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WORLD WAR II

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★ OFFICIAL PROGRAM

★ ABOUT THE COVER IMAGE



American infantrymen of the 290th Regiment fight in fresh snowfall near Amonines, Belgium. January 4, 1945. US Army Photo.

THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE

, one of the most significant and intense battles of World War II, offers a solemn opportunity to reflect on the courage, sacrifice, and endurance of the soldiers who fought in this historic conflict. The image on this year's program captures a moment during the battle, a scene filled with the harsh realities of war as American troops maneuver through the dense, snow-covered Ardennes Forest. This image, like many others from the battle, tells a powerful story of soldiers facing bitter winter conditions while holding the line against a desperate German offensive.

The Battle of the Bulge began on December 16, 1944, and lasted until January 25, 1945. It was Adolf Hitler's last significant attempt to break the Allied advance in Western Europe, launching a surprise attack through the Ardennes, a densely forested region spanning Belgium and Luxembourg. Hitler's objective was to split the Allied forces, recapture the Belgian port of Antwerp, and force a negotiated peace on the Western Front, allowing the Germans to focus solely on the Soviet Union in the east.

The photo, taken early January 1945, provides a visceral glimpse into the conditions on the ground. American soldiers are seen crouching in the snow, their faces marked by the fatigue of constant combat and the unforgiving cold. The snow-laden trees and frozen landscape serve as a backdrop to the soldiers' gritty determination. The harsh winter played a critical role in the battle, as temperatures often dropped below freezing, and heavy snowfall made movement difficult. Many troops were not equipped with proper winter gear, and frostbite became a serious issue alongside the threat of German firepower.

Despite being initially caught off guard by the German attack, the Allies quickly regrouped. The American soldiers in this image were part of the 600,000 Allied troops who ultimately fought in the Battle of the Bulge. The US Army bore the brunt of the attack, with over 89,000 casualties, including 19,000 killed, making it the bloodiest battle fought by American forces during the entire war. The men in the photograph may have been part of the units holding key defensive positions or engaging in counterattacks as the battle wore on.

The defense of Bastogne is one of the most iconic moments of the battle. The 101st Airborne Division, along with other supporting units, was surrounded by German forces in the Belgian town. They endured relentless artillery bombardments and freezing conditions until they were relieved by General George S. Patton's Third Army on December 26, 1944. The soldiers seen here might have been part of those efforts, as many American units fought to protect critical road junctions and hold off German advances long enough for reinforcements to arrive.

As we observe the 80th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge, this photograph serves as a powerful reminder of the human cost of war. The soldiers in the image fought not only against the enemy but also against the elements, enduring bitter cold and harsh conditions. Their bravery and resilience played a crucial role in the eventual Allied victory; a victory that hastened the collapse of Nazi Germany just months later. The Battle of the Bulge was a turning point in the war, symbolizing the resolve of the Allied forces and the determination to see the conflict through to its end. This anniversary encourages us to honor the veterans who served in the Battle of the Bulge, many of whom were young men barely out of their teens. Their experiences, as captured in photos like this one, remind us of the sacrifices made in the name of freedom and the importance of remembering the past to build a more peaceful future.



IT IS MY PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE 17TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WORLD WAR II, a program of the Museum's Jenny Craig Institute for the Study of War and Democracy. We look forward to hosting you during the next few days of engaging sessions and rich discussion of *the war that changed the world*.

This year marks the 13th consecutive year that the Pritzker Military Foundation, on behalf of the Pritzker Military Museum & Library, has generously served as the Presenting Sponsor for the International Conference. The continued growth and success of this program is a testament to the commitment of Colonel Jennifer N. Pritzker and the rest of the Pritzker team. We are grateful for their generous support, which has helped make this the preeminent conference on WWII history.

I also want to recognize the dedication of our Conference Planning Committee members Dr. Michael Bell, Dr. Günter Bischof, Dr. Con Crane, Dr. John Curatola, Rich Frank, Dr. Don Miller, Dr. Allan Millett, Dr. John Morrow, Dr. Nick Mueller, and Dr. Alex Richie. Thank you to our committee members, as well as our Museum staff, for developing a stirring lineup of conference sessions and enlisting a slate of talented speakers.

