference was a high-profile, 10-day conference between US President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and their high commands. This Anglo-American conference established the Allied military strategic priorities for the coming year: strike at Hitler's "soft underbelly" in the Mediterranean through Italy, develop the Combined Bomber Offensive, and delay an amphibious invasion of France until 1944. At the close of the conference, Roosevelt announced the Allies' policy of unconditional surrender.

CASABLANCA



The Battle of Kasserine Pass

FEBRUARY 19, 1943

Following the Allied advance, Field Marshal Erwin Rommel counterattacked against American units to retake central Tunisia. Known as the Battle of Kasserine Pass, the initial German gains were halted upon the arrival of American reinforcements. The battle provided important lessons to the fresh-faced American units in one of their first engagements with veteran German troops.

The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising

APRIL 19, 1943

The single largest revolt by Jews against the Nazi regime in World War II, the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising was a final act of resistance in the Warsaw Ghetto when German SS officers attempted to deport the remaining inhabitants to extermination camps at Treblinka and Majdanek. The uprising concluded that May with a total 13,000 Jews murdered by German troops.



WARSAW GHETTO

KASSERINE PASS

Invasion of Sicily

JULY 10, 1943

Code-named Operation Husky, the amphibious invasion of Sicily began the Allied advance into Italy and the "soft underbelly" of Hitler's Fortress Europe. From liberated North Africa, American and British forces invaded with 3,000 ships, 150,000 ground troops, and over 4,000 planes over the course of three days. Within 38 days, Sicily was liberated, and the Allies set their sights on the Italian mainland.

SICILY



Invasion of Salerno

SEPTEMBER 9, 1943

Following the Sicilian invasion, American forces conducted an amphibious assault, code-named Avalanche, on the Italian shores near the town of Salerno. The US VI Corps landed hours after the Italian government signed an armistice with the Allied powers. Regardless, German troops occupied their former ally and engaged Allied forces as they landed. Despite German counterattacks, the Americans successfully established a beachhead and began their drive up the Italian peninsula.



CAIRO CONFERENCES

Operation Galvanic

NOVEMBER 20-23, 1943

In the first test of the US Marine Corps' amphibious assault doctrine, the 2nd Marine Division landed on the small island of Betio in the Tarawa Atoll. Defending an airfield, 4,500 Japanese troops awaited in prepared and well-constructed positions. Despite the introduction of amphibious tractors, many Marines had to wade hundreds of yards to shore while under fire. Despite pre-D-Day fires and air support, the combat eventually devolved into a hand-to-hand struggle, with Marines securing the island in three days.



TARAWA

"Black Week"

OCTOBER 8-14, 1943

During a series of strategic bombing raids deep into German territory, the US Eighth Air Force lost 148 bombers and 1,500 aircrew—an overall loss rate of 13 percent—over the course of a single week. Without fighter escorts, loss rates for American bomber crews became both strategically unsustainable and detrimental to morale, and the US Army Air Corps gave up long-range, deep-penetration missions until the introduction of the P-51 Mustang fighter.

Cairo Conferences

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1943

At a series of high-profile meetings in Cairo, Allied leaders discussed their war aims and the postwar world. The First Cairo Conference took place November 22-26, focusing on postwar Asia and the fate of Japanese colonies. At the Second Cairo Conference, December 2-7, leaders discussed the invasion plan for Normandy in 1944.



TOP
The Joint Armed Forces Color Guard presents the colors during the Grand Opening of Liberation Pavilion.

LEFT
Local servicemembers welcome WWII veterans traveling to the Museum with the Gary Sinise Foundation's Soaring Valor program as they arrive at the New Orleans airport.

Preserving the Legacy of the WWII Generation

AFTER NEARLY 20 YEARS, The National WWII Museum concluded the final phase of the Road to Victory Capital Campaign and completed its campus Master Plan in 2023, fulfilling the vision for an institution dedicated to telling the full story of the American experience in World War II. From opening our final permanent exhibit hall, Liberation Pavilion, and hosting the annual Congressional Medal of Honor Society Convention, to expanding our educational mission to reach audiences in New Orleans and around the world, this year provided ample opportunity for celebration and reflection.

This special moment in the history of our institution reinforced our continuing commitment to carry on the legacies of the American men and women who helped secure freedom and democracy across the globe. Throughout the year, special visits from members of the WWII generation highlighted the growing importance of our mission, as we celebrate them in their final years and capture their stories to share with future audiences.

Forty WWII veterans, Home Front workers, and Holocaust survivors were guests of honor at the Grand Opening of Liberation Pavilion and Dedication of the Col. Battle Barksdale Parade Ground. Other members of the WWII generation traveled to New Orleans to participate in commemorative ceremonies, receive awards, and celebrate milestone birthdays. Romay Johnson Davis and Virginia Leeman Wilterdink, two veterans featured in the Museum's new special exhibition, *Our War Too: Women in Service*, attended the

Veterans Day debut of the exhibit, which includes an interactive experience that allows guests to hold conversations with these trailblazing women, keeping their stories alive for years to come through innovative technology.

While we celebrated the expansion of our campus in New Orleans with those whose sacrifices we honor, the Museum also continued to establish itself as the most accessible source for trusted knowledge on the American experience in World War II. Our growing research and educational mission has reached new audiences through virtual programming like the Electronic Field Trip; conferences, symposia, and educational travel programs; new and updated digital content; and a one-of-a-kind graduate degree program through the Museum's partnership with Arizona State University. These important developments position the Museum as a leading resource on the lasting

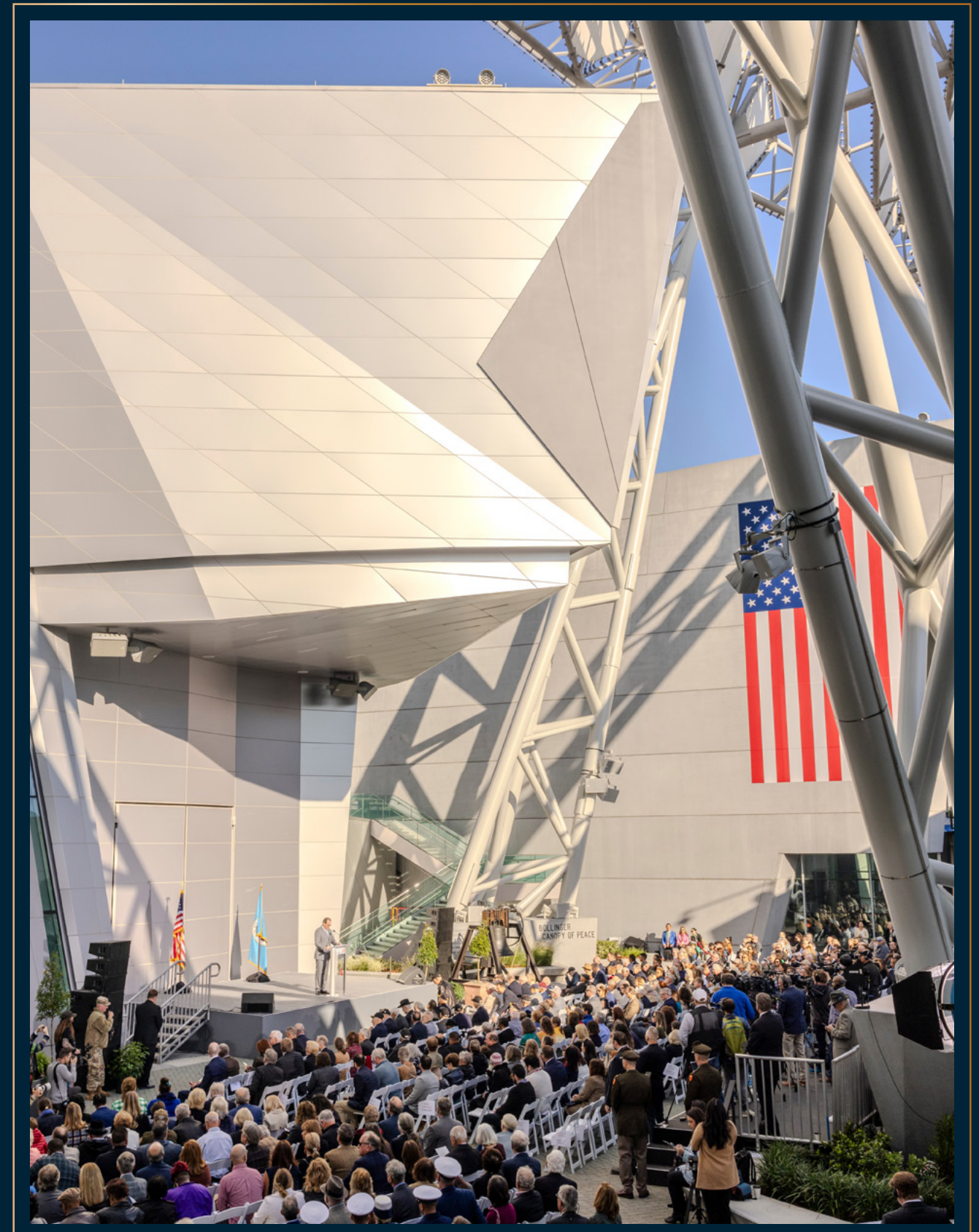
legacies of World War II, ready to educate audiences as firsthand memories of the war start to disappear.

The National WWII Museum has the enormous responsibility to preserve and tell one of the most important stories in not only American history but also human history. In growing from a single exhibition hall to a seven-pavilion, seven-acre campus, the fully expanded Museum now stands as a permanent tribute to the service and sacrifice of the WWII generation. Of the 16.4 million Americans who served in World War II, just 119,550 are alive as of 2023, according to the US Department of Veterans Affairs statistics. With the passage of time, we strive to carry on the stories of the men and women who served their country—both at home and abroad—in a way that bridges the gap between generations and ensures that their place in history is never forgotten.

Museum Opens Capstone Exhibit Hall and Dedicates Parade Ground

LIBERATION PAVILION PAYS HOMAGE TO THE WWII GENERATION AND THEIR ENDURING LEGACY

ON NOVEMBER 3, 2023, The National WWII Museum debuted its final permanent exhibit hall, Liberation Pavilion, and dedicated the Col. Battle Barksdale Parade Ground with a powerful ceremony that paid tribute to the significant milestones in this institution's history and represented the culmination of the more than 20-year journey to expand our campus to tell the full story of the American experience in World War II. ➔



ABOVE Ted Weggeland, Chairman of the Museum's Board of Trustees, welcomes guests during the Grand Opening of Liberation Pavilion.