Featuring new and compelling scholarship, this year we are kicking off our conference with Dr. Rob Citino's keynote on the heavy costs of the war's final years. Throughout the weekend you will hear a range of topics such as the experiences of civilians caught in the crossfire, preparations for the final battles of the war, and a discussion on the Museum's latest special exhibit, *Fighting for the Right to Fight: African American Experiences in World War II*. Our closing panel will feature retired US Army General David Petraeus, former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, providing an overview of modern warfare from World War II to the present.

Throughout 2024, we commemorated the 80th anniversaries of many key battles and other events leading to the end of World War II. In keeping with this theme, this year's pre-conference symposium will focus on the Battle of the Bulge, one of the toughest battles fought by American servicemen. In 2025, the Museum will honor many more anniversaries as we celebrate the 80th anniversary of the end of the war.

Whether you are a first-time attendee or have the conference marked on your calendar every year, thank you for your support of and interest in The National WWII Museum. I hope you enjoy the 17th International Conference on World War II, and I look forward to meeting or catching up with you over the coming days.

Sincerely,

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



Welcome to the

2024 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WORLD WAR II

STEPHEN J. WATSON
PRESIDENT & CEO
THE NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM

PRE-CONFERENCE SYMPOSIUM

THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE REVISITED: 80 YEARS ON

★ SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

★ THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024

- 8:00 A.M. – 8:05 A.M.** **Welcome**
- 8:05 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.** **The General Raymond E. Mason Jr. Distinguished
Lecture Series on World War II: Opening
Keynote: "The Battle of the Bulge"**
Anthony Tucker-Jones
- 9:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.** **Break and book signing**
- 9:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.** **Intelligence in the Ardennes**
Gregory Fontenot in conversation
with Bradley Hart
- 10:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.** **Break and book signing**
- 11:00 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.** **Untold Heroism of the Bulge**
John McManus in conversation with Michael Bell
- 12:15 P.M. – 1:15 P.M.** **Break, book signing and lunch**
- 1:15 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.** **Air War over the Ardennes**
Chair: Sean Scanlon
John Curatola
Brian Laslie
- 2:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.** **Break and book signing**
- 3:00 P.M. – 4:15 P.M.** **Counterattack in the North:
Monty and the Americans**
Nigel Hamilton in conversation with
Michael Bell
- 4:15 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.** **Closing Remarks**

★ 17TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WORLD WAR II SCHEDULE

★ CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

★ THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024

- 4:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.** **Conference Opening Reception**
- 6:00 P.M. – 6:15 P.M.** **Welcome Remarks and Keynote Introduction**
Stephen J. Watson
Allan Millett
- 6:15 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.** **Opening Keynote: "The Agony of Victory: The Final, Costly Year of World War II"**
Robert Citino

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2024

- 8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.** **Strangling the Home Islands**
Chair: Jonathan Parshall
John Kuehn
James Scott
- 9:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.** **Break and book signing**
- 9:30 A.M. – 10:40 A.M.** **Civilians in the Crossfire**
Chair: Stephanie Hinnershitz
Peter Schrijvers
Robert Matzen
- 10:40 A.M. – 11:10 A.M.** **Break and book signing**
- 11:10 A.M. – 12:20 P.M.** **Operation Varsity: The Jump Across the Rhine**
Chair: Robert Citino
James Fenelon
Saul David
- 12:20 P.M. – 1:20 P.M.** **Break, book signing and lunch**
- 1:20 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.** **Preparing for the Final Battle**
Chair: Gordon H. "Nick" Mueller
Patrick O'Donnell
D. M. Giangreco
- 2:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.** **Break and book signing**
- 3:00 P.M. – 3:55 P.M.** **Who Will Write Our History?: Rediscovering a Hidden Archive from the Warsaw Ghetto**
Samuel Kassow in conversation with
Jennifer Putnam
- 3:55 P.M. – 4:25 P.M.** **Break and book signing**

- 4:25 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.** **The General Raymond E. Mason Jr. Distinguished Lecture Series on World War II: *Fighting for the Right to Fight: African American Experiences in World War II***
Special Exhibition Panel Discussion
Chair: John Morrow Cory Graff
Krewasky Salter Traci Parker
- 5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.** **Museum Open House and Reception**
- 6:30 P.M. – 9:30 P.M.** **Frog Fathers Dinner and Documentary Screening**
Additional ticket required

★ SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2024

- 9:00 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.** **The Divine Wind: A Roundtable Discussion**
Chair: John Curatola
Mark Stille
Jonathan Parshall
- 10:15 A.M. – 10:45 A.M.** **Break and book signing**
- 10:45 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.** **Return to the Philippines**
Marie Vallejo in conversation with James Scott
- 11:45 A.M. – 12:45 P.M.** **Break, book signing and lunch**
- 12:45 P.M. – 1:45 P.M.** **Just Beneath the Soil: WWII Historic Sites**
Clint Smith in conversation with Gordon H. "Nick" Mueller
- 1:45 P.M. – 2:15 P.M.** **Break and lunch**
- 2:15 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.** **The Uncertainty of Surrender: POWs in Captivity**
Chair: Günter Bischof
Richard Frank
Jason Dawsey
- 3:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.** **Break and book signing**
- 4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.** **The Collapse of the Reich**
Prit Buttar in conversation with Alexandra Richie

CLOSING BANQUET AND PRESENTATION

- 6:15 P.M.** **Doors Open**
- 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.** **Dinner**
- 7:30 P.M. – 8:45 P.M.** **The George P. Shultz Forum on World Affairs: "Conflict: The Evolution of Warfare from WWII to Ukraine"**
Chair: Conrad Crane
General David Petraeus

George P. Shultz Forum on World Affairs Speaker

David H. Petraeus (GEN, USA, Ret.)

General David Petraeus is a partner in the global investment firm KKR and Chairman of the KKR Global Institute, which he established in mid-2013. He is a member of the boards of Optiv and OneStream, a strategic adviser for Semperis, and the Chairman of the International Advisory Board for Advanced Navigation. Petraeus is also a personal venture investor and is engaged in various academic endeavors, including coauthoring with Andrew Roberts the book *Conflict: The Evolution of Warfare from 1945 to Ukraine*. Prior to joining KKR, Petraeus served over 37 years in the US military, culminating his career with six consecutive commands as a General, five of which were in combat, including command of the Surge in Iraq, command of US Central Command, and command of Coalition Forces in Afghanistan. Following retirement from the military, and after confirmation by the Senate in a vote of 94-0, he served as the Director of the CIA during a period of significant achievements in the war on terror. Petraeus graduated with distinction from the US Military Academy and later earned a PhD from Princeton University. He is the only individual to have been the top graduate of both the yearlong Command and General Staff College Course and the demanding US Army Ranger School. He has held academic appointments with the US Military Academy, the University of Southern California, Harvard, Georgetown, and the City University of New York Honors College. He is currently a Senior Fellow and Lecturer at Yale, an honorary professor at the University of Birmingham in England, a member of both the Trilateral Commission and the Aspen Strategy Group, Co-Chairman of the Global Advisory Council of the Woodrow Wilson Center, senior vice president of the Royal United Services Institute, and an Executive Advisory Board Member of World.Minds.

Over the past 15 years, Petraeus has been named one of America's 25 Best Leaders by *U.S. News and World Report*, a runner-up for *Time* magazine's Person of the Year, the *Daily Telegraph* Man of the Year, twice a *Time* 100 selectee, Princeton University's Madison Medalist, *Prospect* Magazine's Public Intellectual of the Year, three times one of *Foreign Policy* magazine's top 100 public intellectuals, and a *LinkedIn* Top Voice. Petraeus has earned numerous military awards and decorations, including four Defense Distinguished Service Medals, the Secretary of State's Distinguished Service Award, the Bronze Star Medal for Valor, two NATO Meritorious Service Medals, the Combat Action Badge, Master Parachutist Wings, and the Ranger Tab. He has also been decorated by 14 foreign countries and sanctioned by Russia, and he is believed to be the only person who, while in uniform, threw out the first pitch of a baseball World Series Game and did the coin toss at a Super Bowl.