As the Museum’s capstone exhibit hall, Liberation Pavilion is a powerful addition to the Museum experience, made possible through the generous support of private donors and the State of Louisiana. By exploring the ongoing relevance of World War II today, the stunning three-story Pavilion encourages visitors to contemplate the joys, costs, and meaning of liberation and freedom. Adjacent to Liberation Pavilion, the 24,000-square-foot Col. Battle Barksdale Parade Ground is an impressive outdoor space at the heart of the Museum’s campus. Its dedication comes almost two decades after the first major donation to the Museum’s Road to Victory Capital Campaign by Donna and Jim Barksdale, then a Museum Trustee, who earmarked the funds for a future parade ground in honor of his uncle Colonel Battle Malone Barksdale (1916–2009), a US Army officer in World War II.

The D-Day to Liberation: Road to Victory Celebration, which coincided with the Congressional Medal of Honor Society Convention, not only provided an opportunity



“We are blessed that we live in the United States of America, where that concept of liberating the oppressed, no matter how long it takes, is part of our national fiber.”

TOM HANKS



to thank the supporters who made the campus expansion possible but also served as one of the last major gatherings of living WWII veterans, Holocaust survivors, and Home Front workers to experience what was built in their honor. The Grand Opening ceremony began with a powerful display of the Museum’s mission as active military members and Medal of Honor Recipients escorted 34 WWII veterans, three Holocaust survivors, a war orphan, a Polish Home Guard veteran, and a USO performer in a procession through the Parade Ground. Also in attendance were 27 Gold Star Families, whose loved ones made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the US Armed Forces.

Poignant reflections from special guests and dignitaries, including Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards; Museum Trustee and war orphan Sharon Estill Taylor; and actor-filmmaker Tom Hanks, recounted the Museum’s incredible growth from one exhibit hall to seven pavilions and decades of commitment to honoring the service and sacrifice of the WWII generation. A local high school student, Ja’Kobe McSwain, recited excerpts of President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s Four Freedoms speech

as a reminder of the nation’s wartime ideals that are now a cornerstone of the Pavilion. Following a performance by the 82nd Airborne Division All-American Chorus and a flyover by the Louisiana National Guard Bayou Militia, guests were able to tour the completed Pavilion.

The D-Day to Liberation: Road to Victory Celebration continued with a Family and Military Appreciation Block Party on Saturday, November 4. Families from across the Greater New Orleans community explored the fully expanded campus and enjoyed live entertainment, local military displays, games and activities, and more. Hundreds also attended the Building The National WWII Museum: From Conception to Capstone Symposium, a half-day event celebrating the history of the Museum, from the founders’ original idea to the completion of Liberation Pavilion.

The memorable slate of *D-Day to Liberation: Road to Victory Celebration* events would not have been possible without the generous support of the Past and Present Board Chairs of The National WWII Museum, Timber and Peggy Floyd, and Hancock Whitney.



IMAGES

OPPOSITE Members of the WWII generation receive a hero’s welcome during a procession through the Col. Battle Barksdale Parade Ground.

TOP LEFT The 82nd Airborne Division All-American Chorus performs “God Bless America.”

TOP RIGHT Medal of Honor Recipient Ryan Pitts shakes hands with WWII Army Air Forces veteran Norman Bussel.

ABOVE Actor Tom Hanks, a longtime Museum supporter, speaks during the Grand Opening.



IMAGES

ABOVE LEFT
Board Chairman Ted Weggeland (from left), Founding President & CEO Emeritus Gordon H. “Nick” Mueller, PhD, Jim and Donna Barksdale, and President & CEO Stephen J. Watson gather on the Parade Ground.

ABOVE RIGHT
WWII Navy veteran Hank Szlepcsik is escorted through the Parade Ground by a local servicemember.

BELOW
WWII veteran David McCarthy holds a photo of himself with four of his brothers, each of whom served during the war.



“I, along with the other WWII orphan children who are here today, [am] grateful for the mission of this Museum and the way it makes a place for those who return from war and those who didn’t. Today I am proud, as always, to stand here as my father’s daughter.”

SHARON ESTILL TAYLOR



IMAGES

TOP LEFT
Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards (from left), Tom Hanks, Nick Mueller, and others stand for the national anthem.

TOP RIGHT
Museum Trustee and Gold Star Daughter Sharon Estill Taylor, PhD, reflects on the sacrifice her father made during the war.

ABOVE LEFT
Robin Barnes performs “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

ABOVE RIGHT
Guests pack the Col. Battle Barksdale Parade Ground for the Grand Opening ceremony.

Liberation Pavilion Explores the Costs, Meaning of Freedom

CAPSTONE EXHIBIT HALL OFFERS TWO FLOORS OF GALLERIES AND NEW THEATER EXPERIENCE

AS THE NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM'S final permanent exhibit hall, Liberation Pavilion explores the end of World War II, the Holocaust, the immediate postwar years, and the war's continuing impact today. Two floors of exhibit space feature personal experiences, iconic imagery, impactful artifacts, and immersive settings, and a third-floor theater offers audiences a brand-new cinematic experience. Together, these spaces allow the Museum to tell a more complete story of the American experience in *the war that changed the world* and fulfill the final pillar of the institution's mission: what does World War II mean today? ➔

FIRST FLOOR

Trott Family In Honor of David W. Trott

Finding Hope in a World Destroyed

LIBERATION PAVILION'S FIRST FLOOR, Trott Family In Honor of David W. Trott *Finding Hope in a World Destroyed*, recognizes the sacrifices of the WWII generation and explores the immense cost of war with exhibits on the Holocaust, Anne Frank, faith in wartime, and the Monuments Men and Women. Over 16 million Americans donned their country's uniform during World War II, and more than 414,000 of them did not return to their homes and families. Stories of both loss and liberation reveal the true horror of the conflict as victors and vanquished alike began the tough task of rebuilding their shattered world.



The "And Then They Came for Me" gallery examines the Holocaust and its tragic legacy. The gallery features re-creations of the Secret Annex where Anne Frank and her family hid in Amsterdam and bunks in the Buchenwald concentration camp, as well as a projection highlighting the liberation of the camps and a listening station with testimonies from survivors.

Through powerful personal testimonies, the 30-minute production in the Pam and Mark Rubin Liberation Theater captures the complicated emotions felt by Holocaust survivors and the US servicemembers who liberated them.





During World War II, a group of Allied scholar-soldiers established a program to protect monuments and other cultural sites as well as locate and return stolen objects to their rightful owners. **The Monuments Men and Women** gallery includes an immersive “salt mine,” a narrated film, and a room filled with re-creations of recovered art.

The human cost of World War II was enormous, with at least 65 million people dead, cities demolished, and entire continents ravaged. This coffin crate in **The Cost of Victory** gallery was used to transport the remains of US Army Private First Class Gerald Williams, who was killed in action in Germany on January 15, 1945, and initially buried overseas.



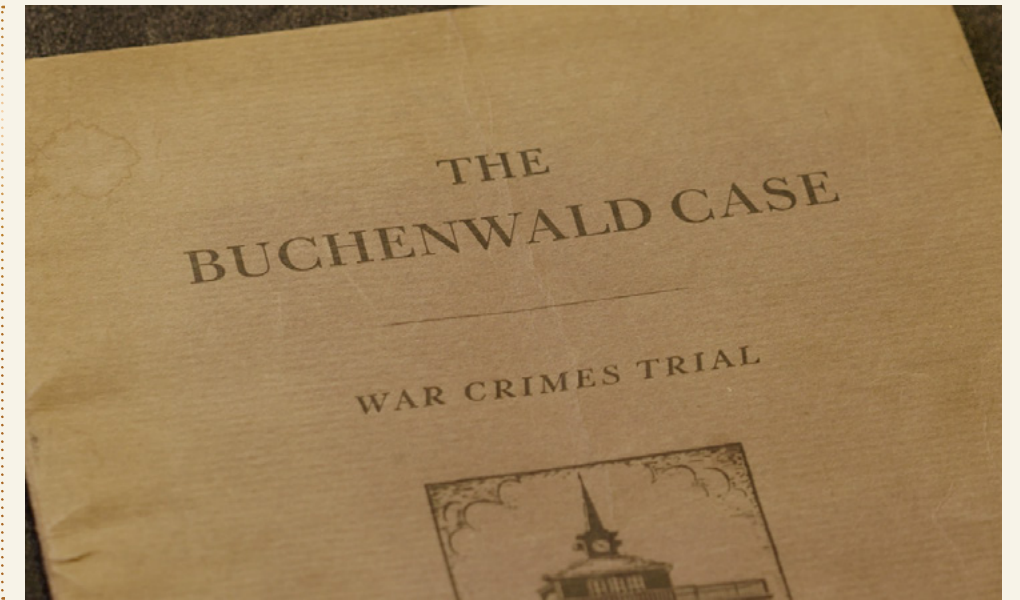
For many American servicemembers, religious faith, faith in each other, and faith in themselves sustained them through the horrors of combat. Featured prominently in the **Faith in Wartime** gallery are the Four Chaplains, who sacrificed their lives to aid their brothers-in-arms during the sinking of the *SS Dorchester*. Adjacent to the gallery, the Frank and Paulette Stewart Interfaith Chapel honors the critical role of faith in World War II and provides a space for meditation and contemplation.

SECOND FLOOR

The Goldring Family Foundation and Woldenberg Foundation

Forces of Freedom at Home and Abroad (1945–Present)

The **Restoring Justice** gallery highlights the first-ever international trials of war criminals, where Allied nations prosecuted thousands of German and Japanese defendants accused of crimes against peace, war crimes, and crimes against humanity. Prepared by the Dachau Military Tribunal, this booklet details the history of the Buchenwald concentration camp and the charges brought for crimes committed there.



The **Prosperity and Change** gallery explores how wartime innovation and military production propelled the United States into an era of unparalleled economic prosperity, while dramatic changes were also underway, as servicemembers of color and women demanded equal rights.