Michael S. Bell, PhD (COL, USA, Ret.)

Michael Bell joined The National WWII Museum in 2022 as Executive Director of the Jenny Craig Institute for the Study of War and Democracy after retiring from the Department of Defense as a civilian official. Commissioned in Armor following graduation from the US Military Academy at West Point, Bell is a combat veteran, historian, and strategist who has served at every level, from platoon through theater army, as well as with US Central Command, the Joint Staff, the Office of the Secretary of State, and the White House. He served as Dean of Faculty and Academic Programs at the National War College and as Chancellor of the National Defense University's College of International Security Affairs. The strategies he has authored or coauthored include the 2004 *National Military Strategy of the United States of America*, the *National Military Strategic Plan for the War on Terrorism*, the *National Security and Defense Strategy and National Military Strategy of Kuwait*, and the 2020 *Joint Chiefs of Staff Vision and Guidance for Professional Military Education and Talent Management*. In 2017-18, he served on detail to the White House as National Security Council Senior Director for Gulf Affairs, Senior Director for Middle East Affairs, and Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. He is the author of a monograph on the role of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff published by the Strategic Studies Institute, and his book on General John J. Pershing and the creation of an American staff system in World War I is forthcoming from the Army University Press. Bell holds an MA and PhD in American history from the University of Maryland College Park and an MS in national security strategy from the National Defense University. His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Bronze Star, Joint Civilian Service Commendation Award, Joint Staff Badge, and Combat Action Badge.

Günter Bischof, PhD

Günter Bischof is the former Marshall Plan Professor of History and Director of Center Austria at the University of New Orleans. A native of Austria, he holds a PhD in American History from Harvard University. He is the author of *Austria in the First Cold War, 1945-55: The Leverage of the Weak* (1999); and *Relationships/Beziehungsgeschichten: Austria and the United States in the Twentieth Century* (2014); with Hans Petschar, *The Marshall Plan Since 1947: Saving Europe, Rebuilding Austria* (2017); and, with Peter Ruggenthaler, *Der Kalte Krieg und Österreich: Ein Balanceakt zwischen Ost und West [The Cold War and Austria: Balancing between East and West]* (2022). He has coedited 30 volumes of the yearbook *Contemporary Austrian Studies*, and he is the coeditor of another 20 books on topics of international contemporary history (especially World War II and the Cold War in Central Europe). With Hannes Richter, he did an exhibition and book project for the Austrian Embassy in Washington on the theme of *Towards the American Century: Austrians in the United States*. He serves as a Presidential Counselor at The National WWII Museum in New Orleans and on the board of the Botstiber Institute for Austrian-American Studies.





Prit Buttar

Prit Buttar is a retired doctor and historian specializing in the Eastern Front of both world wars. He studied medicine at St. John's College at Oxford and King's College Hospital in London before joining the British army, serving as a surgeon and medical officer. He became a civilian family doctor in 1992 and retired in 2019. Buttar wrote his first book, *Battleground Prussia* (2010), after a chance conversation with an elderly patient who had fled from East Prussia in 1945. This was followed by *Between Giants* (2013), an account of World War II in the Baltic States; a four-volume account of the Eastern Front in World War I; three volumes covering the southern sector of the Eastern Front from late 1942 to late 1944; a history of the battles for the Rzhev Salient in 1942; a book about the Lithuanian Holocaust; and a two-volume account of the Siege of Leningrad. His forthcoming works include books about Operation Bagration (to be published next year), the Vistula-Oder Operation, and the Battle of Berlin. Buttar moved to Scotland in 2016, where he pursues interests in astrophotography and wildlife photography and lives in a beautiful rural region with his wife, Debbie, two border collies (Hamish and Dougal), two horses (Bella and Cosmo), and three mini Shetland ponies (Rambo, Conan, and Rocky).