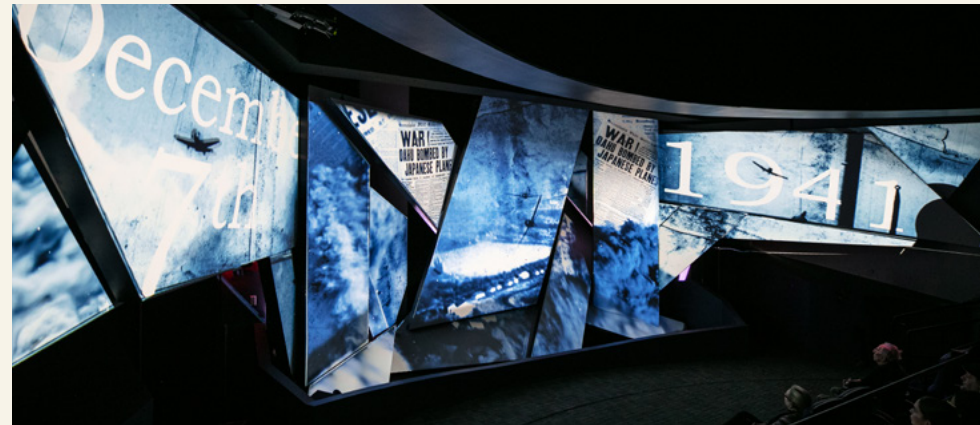


In the interactive **What Does World War II Mean Today?** gallery, visitors can leave their own personal reflections on the meaning of the war and see their responses appear on a large screen alongside comments from other guests.

THIRD FLOOR

Priddy Family Foundation
Freedom Theater

The first part of the Freedom Theater experience provides insight into about how America became involved in World War II and emphasizes President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Four Freedoms: freedom of speech and religion, and freedom from want and fear. The sacrifices made by the WWII generation in defense of these ideals are then laid bare as the audience platform revolves, taking guests through scenes of wartime destruction into the postwar era of hope, justice, and prosperity.



THE THIRD-FLOOR Priddy Family Foundation Freedom Theater offers audiences a multimedia experience focused on what was at stake during World War II and the meaning of Allied victory. It highlights how freedom almost vanished from the world in the 1930s and 1940s, efforts to protect and promote freedom during and after World War II, and how each generation has a responsibility to defend democracy, protect freedom, and advance human rights.



Judith W. and Louis M. Freeman
Liberation Terrace

RISING BETWEEN Liberation Pavilion and Campaigns of Courage pavilion, the Judith W. and Louis M. Freeman Liberation Terrace is a prominent outdoor space overlooking the Col. Battle Barksdale Parade Ground. The terrace is also home to a Gold Star Families Memorial Monument, which honors not only the ultimate sacrifice of the fallen but also the enduring sacrifices of their families and loved ones. The Monument was made possible thanks to the Woody Williams Foundation, which has established these monuments in all 50 states and US territories.

BY THE NUMBERS

33,610
SQUARE FEET

2
FLOORS OF IMMERSIVE EXHIBITS

300+
ARTIFACTS

1
MULTIMEDIA THEATER

13
GALLERIES

72
ORAL HISTORIES

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Pam and Mark Rubin Liberation Theater
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Priddy Family Foundation Freedom Theater
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Judith W. and Louis M. Freeman Liberation Terrace
Made possible through a gift from Judith W. and Louis M. Freeman

Ann and John E. Koerner III Liberty Bridge
Made possible through a gift from Ann and John E. Koerner III

Thanks to The Starr Foundation for their generous support of the Celebrations Stairway.

The oral histories throughout Liberation Pavilion were made possible through a gift from Iron Mountain.

Road to Victory Capital Campaign Concludes after Nearly 20 Years

MORE THAN \$420 MILLION RAISED SINCE 2004

2023 SAW THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION of the Road to Victory Capital Campaign that has propelled the growth of The National WWII Museum’s campus and educational programs over nearly two decades.

When The National D-Day Museum opened in 2000, founder Stephen E. Ambrose, PhD, and Founding President & CEO Emeritus Gordon H. “Nick” Mueller, PhD, thought they had achieved their goal of opening a museum to preserve the stories of the Normandy invasion. But soon, the Museum was pressed to expand its mission; a new Master Plan was developed in 2004 with architects Voorsanger Mathes and exhibit designer Gallagher & Associates to cover every facet of the American experience in World War II, and the Road to Victory Capital Campaign was launched with an original fundraising goal of \$150 million.

Over the next 20 years, the goal was increased to \$400 million, and the Capital Campaign ended with more than \$420 million raised to fund new buildings, exhibit galleries, and infrastructure; an oral history program preserving the firsthand stories of the WWII

generation; and digitization efforts of our vast collection—all while multiplying the size, scope, and impact of this world-class institution.

In addition to support from our many Members, partners, friends, and funding from US Congress and the State of Louisiana, nearly 400 members of the Society of the American Spirit each invested \$25,000 or more to ensure that the Museum fulfilled its mission in telling the story of the American experience in World War II.

While the Road to Victory Capital Campaign has reached its successful conclusion, the Museum’s next phase of growth and innovation is already underway. We continue to bring innovative special exhibits, interactive experiences, educational programming, original content, and more to audiences on campus and online to ensure the stories of the WWII generation live on for future generations.

“It has taken a vast network of generous supporters, Capital Campaign partners, historians, community members, and more to become the extraordinary institution we are today. It is inspiring and humbling to have reached this milestone and be able to celebrate with so many of our closest friends.”

STEPHEN J. WATSON



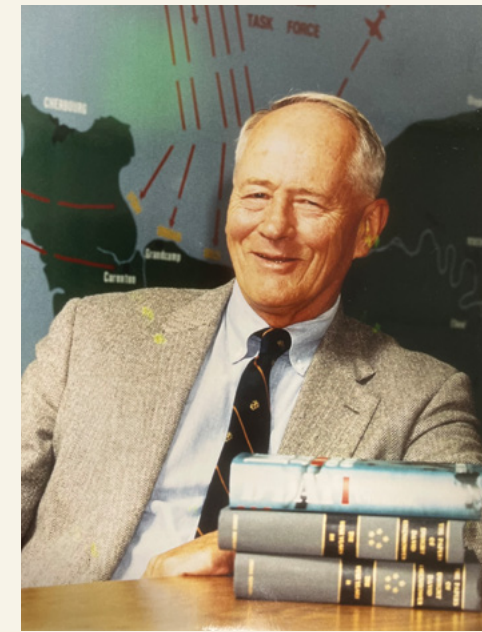
TOP Museum Trustees, leaders, and partners break ground on Liberation Pavilion in October 2019.

ABOVE Since opening in 2000, the Museum has expanded its mission and campus to tell the full story of the American experience in World War II.



“Steve Ambrose ... would be so proud and so pleased at what great Americans have done to make this [museum] a reality. So to friends and staff and volunteers and veterans, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.”

GORDON H. “NICK” MUELLER



\$420+ million

RAISED, WITH NEARLY 400 DONORS GIVING \$25,000 OR MORE

7

PAVILIONS OPENED ACROSS 7 ACRES

10+ million

VISITORS SINCE OPENING IN 2000

12,000+

PERSONAL ACCOUNTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE WWII GENERATION



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OPPOSITE, TOP LEFT

Gordon H. “Nick” Mueller, PhD, and Stephen E. Ambrose, PhD, at the 2000 Grand Opening of The National D-Day Museum.

OPPOSITE, TOP RIGHT

In 2004, Congress designated the Museum as America’s official national museum for World War II. The Road to Victory Capital Campaign launched the same year.

OPPOSITE, BOTTOM

The soaring Bollinger Canopy of Peace, completed in 2021, unifies the Museum’s architecturally unique campus.

TOP LEFT

Stephen Ambrose (1936–2002) first approached his friend and colleague Nick Mueller about creating a D-Day museum in New Orleans over a glass of sherry in 1989.

ABOVE LEFT

Founders Plaza, dedicated in 2017, creates an impressive entryway to the Museum campus.

ABOVE RIGHT

Nick Mueller and Tom Hanks toast with glasses of sherry during the Road to Victory Celebration Dinner on November 2, 2023.



ABOVE The American and Congressional Medal of Honor Society flags fly together during the weeklong Convention on the Museum's campus.

Museum Hosts Congressional Medal of Honor Society Convention

MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS REUNITE IN NEW ORLEANS AND CONNECT WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY

THE NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM hosted 40 Medal of Honor Recipients and their families in New Orleans for the 2023 Congressional Medal of Honor Society Convention, the largest annual gathering of Medal of Honor Recipients and one of our country's most prestigious and patriotic events. Presented by Stephen G. and Regina Oswald Foundation, the Convention took place from October 31 through November 4, 2023, with Recipients reconnecting with one another and sharing their stories of service with the local community. Through the Convention, the Museum and Society worked together to advance our missions and educate and inspire audiences, ensuring that the values of the Medal of Honor are fostered in all generations. ➔

19

CONVENTION EVENTS HOSTED BY THE MUSEUM OVER 6 DAYS

40

MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS WHO ATTENDED THE 2023 CONVENTION

4

PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENTS

8,250

STUDENTS AND 87 TEACHERS ACROSS LOUISIANA REACHED THROUGH PROGRAMS THAT SHARED THE VALUES AND LESSONS OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR

During their time in New Orleans, Recipients engaged with local leaders, students, and community members during the Medal of Honor Community Forum, where four Recipients spoke about their personal experiences and the values of the Medal of Honor; during five school visits and livestreamed sessions for the Society's Character Development Program; during trips to Tulane University and NASA's Michoud Assembly Facility for the Society's Valor Outreach Program; and during the Museum's Family and Military Appreciation Block Party.

Other Convention events included a private Memorial Service at St. Louis Cathedral honoring two Recipients who passed away in the last year, the dedication of the Museum's new Gold Star Families Memorial Monument, and the Mardi Gras-style Parade of Patriots through downtown New Orleans to Blaine Kern's Mardi Gras World, where Recipients gathered for a festive reunion.



A highlight was the Society's annual Patriot Awards Gala on November 3 in US Freedom Pavilion: The Boeing Center. Presented by the Patrick F. Taylor Foundation, the 2023 gala honored four accomplished Americans for their life's work promoting the values of the United States and the Medal of Honor. The honorees included WWII veteran, Museum Trustee, and retired business leader Paul Hilliard; acclaimed actor, producer, director, and writer Tom Hanks; broadcast journalist and producer Robin Roberts; and renowned actor and community activist Wendell Pierce.

Special thanks to 2023 Convention Presenting Sponsor Stephen G. and Regina Oswald Foundation; Event Sponsors TriWest Healthcare Alliance, Ochsner Health, Patrick F. Taylor Foundation, Kevin G. Clifford Family, and Bruce R. McCaw Family Foundation; and Official Travel Sponsor American Airlines.

ABOVE Tulane University professor Michael Wallace, EdD (from left), and Medal of Honor Recipients David Bellavia and Earl Plumlee speak to Tulane ROTC cadets.