Robert M. Citino, PhD

Rob Citino is a Distinguished Fellow at the Jenny Craig Institute for the Study of War and Democracy, as well as one of America's most distinguished military historians. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, he attended St. Ignatius Loyola High School on the city's west side and received his BA in history from The Ohio State University. He earned his MA and PhD from Indiana University. He joined the Museum in August 2016. An award-winning military historian and scholar, Citino has published 10 books including *The Wehrmacht Retreats: Fighting a Lost War, 1943*; *Death of the Wehrmacht: The German Campaigns of 1942*; and *The German Way of War: From the Thirty Years' War to the Third Reich*. He has also written numerous articles covering World War II and 20th-century military history. He speaks widely and contributes regularly to general readership magazines, including *World War II*. Citino enjoys close ties with the US military establishment and taught one year at the US Military Academy at West Point and two years at the US Army War College.

Conrad C. Crane, PhD

Conrad Crane is the Senior Research Historian for the Strategic Studies Institute of the US Army War College. He previously served as Chief of Analysis and Research for the Army Heritage and Education Center at Carlisle Barracks, as Director of the US Army Military History Institute, as the General Douglas MacArthur Chair of Research at the Strategic Studies Institute (SSI), and as the General Hoyt S. Vandenberg Chair of Aerospace Studies at the War College. He joined SSI after his retirement from active military service, a 26-year military career that concluded with nine years as Professor of History at the US Military Academy. He holds a BS from USMA and an MA and PhD from Stanford University. He is also a graduate of the US Army Command and General Staff College and the US Army War College. Crane has authored or edited books and monographs on the Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, and has written and lectured widely on airpower and landpower issues. Before leaving SSI, he coauthored a prewar study on reconstructing Iraq that influenced Army planners. He was the lead author for the groundbreaking Army-USMC counterinsurgency manual, published in December 2006. For that effort, he was named one of *Newsweek's* people to watch in 2007; he visited Iraq that year at General David Petraeus's request to evaluate the new doctrine in action. In 2008, he was named the International Archivist of the Year by the Scone Foundation. He published two books in 2016, one for Naval Institute Press about the creation and application of American counterinsurgency doctrine, entitled *Cassandra in Oz: Counterinsurgency and Future War*, and another for University Press of Kansas on American strategic bombing in World War II. He was awarded the Society for Military History's Samuel Eliot Morison Prize in 2016 for lifetime contributions to the field of military history. In 2020, he was a visiting professor for the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University.



John Curatola, PhD (LtCol, USMC, Ret.)

John Curatola is the Samuel Zemurray Stone Senior Historian at the Jenny Craig Institute for the Study of War and Democracy. A US Marine Corps officer of 22 years, he graduated from the University of Nebraska and is a veteran of Operation Provide Hope in Somalia, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and the 2005 Indian Ocean tsunami relief effort. He holds master's degrees in both American and military history. With a PhD from the University of Kansas, Curatola's research focuses on World War II, airpower, and the early Cold War period. Previously, he taught history at the US Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. His first two books, *Bigger Bombs for a Brighter Tomorrow* and *Autumn of Our Discontent*, assess US national security and nuclear capabilities in the early Cold War period. His forthcoming work, *Armies Afloat: Development of US Amphibious Capabilities in the European Theater during World War II*, is scheduled for release by University of Kansas Press in spring 2025. Curatola's works can be found in compendium books, popular magazines, and academic journals, and his many presentations are available for viewing on C-SPAN and YouTube.



★ FEATURED SPEAKERS

Saul David, PhD



Saul David is an award-winning military historian, author, and broadcaster. He earned his PhD from the University of Glasgow and is a professorial research fellow at the University of Buckingham and a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. His many books include *The Force: The Legendary Special Ops Unit and WWII's Mission Impossible*; *Crucible of Hell: The Heroism and Tragedy of Okinawa, 1945*; *Sunday Times* Top 10 best sellers *Sky Warriors: British Airborne Forces in the Second World War* and *SBS: Silent Warriors*, which was shortlisted for the Mountbatten Award; and *Devil Dogs: King Company, Third Battalion, 5th Marines: From Guadalcanal to the Shores of Japan*, a *Times* and *Daily Telegraph* History Book of the Year. His book *Operation Thunderbolt: Flight 139 and the Raid on Entebbe Airport* was named a 2015 Amazon History Book of the Year and later adapted into the movie *Entebbe*. David's latest book, *Tunisgrad: Destroying the Axis, 1942–1943*, will be published in 2025. He co-hosts the popular *Battleground* podcast with Patrick Bishop.