OPPOSITE, TOP LEFT Medal of Honor Recipients ride in a Mardi Gras-style parade through New Orleans's Warehouse District.

OPPOSITE, TOP RIGHT Medal of Honor Recipient Melvin Morris, his wife, Mary, and New Orleans City Council Member Eugene Green attend the Convention's opening ceremony.

OPPOSITE, MIDDLE RIGHT Medal of Honor Recipient Sammy L. Davis says the Pledge of Allegiance during the Patriot Awards Gala.

OPPOSITE, BOTTOM LEFT Medal of Honor Recipient James McCloughan salutes after performing during the Gold Star Memorial Service.

OPPOSITE, BOTTOM RIGHT Tom Hanks (from left), Robin Roberts, Museum Trustee and WWII veteran Paul Hilliard, and Wendell Pierce were honored at the Patriot Awards Gala.



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PATRIOTISM



Holocaust-Era Instruments Showcased at Museum

VIOLINS OF HOPE COLLECTION MAKES ITS FIRST APPEARANCE IN NEW ORLEANS

IN JANUARY 2023, The National WWII Museum partnered with Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra to host Violins of Hope, a project of concerts based on a private collection of violins, violas, and cellos all collected since the end of World War II. The instruments, which belonged to Jewish musicians before and during the war, were collected and lovingly restored by father-son team and renowned violin makers Amnon and Avshi Weinstein, who live in Tel Aviv and Istanbul. The instruments were donated by or bought from survivors or family members, and several are decorated with Stars of David as an identity tag.

Violins of Hope has become a major force in Holocaust education, and Avshi has traveled the world visiting schools and introducing young people to the history of

SHOWN RIGHT

Hannah Yim of the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra performs during Violins of Hope.



“We have to know our history in order not to make the same mistakes we did or our grandparents did. ... Hopefully [Violins of Hope] makes people learn and see different things about the Holocaust.”

AVSHI WEINSTEIN

the Holocaust. The project’s first appearance in New Orleans was held in commemoration of International Holocaust Remembrance Day 2023, which was sponsored by Taube Philanthropies as part of the Taube Family Holocaust Education Program.

Five violins from the collection were on display January 24–28 in US Freedom Pavilion: The Boeing Center, giving Museum visitors the opportunity to view these

priceless instruments and learn about their history as well as the Weinstains’ efforts to preserve these instruments as an educational resource and memorial for generations to come. Additionally, guests had the chance to experience two performances by classical violinist Philippe Quint in partnership with the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra, one at the Orpheum Theater and one at the Museum, featuring forbidden music—music of Jewish

composers banned by the Nazis during World War II.

Violins of Hope is a moving tribute to the more than six million Jews who were murdered in the Holocaust. The Weinstains’ expertise and passion ensure that these instruments will be preserved for future generations to enjoy and reflect on their significance and message of survival and resilience.



Museum Hosts Exhibit on Disney's Contributions to Allied War Effort

SPECIAL EXHIBIT HIGHLIGHTS OVER 500 RARE HISTORICAL OBJECTS AND FILM CLIPS

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TOP LEFT Museum Curator and Restoration Manager Cory Graff guides a guest through the exhibit.

TOP RIGHT Donald Duck wears a US military garrison cap in this title card art from circa 1942.

MIDDLE *The Walt Disney Studios and World War II* special exhibit ran from March 17 through September 24, 2023.

BOTTOM LEFT *The Gremlins*, a 1943 children's book written by Roald Dahl about mischievous creatures who were part of Royal Air Force folklore, is prominently featured in the exhibit.

BOTTOM RIGHT First Lieutenant Robert Conrad Lehnerts's Marine Corps aviator jacket features a patch showing Disney's Peg Leg Pete, an original insignia created by Walt Disney Studios in 1943.

AT THE NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM—its only venue outside the Western United States—*The Walt Disney Studios and World War II* traveling exhibit highlighted the lesser-known wartime history of one of America's most popular entertainment companies, as seen through rare and iconic design sketches, posters, cartoon cels, film clips, and other unique artifacts.

Walt Disney and his troupe of talented artists pledged their support for the US war effort without hesitation—and without profit. The story started the day after Pearl Harbor, when the US Army moved into Disney's Burbank, California, studios to protect nearby war industries. On the Home Front, the US government quickly learned to leverage the company's forte: animation. The Walt Disney Studios devoted over 90 percent of its wartime output to producing training, propaganda, entertainment, and public service films, publicity and print campaigns, and over 1,200 unique unit insignia that were used all over the globe.

The expansive exhibit, organized by The Walt Disney Family Museum in San Francisco, California, was displayed in the Museum's Senator John Alario Jr. Special Exhibition Hall from March 17 through September 24, 2023. Appealing to visitors of all ages, it featured wartime films produced by Disney, on subjects

as varied as weather, patriotism, tactics, and even the proper way to rivet, often seen through the eyes of Disney's famous cartoon characters. The exhibit also highlighted Disney's influence on wartime Latin America, a corps of talented Japanese American artists, women employees at Disney, and the female aviators who adopted the Disney-made gremlin character Fifiella as their mascot.

For the exhibit's run in New Orleans, the Museum contributed artifacts from its own collection such as matchbooks, patches, wartime equipment, and a one-of-a-kind aviator's jacket adorned with Disney-made artwork that was created the day before its owner shipped out to the Pacific. Exhibit visitors also had an opportunity to view Disney's 1943 Academy Award won for the anti-Nazi propaganda animated short *Der Fuehrer's Face*, along with magnificent and rarely seen artworks and a plethora of compelling and colorful insignia that could be explored through a unique digital interactive.

The Museum is grateful to the generous supporters who sponsored the exhibit in New Orleans including: Bob and Sheryl Merrick; TruWealth Advisors, LLC; David DeVido; Dale E. and Janice Davis Johnston Family Foundation; Richard and Kathy Ramsey; Bobby and Sheila Weil; and The Honorable Christine Whitman.

Photo-Driven Exhibit Captures Experiences of Japanese American WWII Veterans

POWERFUL EXHIBIT PAYS HOMAGE TO 442ND REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM

THE PHRASE “GO FOR BROKE,” derived from Hawaiian gambling slang, means risking everything to win big. It was the rallying motto adopted by a segregated combat unit of Japanese American soldiers during World War II and the inspiration for one of The National WWII Museum’s latest special exhibits.

Displayed in The Joe W. and Dorothy D. Brown Foundation Special Exhibit Gallery from June 30, 2023, through March 31, 2024, *The Go for Broke Spirit: Legacy in Portraits* blended contemporary art photography, wartime artifacts, and oral histories to tell the story of the estimated 33,000 *Nisei* (American-born children of Japanese immigrants) veterans of World War II. The photo-driven exhibit

explored the service and enduring legacy of this marginalized group, tracing the history of the exclusion and incarceration of Japanese American citizens after the attack on Pearl Harbor to the long-overdue recognition of their service with the awarding of 20 Medals of Honor in 2000 and the Congressional Gold Medal in 2011. The exhibit was generously supported by Catherine and David Edwards. Through the lens of Japanese American photographer Shane Sato, the exhibit captured the essence of the *Nisei* experience through intimate and personal stories. His portraits, complemented by artifacts from incarceration camps, wartime service, and postwar reunions, provided a comprehensive narrative of personal struggle and shared trauma, as well as perseverance and triumph.

One of the highlights of the exhibit was the homage paid to the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and its component unit, the 100th Infantry Battalion; the members of the 100th/442nd embodied the “Go for Broke” spirit and became the most decorated unit for its size and duration of service in the history of the US Army. Awarded more than 50 years

after the war, 100th Infantry Battalion member Yeiki Kobashigawa’s Medal of Honor rounded out the exhibit’s exploration of the legacy of *Nisei* veterans. Additionally, the exhibit shed light on the *Nisei* linguists of the Military Intelligence Service and their crucial role in helping to expedite the end of the war in the Pacific.

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TOP LEFT Women’s Army Corps and Military Intelligence Service Corporal Terry Nakanishi (1921–2020) dons her WAC uniform in her portrait.

TOP RIGHT Photographer Shane Sato, second from left, attends the opening of the special exhibit.

BOTTOM LEFT *The Go for Broke Spirit: Legacy in Portraits* showcased powerful images of Japanese American WWII veterans, supplemented with artifacts and oral histories from the Museum’s collection.

BOTTOM RIGHT Classification cards and other documents identify their owner as an “enemy alien.”





Museum Opens Groundbreaking Special Exhibit on Women's WWII Service

EXHIBIT RECOGNIZES SERVICEWOMEN'S WARTIME EFFORTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

THE SPECIAL EXHIBIT *Our War Too: Women in Service* opened on November 11, 2023, in the Senator John Alario, Jr. Special Exhibition Hall. Two centenarian WWII veterans featured in the exhibit, Romay Davis and Virginia Wilterdink, joined the ribbon-cutting, and servicewomen of all ages participated in the opening celebration on Veterans Day.

During World War II, nearly 350,000 women worked against expectations, challenging themselves and others, to volunteer and serve their country in wartime. The Army and Navy Nurse Corps accounted for more than 73,000 of these volunteers, who provided critical care around the world. By 1943, all US service branches had established women's units: the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps/Women's Army Corps (WAAC/WAC); the Women Accepted for Volunteer

Emergency Service (WAVES) of the Navy; the Coast Guard SPARS; and the Marine Corps Women's Reserve. Despite their contributions going largely unrecognized, the record of service of these women and of the 1,000 civilian Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) laid the groundwork for the 1948 Women Armed Services Integration Act and ever-increasing possibilities for women in the military.

Presented by the Gayle and Tom Benson Charitable Foundation, with additional support from Don and Sharon Jones, the artifact-rich *Our War Too* showcases nearly 200 items—many on display for the first time—from standard-issue gear to personal memorabilia. A Marine mechanic's coveralls, WASP flight suit, and rugged combat boots stand alongside a flowing evening gown made from a parachute by an Army nurse. Dog tags, desk nameplates, lipstick, and heels

all tell stories of the pioneering American women who forged new paths in service during World War II.

Curated by the Museum's Senior Curator and Director of Curatorial Affairs Kim Guise, *Our War Too* also includes original films produced for the exhibit, environmental archival footage, and a digital scrapbook drawn from treasures within the Museum's archive. At the *We Were There* interactive oral history stations, visitors converse with WWII veterans thanks to artificial intelligence technology, hearing firsthand about the trials and triumphs of women's service in World War II.

After the exhibit concludes at the Museum on July 21, 2024, a national tour begins, carrying the story of America's trailblazing servicewomen to new audiences at partner institutions for the next five years.



TOP Dozens of recruitment posters line the wall of the special exhibit.

ABOVE An interactive digital scrapbook allows visitors to explore some of the treasures within the Museum's archive of wartime albums and memory books.

LEFT Romay Davis, Museum Senior Curator and Director for Curatorial Affairs Kim Guise, and Virginia Wilterdink officially open *Our War Too* to the public.

Museum Holds 16th International Conference on World War II

ANNUAL EVENT FEATURES ROSTER OF LEADING EXPERTS ON WWII HISTORY

THE 16TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WORLD WAR II brought together more than 30 authors, scholars, and eyewitnesses to history from around the world. Over 350 attendees convened in New Orleans for the December 7–9, event, including history enthusiasts, local high school and university students, historians, and WWII veterans.

The 2023 Conference coincided with the Museum's Pearl Harbor Commemoration presented by Bank of America, included a pre-conference symposium on WWII Liberations & Legacies, and provided conference attendees an opportunity to explore the Museum's newest permanent exhibition hall, Liberation Pavilion. The three-day program featured 16 panels of expert-led discussions examining influential personalities, strategic decisions, and controversies of World War II. Highlights included the Gen. Raymond E. Mason Jr. Distinguished Lecture on World War II, featuring historians Jeremy Black, PhD, and Rob Citino, PhD, on "Rethinking World War II" and a special session "Dauntless: Paul Hilliard in WWII and a Transformed America," featuring

WWII veteran and Museum Trustee Paul Hilliard in conversation with author Citino. The two discussed Hilliard's service as a radioman/gunner in SBD Dauntless dive bombers in the Pacific, as well as his life following the war.

The conference concluded with an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at the making of the Apple TV+ series *Masters of the Air* with co-producer Kirk Saduski and author Donald L. Miller, PhD, whose book on the Eighth Air Force in World War II served as the basis for the show. The evening concluded with in-person attendees watching sneak-peek clips of *Masters of the Air*.

Along with in-person attendees, the International Conference reached audiences around the globe with over 12,000 live virtual views that weekend and 160,000 on-demand views since. The 2023 Conference was a great success, due in large part to the support of Presenting Sponsor Pritzker Military Foundation, on behalf of the Pritzker Military Museum & Library, and plans are already well underway for the 2024 Conference on November 21–23.

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Author Donald L. Miller, PhD, and Playtone producer Kirk Saduski give an inside look at the making of *Masters of the Air*.

LEFT

Alexandra Richie, DPhil, and Christopher Browning, PhD, discuss the Holocaust and its legacy in Eastern Europe.

RIGHT

WWII veteran and Museum Trustee Paul Hilliard signs copies of his biography, *Dauntless*.



350+
IN-PERSON GUESTS

30+
AUTHORS, SCHOLARS, AND
EYEWITNESSES TO HISTORY

16
EXPERT PANELS

16,000+
LIVE VIRTUAL VIEWS

93,000+
ON-DEMAND VIRTUAL VIEWS



ABOVE

Nearly 70 graduates of the Museum's master's degree program with ASU were recognized during a ceremony in June 2023.

RIGHT

Jenny Craig Institute for the Study of War and Democracy Executive Director Michael Bell, PhD, and ASU Director of the School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies Richard Amesbury, PhD, present a certificate of completion to a master's program graduate.



WWII Scholars Celebrated in Ceremony at Museum

ONLINE MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM OFFERS LEARNERS NEW INSIGHTS INTO WORLD WAR II

ON JUNE 3, 2023, The National WWII Museum's Jenny Craig Institute for the Study of War and Democracy recognized graduates from its collaborative World War II Studies master's degree program with Arizona State University in the Museum's first-ever Celebration of Graduates. Joined by their families and friends, 67 graduates from across the country were recognized in a public ceremony held in US Freedom Pavilion: The Boeing Center and were gifted special certificates to commemorate their hard work and academic achievement in the program. In all, more than 150 guests attended the ceremony, where they heard congratulatory speeches by former Samuel Zemurray Stone Senior Historian Rob Citino, PhD; Museum President & CEO

Stephen J. Watson; ASU Director of the School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies Richard Amesbury, PhD; and the ceremony keynote speaker, Museum Founding President & CEO Emeritus Gordon H. "Nick" Mueller, PhD.

The World War II Studies online master's degree program—as well as the online WWII continuing education program—is taught by Museum scholars, Jenny Craig Institute historians, and ASU faculty, providing students of all backgrounds with in-depth insights into the war and its legacies. As of the end of 2023, 196 WWII scholars have graduated from the Museum's partnered degree program, and more than 1,000 lifelong learners have enrolled in continuing education courses.

Expanding Our Digital Reach

PODCAST AND VIDEO SERIES, VIRTUAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES CONNECT MUSEUM WITH AUDIENCES WORLDWIDE

WHILE THE DEVELOPMENT of The National WWII Museum's campus has been at the forefront, advancing our digital educational programs has always been crucial, offering students of all ages and backgrounds new ways to connect to history and honor the generation that sacrificed so much to secure our freedom. The Museum's growing collection of educational content and original scholarship—including virtual programming for students, new digital content, livestreamed events, online teacher training, and courses offered through the Museum's partnership with Arizona State University—has reached newer and more diverse audiences than ever before and will be a key component of the Museum's future growth, ensuring that the war's most significant lessons continue to be shared well into the future.

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ABOVE Museum Associate Vice President of Collections and Exhibits Erin Clancey explains the history of the Gilbert U-238 Atomic Energy Lab as part of the *From the Collection* series.



Overall Digital Reach

The Museum's original digital content—published on its websites, social media feeds, and streaming platforms—continues to bring the stories of World War II to new, broader audiences. In 2023, the Museum's digital engagements across all online platforms exceeded 19.6 million.

Sessions on the Museum's website reached over 14.4 million. Historical articles alone attracted more than 8.3 million users in 2023, with articles on Adolf Hitler, the Holocaust, Pacific theater strategy, and Queen Elizabeth's WWII service generating the most attention. To add to the website's growing archive of content, the Jenny Craig Institute for the Study of War and Democracy team wrote and published 86 new articles throughout the year, including well-read pieces on the

Manhattan Project and Trinity nuclear test, the Battle of Kasserine Pass, Heinrich Himmler's Posen speeches, and the Allied firebombing of Hamburg, as well as several profiles of Medal of Honor Recipients of World War II.

The Museum also debuted two new video series, *World War II in 2* and *From the Collection*; 27 episodes garnered hundreds of thousands of views and engagements across YouTube and other social media platforms in 2023. *World War II in 2* examines fascinating topics like the Battle of the Bulge, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and Project Paperclip. *From the Collection* offers a behind-the-scenes look at the artifacts in Liberation Pavilion including Lieutenant Clair Cline's handcrafted violin created at Stalag Luft I in Germany and "the most dangerous toy ever"—the Gilbert U-238 Atomic Energy Lab.

19.6+ million

DIGITAL ENGAGEMENTS ACROSS MUSEUM WEBSITES AND SOCIAL ACCOUNTS

516,438

FOLLOWERS ACROSS SOCIAL AND DIGITAL CONTENT PLATFORMS

14.4+ million

WEBSITE VISITS

8.3+ million

WEB ARTICLE READERS



Manufacturing Victory Electronic Field Trip

The Museum's spring Manufacturing Victory Electronic Field Trip brought the inspiring story of the American Home Front to classrooms across the globe. Students learned how Americans at home contributed to Allied victory overseas and brought the country out of the Great Depression. Museum educators and student reporters highlighted stories of women and people of color who came together to bring the United States to the forefront of manufacturing during World War II.

5,628

TOTAL VIEWS BY CLASSROOMS AND INDIVIDUALS

46,333

REGISTRANTS FROM ALL 50 STATES AND 8 INTERNATIONAL COUNTRIES

World War II On Topic Podcast

The Museum released the fourth and fifth seasons of its signature podcast, *World War II On Topic*, in 2023.

Season 4, subtitled *Veteran Voices*, highlighted firsthand accounts from those who lived through the war. Six episodes published in the spring included interviews and panel discussions featuring WWII veterans Alan Moskin and Medal of Honor Recipient Woody Williams along with French Resistance member Nicole Spangenberg.

Season 5, *Oppenheimer and the Manhattan Project*, explored the history, development, and ramifications of the atomic bomb. Debuting in July, this podcast included discussions on General Leslie Groves, firsthand accounts from people who experienced the bombing, and an analysis of the blockbuster biographical film *Oppenheimer*.

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NEW EPISODES PUBLISHED

44,034

TOTAL PLAYS ACROSS APPLE PODCASTS, SPOTIFY, AND YOUTUBE



CENTURY'S WITNESS: THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF WALLACE CARROLL

Webinars and Courses

The National WWII Museum engages with learners from across the globe through a variety of distance learning programs including webinars, teacher workshops, professional development courses, and Virtual Field Trips. These online learning experiences provide access to opportunities for students, educators, and other professionals to learn significant WWII stories, wherever they are in the world.

800,000+

STUDENTS REACHED THROUGH DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMS AS OF 2023

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NEW WWII HISTORY-BASED WEBINARS AND ONLINE TEACHER COURSES IN 2023



TOP LEFT Behind the scenes of the Manufacturing Victory Electronic Field Trip.

TOP RIGHT Historian Steph Hinnershitz, PhD, right, speaks with author Mary Llewellyn McNeil during a webinar.

ABOVE Museum Historians John Curatola, PhD, and Jason Dawsey, PhD, record a podcast episode discussing the film *Oppenheimer*.



ABOVE
Warren Easton Charter High School Talented Theater students perform an original production, *Fighting Then and Now*, inspired by WWII veteran Lawrence Brooks, at BB's Stage Door Canteen.

LEFT
Warren Easton Charter High School student Ja'Kobe McSwain recites President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Four Freedoms during the Grand Opening of Liberation Pavilion.

Museum Uniquely Supports Local Teachers and Students

SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES EDUCATE STUDENTS ON WWII HISTORY

THE NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM serves teachers and students from across the country with a variety of classroom resources, professional development offerings, and student programs. Although our mission and scope are national, the Museum is also uniquely positioned to work closely with schools in the Greater New Orleans area to support local educators in their instruction on World War II and encourage students to participate in special opportunities on our campus.