Jason Dawsey, PhD



Jason Dawsey is an assistant teaching professor of history at Arizona State University. He previously served as Research Historian at the Jenny Craig Institute for the Study of War and Democracy. A native of Columbia, Mississippi, Dawsey received his PhD in 2013 from the University of Chicago and has taught at the University of Southern Mississippi and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. His interests include the history of the European Left (particularly the anti-Nazi resistance), debates about the impact of technology on modern life, and the history of Holocaust consciousness. As part of his long-term research on the German-Jewish technology critic and anti-nuclear militant Günther Anders (1902–1992), Dawsey coedited (with Günter Bischof and Bernhard Fetz) *The Life and Work of Günther Anders: Émigré, Iconoclast, Philosopher, Man of Letters*. He is the author of “After Hiroshima: Günther Anders and the History of Anti-Nuclear Critique” in *Understanding the Imaginary War: Culture, Thought, and Nuclear Conflict, 1945–1990*. Dawsey's recent work includes “American Anti-Stalinists in Defense of the USSR: The Socialist Workers Party, the Nazi-Soviet War, and Intransigent Revolutionism,” a piece about American supporters of Leon Trotsky during World War II included in the book *The Eastern Front: War, Myth, and Memory* (2024).

James Fenelon



James Fenelon is the paratrooper-turned-author of *Four Hours of Fury*, the untold story of the American 17th Airborne Division's combat jump over Germany's Rhine River in March 1945. His most recent book, *Angels Against the Sun*, follows the 11th Airborne Division's battle through the Philippines and their eventual landing in Japan as the vanguard of the occupation forces. As an author, Fenelon leverages his military service to provide readers with engaging accounts of average GIs swept up by events beyond

their control. His desire to give readers a “boots on the ground” perspective is reflected in his narrative-driven writing style. Fenelon's study of World War II has taken him to numerous battlefields and historic sites, including those in France, Italy, Britain, Holland, Belgium, Egypt, Greece, Germany, and Crete. He is a regular contributor to *World War II* magazine and has been previously published in *FlyPast*, Britain's largest selling aviation magazine, as well as *ARMY* and *Military History*. With his expertise in military history, he has consulted as a technical adviser for video games, screenplays, and documentaries. Fenelon is a graduate of the US Army's parachute, jump master, and pathfinder schools. An alumnus of the University of Texas at Austin, Fenelon lives with his wife in the Texas Hill Country.

Gregory Fontenot (COL, USA, Ret.)

Gregory Fontenot is a consultant on threat emulation for US Army experimentation, a working historian, and a retired Colonel of the US Army. He was lead author of *On Point: The US Army in Operation Iraqi Freedom*, published by CGSC Press, and is the author of *The 1st Infantry Division and the US Army Transformed: Road to Victory in Desert Storm, 1970–1991*, winner of the 2017 Army Historical Foundation award for Unit History, as well as *Loss and Redemption at St. Vith: The 7th Armored Division in the Battle of the Bulge*.



Richard B. Frank

Richard Frank is an internationally recognized leading authority on the Asia-Pacific war. He published his first book, *Guadalcanal*, in 1990. His second work, *Downfall: The End of the Imperial Japanese Empire* (1999) has been called one of the six best books in English about World War II. Both Random House books won awards and became main selections of the History Book Club. In 2007, he completed *MacArthur* as part of the Palgrave Great Generals Series. The first volume of his trilogy on the Asia-Pacific war in 1937–1945, *Tower of Skulls*, was a finalist for the Gilder Lehrman Prize for Military History in 2021. Besides his numerous appearances on television and radio, he was a consultant for the epic HBO miniseries *The Pacific*. He is a founding member of The National WWII Museum's Presidential Counselors advisory board.