One example of the Museum's local outreach is its partnership with social studies teacher Mike Arvites of Holy Cross High School. Arvites participated in the 2017 and 2018 War in Europe Summer Teacher Institute and then traveled with teachers from across the nation to Normandy, France. With his expertise and content knowledge, Arvites created a yearlong WWII elective course at his school, which allows students to become Museum

Members and take monthly field trips to explore Museum galleries, learn about special exhibits directly from curators, get up close with authentic artifacts, and discover careers in history and museums. For their culminating experience, the students guide their parents through the Museum to showcase everything they have learned.

The Museum also works closely with Warren Easton Charter High School. In 2023, students were able to participate in a career day at the Museum and hear from Medal of Honor Recipients as part of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society's Character Development Program. Additionally, students in the Talented Theater program and their teacher, Brittney Crayton, wrote a production titled *Fighting Then and Now* based loosely on the life of Lawrence Brooks, beloved friend of the Museum and, at the time of his passing in 2022, the nation's oldest WWII veteran. The group staged a performance at the Museum on September 12 in honor of Brooks's birthday.

Many of the Talented Theater students also participated in the Museum's Student Leadership Academy, a one-week intensive that challenges young people to contemplate strategies large and small, inspired by the WWII generation, to use in their own lives as they encounter ethical dilemmas and face no-win situations. The Museum selected Ja'Kobe McSwain, lead actor in *Fighting Then and Now* and Student Leadership Academy participant, to share President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Four Freedoms during the Grand Opening of Liberation Pavilion on November 3. It was a proud moment for the Museum education team, McSwain's family, and Crayton to see him shine on stage in front of WWII veterans, Medal of Honor Recipients, and local and state dignitaries.

These meaningful partnerships are just a few of the many ways the Museum works with schools and educators to ensure students today and in the future continue to be inspired by the lessons of the WWII generation.

A New Chapter Begins

CAMPUS CONTINUES TO EVOLVE WITH NEW EXPERIENCES AND UPGRADES

2023 WAS A TRANSFORMATIONAL YEAR for The National WWII Museum as we opened our final permanent exhibit hall, Liberation Pavilion, and celebrated the successful conclusion of the Road to Victory Capital Campaign that has made our campus expansion possible. While these are significant achievements, our work is far from over. We are constantly looking ahead to ensure all aspects of the visitor experience on our New Orleans campus are well maintained to the highest standards, evolving to remain at the forefront of technology and preserve our reputation as one of the world's top museums.

The Museum recently opened the newly renovated Malcolm S. Forbes Rare and Iconic Artifacts Gallery in Louisiana Memorial Pavilion. Plans had been in place since 2017 to renovate the space as a gallery for rare artifacts with the support of the Timothy Forbes Family, who also donated artifacts related to entrepreneur and politician Malcolm S. Forbes's service

in the European theater of World War II as a US Army machine gunner. The renovated space now highlights more than 50 artifacts from the Museum's vast collection—from the one-of-a-kind to the ever-present, the personal to the universal.

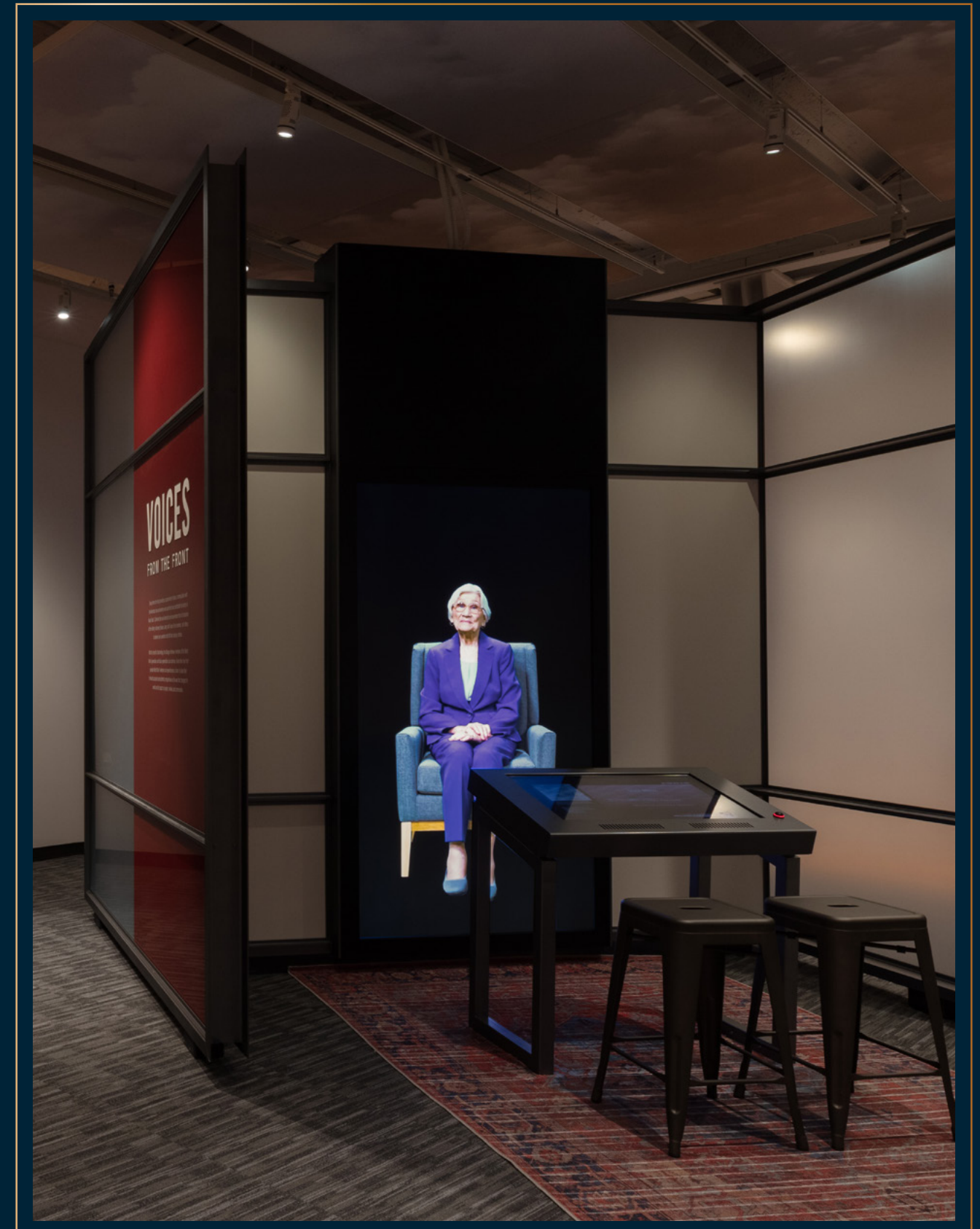
The gallery also features *Voices from the Front*, a new interactive experience that helps visitors connect with the WWII generation in a high-tech yet personal way. Made possible thanks to generous support from Margie and St. Denis J. "Sandy" Villere, the experience allows guests to hold conversations with more than a dozen interviewees with the help of artificial intelligence—putting real faces to history, offering unique and intimate perspectives, and bridging the gap between generations.

Also in Louisiana Memorial Pavilion, the main front entrance is transforming into the Peter and Mary Kalikow Entrance Plaza, and planning is in progress to completely renovate *The D-Day Invasion of Normandy*, which opened in 2000 as part

of The National D-Day Museum. In the next year, the Museum will also make significant upgrades to *Beyond All Boundaries* to ensure that the signature experience continues to offer an unforgettable visitor experience.

Meanwhile, in John E. Kushner Restoration Pavilion, the Museum's patrol torpedo boat, PT-305, will soon be back on public display. Guests will see and experience its unique history from a custom-built observation deck and through below-deck guided tours. In the near future, guests will be allowed a behind-the-scenes view of the restoration and preservation of other macro-artifacts.

As the Museum continues to evolve and add new experiences, we want to thank you, our dedicated supporters, for your continued commitment to preserving the story of the American experience in World War II for future generations. Your support makes all our achievements possible, and we look forward to sharing more of our progress with you in the years to come.



ABOVE *Voices from the Front* allows Museum guests to interact with members of the WWII generation using innovative technology.



Our Members

LEFT

Guests fill US Freedom Pavilion: The Boeing Center for the Congressional Medal of Honor Society's Patriot Awards Gala.



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CHARTER MEMBERS

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IN CONTRIBUTIONS

The National WWII Museum would not be where it is today without the significant contributions of our Charter Members. Thanks to their generous support, the Museum’s educators, historians, and curators have continued to pioneer innovative ways to share the full story of the American experience in World War II with audiences far beyond the Museum campus. The loyalty of our Members and their unwavering commitment to the values of the WWII generation help us fulfill our mission as America’s WWII Museum.

For more than two decades, Charter Members have generously propelled the expansion and enrichment of our educational outreach and programming initiatives. In Fiscal Year 2023, 152,060 Charter Members played a pivotal role in extending our reach to new audiences, sharing the vital and ever-relevant stories of World War II. The Museum received over \$10.4 million from our Charter Members in Fiscal Year 2023.

THANK YOU TO EACH OF OUR CHARTER MEMBERS for their steadfast support throughout Fiscal Year 2023 and beyond. As we continue to advance and adapt, we remain committed to ensuring that audiences of all ages understand the sacrifices made to safeguard the freedoms we enjoy today.

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Contributions from Patriots Circle Members enable the Museum to continue its vital work, including digitizing collections and artifacts, developing new spaces and interactive exhibits on the New Orleans campus, and expanding our reach through digital content and distance-learning programs. Through the advocacy of this esteemed group, the Museum is able to engage and inspire more students and adult learners worldwide with the profound lessons and enduring legacies of World War II.

Among the most ardent supporters of The National WWII Museum, Patriots Circle Members contributed \$4.1 million to the Museum in Fiscal Year 2023—exceeding all previous years of giving from this distinguished group.

THANK YOU TO EACH OF OUR PATRIOTS CIRCLE MEMBERS for supporting our institution during such a critical time and for demonstrating the American spirit in such profound and meaningful ways. Because of your generosity and dedication, we are able to continue advancing the Museum’s mission and inspire new generations with lessons of freedom, bravery, and courage.

OPPOSITE. LEFT
A local servicemember tolls the Normandy Liberty Bell during a tribute to the WWII generation.

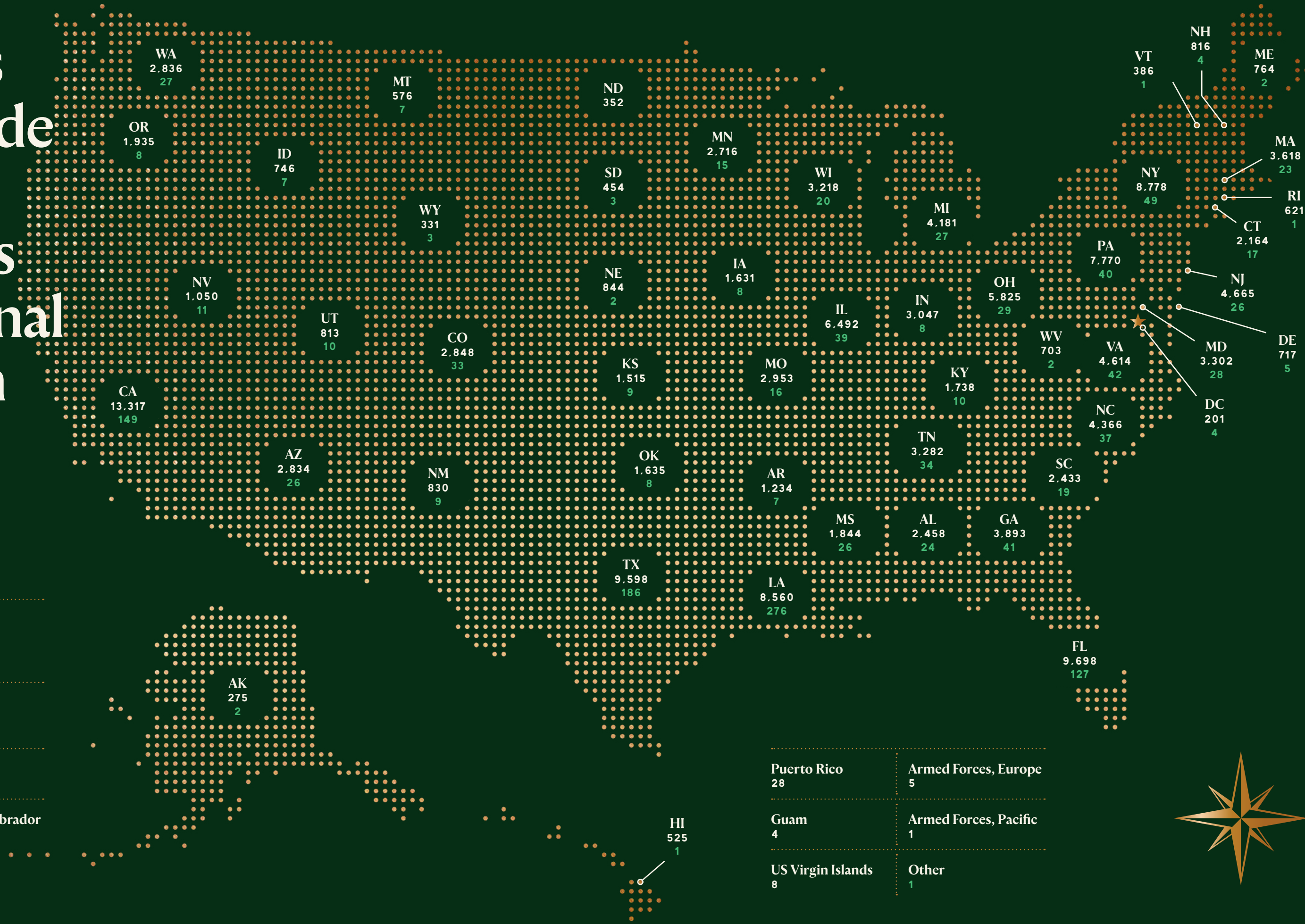
OPPOSITE. RIGHT
WWII Army veterans George Reitmeier and Dominick Critelli remove their caps for the national anthem.

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Virginia Eason Weinmann

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Four-Star Patriots Circle Member Virginia Weinmann has played a vital role in the Museum's growth in the past two decades. As a member of the Board of Trustees from 2003 to 2010, she remained active in fundraising efforts for the Capital Campaign even after her time on the Board ended. Virginia says of helping create the campus Master Plan: "That was such an exciting time to be a part of the Museum because it was really taking shape."

Virginia remembers hearing about the bombing of Pearl Harbor over the radio as a 12-year-old girl. Even at that young age, she understood the gravity: the devastating loss of life and that the country would soon be at war. Everyone's lives would change completely. Later in life, as Virginia

discovered the Museum, its mission connected with her. "I was interested to learn that one of the goals of the Museum is to keep people from forgetting," she says. "It's easy to slip out of the public's mind."

Virginia is extremely proud of what the Museum has built and how it showcases America's story in the war. "If the cause is just, and people join together under good leadership, amazing things can be accomplished. It shows what sometimes must be done to preserve our freedom and liberty," she says. "At the time, our Armed Forces were far inferior to even much smaller countries, and yet in the course of the war we were able to build up our military to overcome our enemy. I am glad this is well documented at the Museum and visitors can take home that lesson."

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Sam McKeel

GLADWYNE, PENNSYLVANIA

Not many people can say they locked eyes with an enemy bomber pilot diving toward their ship and lived to tell the tale—but Sam McKeel can. As a WWII US Navy veteran, he was inspired by the Museum’s mission and joined the Patriots Circle in 2018 and is now a Three-Star Member. Sam walked out of his first Museum visit saying, “Every American should be made to go here and see what wars look like—how do wars start, and where do they end up?”

Sam’s experiences during World War II shaped the rest of his life. He joined the Navy two weeks shy of his 17th birthday in 1943 and served on a tank landing ship (LST) in the Pacific. His job assignment in the gunnery department gave him the valuable lesson that one must “do the job

right, or not at all.” He attributes his successful postwar career as a newsman to the work ethic he learned aboard his ship.

Decades later, Sam’s daughter planned that special Museum visit. “What blew my mind was the airplane hanging overhead in the entrance when I walked in!” he says. For a man who spent his entire career communicating with the American people, Sam now has this message: “The Museum presents war in a different way than you’ve ever seen before—it communicates more, you see things in there that show you how they happened and why they happened. It’s tremendously positive for the [American] people to see; they leave there knowing why it all started and the cost of war.”



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Charlie and Pam Smith

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

When Charlie Smith, a US Army veteran who survived Battle of the Bulge, first walked through the Road to Berlin galleries in 2015, he stopped cold, looked around, and said to his wife, Pam, "This is where I was." The memorabilia, the photos, the artifacts—they all brought to life his experiences as a young infantryman in Europe almost 80 years ago. Charlie remembered the bitter cold, trees turning into bombs from enemy fire, and digging foxholes into the icy ground with his fingers. He and Pam knew they needed to support the Museum since their first visit in 2011 when they made a five-year commitment to the Road to Victory Capital Campaign, and they joined the Patriots Circle after that moving visit in 2015.

Charlie, who passed away in February 2024 at age 99, and Pam fervently believed in the Museum's

mission of sharing the story of the American experience in World War II. What began as a personal journey for Charlie to rediscover his past grew into their shared objective to encourage everyone to visit the Museum. As Pam says, every time they came they were reminded what a human experience it is to go through the galleries: "You are sharing it all with the person next to you, even if you don't know them."

Charlie leaves behind a legacy of gratitude for the great men and women who served with him—a legacy Pam is able to carry on as a Two-Star Patriots Circle Member. Charlie wanted the world to know that it would be a different place today without America's participation. "World War II defined our future," he said. "One must understand World War II to understand the world today."



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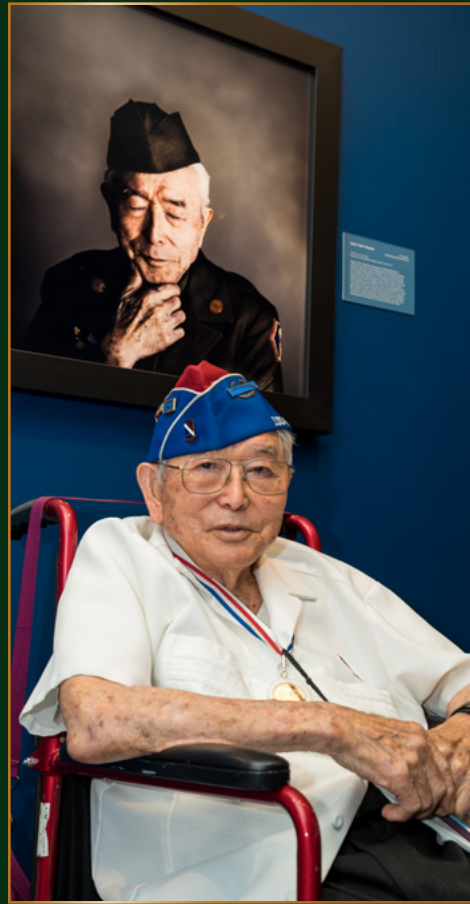
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Yoshio “Yosh” Nakamura

WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

A WWII veteran wearing his Army uniform subtly smiles at Museum guests with his eyes closed, chin resting gently on his perched hand. The portrait, taken by photographer Shane Sato of 442nd Regimental Combat Team soldier and One-Star Patriots Circle Member Yoshio Nakamura, is featured in the Museum’s special exhibit *The Go for Broke Spirit: Legacy in Portraits*.

On hand for the exhibit’s opening in June 2023, Yoshio—or “Yosh”—felt fortunate to be in attendance and proud of how the Museum highlighted the story of the *Nisei*, or second-generation Japanese Americans. As a longtime Charter Member, Yosh says his visit reaffirmed his recent commitment to join the Museum’s Patriots Circle: “This was some of the most impressive research done by the Museum. Not only did it tell about our internment when the war broke out, it also gave a very good

background on what happened to Japanese Americans during the war and what they accomplished when they were sent overseas.”

In 1944, at 18 years old, Yosh enlisted in the US Army to show his loyalty to his country; he was assigned to the segregated 442nd. He met lifelong friends during his service and has reunions with his comrades to this day. “I’m very proud I was able to serve in that unit,” Yosh says. “I was able to stand on the shoulders of soldiers who did a remarkable thing.”

A lifelong educator, Yosh understands the power of knowledge. He encourages every American to visit The National WWII Museum to learn about their own history. “Going through the Museum,” he says, “visitors can take pride in the fact that men and women were willing to give their lives for the freedoms we have today.”



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Mae Krier, an original WWII Rosie the Riveter, visits her museum on National Rosie the Riveter Day in March 2023. Krier built B-17 Flying Fortress and B-29 Superfortress aircraft during the war and helped lead the way for Rosies to receive the Congressional Gold Medal.

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The Victory Belles greet a WWII veteran arriving in New Orleans with the Soaring Valor program. In 2023, the program brought 101 WWII veterans to their museum.



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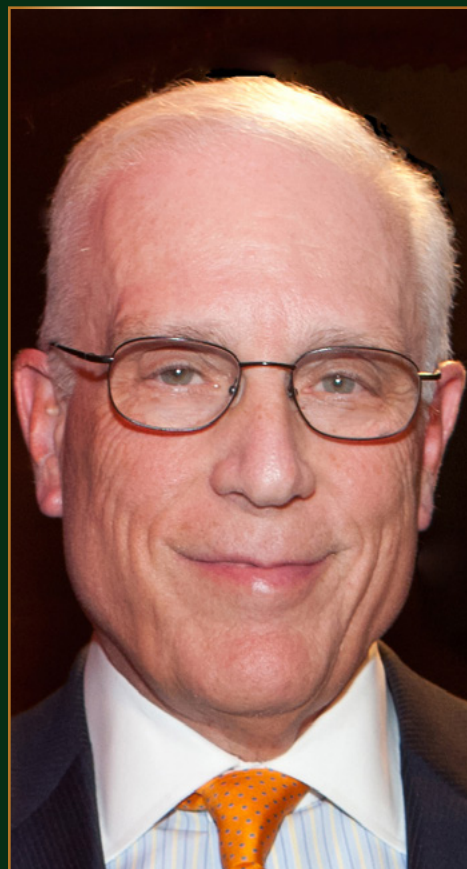
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As the Museum's first donor, Peter Kalikow has long demonstrated his reverence for the WWII generation and has continued to generously contribute to the institution over the past three decades. His father, Harold J. Kalikow, served in the Pacific with the US Marine Corps during the war, and Peter's curiosity about WWII history led him to the work of Dr. Stephen Ambrose. The two men first connected when Ambrose visited New York in 1991.

"Steve said something about Higgins boats, and he was surprised that someone from my generation knew what Higgins boats were," Peter recalls. "This cemented our friendship, and he started telling me about his dream of a D-Day Museum." Peter then became the very first donor by supporting a feasibility study for what would grow into The National WWII Museum.

Since helping the Museum find its footing over 30 years ago, Peter has been a steadfast advocate of the Museum's expansion. A member of the Board of Trustees from 2003–06, he understands the importance of the Museum's mission. His contributions have supported numerous Museum initiatives, including the Road to Victory Capital Campaign, the American Spirit Awards, and most recently, the remodeling of the main entrance in Louisiana Memorial Pavilion. For his dedication, he received the American Spirit Award Silver Service Medallion in 2007.

Peter's belief in Ambrose's vision to build a museum to preserve the American stories of D-Day helped lay the foundation for the seven pavilions the Museum has today. What began as a conversation about Higgins boats led to a friendship and, eventually, the building of America's National WWII Museum.

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Gayle Benson

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Gayle Benson carries the spirit of the WWII generation in all she does throughout the City of New Orleans. The owner and chief executive officer of the New Orleans Saints and New Orleans Pelicans has supported the Museum since its inception, along with her late husband, Tom Benson.

share their stories and allow future generations to realize the sacrifices that were made to keep our freedom is invaluable." She believes what is most inspiring about the Museum is being immersed in so many different stories from Americans of all backgrounds who came together to fight for freedom.

"The Museum means so much to me, particularly because my husband was a WWII veteran and a member of the Board of Trustees," says Gayle. Tom enlisted in the Navy at just 17 years old and served aboard the USS *South Dakota* in the Pacific in 1945. "He was so proud to serve our country."

Over the years, Gayle and Tom have helped spotlight the Museum on many occasions, including hosting the Victory Belles at halftime performances and sending national television networks to produce video spots inside the Museum. Gayle echoes her husband's WWII service in her ongoing support to the Museum and her leadership: "In everything we do—whether it is the Saints, Pelicans, Benson Capital, Corporate Realty, or the car dealerships—we all strive to embody the work ethic and unifying commitment that the WWII generation established."

As Presenting Sponsor for the new *Our War Too: Women in Service* special exhibit, Gayle continues her commitment to preserving the legacy of the WWII generation by helping ensure that female veteran voices are not forgotten: "Being able to



Stephen and Regina Oswald

SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

Stephen and Regina Oswald have deep respect and gratitude for the WWII generation. Both have relatives who served in the Allied forces—Stephen's father, Edwin Oswald, enlisted in the US Navy at 18 years old, and Regina's great-aunt Margaret Melkumova served as a battlefield doctor for Russian troops.

to continue to teach and inspire," says Stephen, who also serves on the Board of Trustees.

As Presenting Sponsors for the Congressional Medal of Honor Society Convention in November, the Oswalds also wanted to extend that respect and gratitude to those who received the highest honor in the American military. Both Stephen and Regina look back on the week of events as one of the most profound experiences of their lives.

"It's important because we've had a lot of tough times in the past, and the Museum shows we can overcome them," says Stephen. "It's an important lesson for youth but also for adults." Regina adds, "I hope for more kids to get educated and have trips to the Museum. These stories will be very inspiring—a great message of unity, bravery, and democracy."

The couple sees their investment in the Museum as an investment in the future. "It's a wonderful job that everybody has done since the founding,

Regina describes one of their most poignant moments at the Museum as meeting WWII veteran Romay Davis, who at 104 is the oldest remaining member of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion: "She carries so much life in her eyes." Moments like these remind Stephen and Regina how grateful they are to be a part of the community who support the Museum's mission to preserve the legacy of the WWII generation.

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DEPOE BAY, OREGON

Thomas Ralph Johnson Jr. was a pilot with the US Army Air Forces during World War II and the US Air Force during Korea and Vietnam. Serving in the European theater of World War II, he received credit for 35 missions as a member of the 407th Bombardment Squadron, 92nd Bombardment Group (Heavy), flying the Boeing B-17.

Born in Missouri on October 30, 1921, Johnson finished Wellston High School and began college at the Missouri School of Mines before being inducted to the Army Air Forces on July 9, 1942, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He became a commissioned officer on July 28, 1943, and following flight training, he reported to the 407th Bomb Squadron on April 10, 1944.

The 407th was part of the 92nd Bomb Group, known as "Fame's Favored Few." The 92nd

was the first group of bomb squads to make the transatlantic flight nonstop from the United States to England, which was a great point of pride. Johnson received numerous decorations and citations for his military service. Johnson retired permanently from the US Air Force in 1968 following 26 years of active and reserve duties. He married Dorothy Edna Pfarr in 1951 and was the father of Gale Kenneth Johnson and Byron Ralph Johnson.

Byron is preserving the legacy of his father at The National WWII Museum through his membership in the Stephen E. Ambrose Legacy Society. Although his dad spoke extraordinarily little about his service to save democracy, Byron is in awe of all that he accomplished during the war. "This is not about me, but of the heroism of my father," he says.

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Capital Campaign, Net of Allowances	\$17,180,023	\$16,449,205
Endowment, Net of Allowances	\$2,907,503	\$907,187
Other, Net of Allowances	\$7,134,572	\$151,648
ERTC Receivable	\$2,533,028	\$4,012,896
Retail Stores Inventory	\$1,098,508	\$1,022,556
Other Assets	\$7,667,411	\$7,320,903
Endowment Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Restricted	\$595,066	\$2,399,415
Investments	\$47,496,090	\$39,842,196
Property and Equipment		
Net of Accumulated Depreciation	\$291,419,346	\$284,240,784
Collections	\$14,629,725	\$12,998,177
Interest Rate Swap Asset	\$455,168	
Right-of-Use Assets – Operating Leases, Net	\$1,841,631	
Right-of-Use Assets – Finance Leases, Net	\$22,528	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$456,716,154	\$437,012,434
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable Trade	\$3,132,929	\$2,899,266
Accrued Expenses	\$6,238,225	\$4,965,871
Unearned Revenue and Deposits	\$8,202,608	\$5,913,654
Taxes Payable	\$360,911	\$310,977
Other Liabilities	\$1,049,628	\$1,279,145
Notes Payable	\$51,508,054	\$58,889,778
Liability on Interest Rate Swap Agreement	-	\$55,373
Lease Liability – Operating Leases	\$1,855,611	-
Lease Liability – Finance Leases	\$22,844	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$72,370,810	\$74,314,064
Net Assets		
Net Assets without Donor Restrictions		
Designated	\$50,953,787	\$48,378,227
Undesignated	\$263,724,754	\$249,601,106
Total Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	\$314,678,541	\$297,979,333
Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	\$69,666,803	\$64,719,037
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$384,345,344	\$362,698,370
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	WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	2023	2022
Operating Revenue	\$66,047,658	-	\$66,047,658	\$53,626,614
Financial Contributions and Grants	\$15,706,617	\$21,846,480	\$37,553,097	\$38,373,834
In-Kind Contributions	\$141,648	-	\$141,648	\$82,908
Net Return on Investments	\$7,017,716	(\$990,666)	\$6,027,050	(\$6,591,923)
Hilton Franchise Debt Forgiveness	\$65,000		\$65,000	\$65,000
Insurance Proceeds	-	-	-	\$2,700,000
Paycheck Protection Program Forgiveness Income	-	-	-	\$3,540,000
Employee Retention Tax Credit Revenue	-	-	-	\$4,012,896
Investment Tax Credit Revenue	\$1,344,312		\$1,344,312	-
Other Income	-	-	-	\$103,125
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	\$15,908,048	\$(15,908,048)	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT	\$106,230,999	\$4,947,766	\$90,042,332	\$95,912,454

EXPENSES AND LOSSES

Program	\$75,811,975	-	\$75,811,975	\$58,624,371
General and Administrative	\$7,486,372	-	\$7,486,372	\$6,872,376
Fundraising	\$6,743,985	-	\$6,743,985	\$6,753,666
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$90,042,332	-	\$90,042,332	\$72,250,413
Loss on Damage of Property and Equipment	-	-	-	\$420,967
TOTAL EXPENSES AND LOSSES	\$90,042,332	-	\$6,753,666	\$72,671,380

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

Change in Net Assets Before Change in Liability on Interest Rate Swap Agreement	\$16,188,667	\$4,947,766	\$21,136,433	\$23,241,074
Change in Liability on Interest Rate Swap Agreement	\$ 510,541	-	\$510,541	\$1,535,607
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$16,699,208	\$4,947,766	\$21,646,974	\$24,776,681

NET ASSETS

Beginning of Year	\$297,979,333	\$64,719,037	\$362,698,370	\$337,921,689
End of Year	\$314,678,541	\$69,666,803	\$384,345,344	\$362,698,370



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