D. M. Giangreco

D. M. Giangreco served as an editor of *Military Review* at the US Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for 20 years and subsequently as the editor and publications director for the Foreign Military Studies Office, also at Fort Leavenworth. He is the award-winning author or coauthor of 14 books on military and sociopolitical subjects, including *Hell to Pay: Operation Downfall and the Invasion of Japan, 1945–1947* as well as *Eyewitness Pacific Theater: Firsthand Accounts of the War in the Pacific from Pearl Harbor to the Atomic Bombs*. Giangreco's most recent work is *Truman and the Bomb: The Untold Story*. The second volume of his book *The Soldier from Independence: A Military Biography of Harry S. Truman* will be released in 2025.



★ FEATURED SPEAKERS



Cory Graff

Cory Graff is Curator and Restoration Manager at The National WWII Museum. He earned his BS in fine arts from the University of Oregon in 1995 and his MA in World War II studies from Arizona State University in 2023. In the past, he has worked for The Museum of Flight in Seattle, Washington; the Flying Heritage & Combat Armor Museum in Everett, Washington; and as the Verville Fellow at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. He is the author of 11 books on various aviation and history subjects and has written for *Air & Space Magazine*, *Smithsonian Magazine*, *Popular Mechanics*, *Flight Journal*, *Air Classics*, and *World War II* magazine.



Nigel Hamilton

Nigel Hamilton is the authorized biographer of British Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery. His Monty trilogy won many awards, including the Templer Medal for Military History. The first volume of his *FDR at War* trilogy, *The Mantle of Command*, was longlisted for the National Book Award; the final volume, *War and Peace*, was published in 2019. His *Lincoln vs. Davis: The War of the Presidents* was published in November 2024. Hamilton is a Senior Fellow in the McCormack Graduate School at the University of Massachusetts Boston.



Bradley W. Hart, PhD

Bradley Hart is a Military Historian at the Jenny Craig Institute for the Study of War and Democracy. Hart earned his PhD in history from Churchill College at the University of Cambridge and is the author of two books, including *Hitler's American Friends: The Third Reich's Supporters in the United States* (2018), recipient of the 2019 German Studies Association Sybil Halpern Milton Memorial Book Prize. Hart has also published numerous articles on interwar politics, diplomacy, and intelligence history. His current research focuses on information warfare in World War II. Before joining the Institute, Hart taught at California State University, Fresno and worked as an international affairs fellow on Capitol Hill.



Stephanie Hinnershitz, PhD

Steph Hinnershitz is an assistant professor of Security and Military Studies at the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama. She is also an Asness Family Foundation Fellow with the Jenny Craig Institute for the Study of War and Democracy. She received her PhD in history from the University of Maryland and specializes in civil-military relations on the US Home Front during World War II, particularly the incarceration of Japanese Americans. Her most recent book, *Japanese American Incarceration: The Camps and Coerced Labor during World War II*, was published by the University of Pennsylvania Press in 2021.

Samuel Kassow, PhD

Samuel Kassow is the Charles H. Northam Professor of History at Trinity College, and holds a PhD from Princeton University. He has been a visiting professor at many institutions and was on the team of scholars that planned the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw. Kassow is the author and editor of a number of books in Jewish and Russian history, including *Who Will Write Our History: Emanuel Ringelblum and the Secret Ghetto Archive* (Indiana University Press, 2007), which received the Orbis Prize of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies and was a finalist for a National Jewish Book Award. It has been translated into eight languages. His translation of Rachel Auerbach's *Warsaw Testament* was published in 2024 by White Goat Press. A child of Holocaust survivors, Kassow was born in a displaced persons camp in Germany.



John T. Kuehn, PhD

John Kuehn is a professor of military history at the US Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC). He served as Fleet Admiral Ernest King Visiting Professor of Maritime History at the Naval War College from 2020-21. He retired from the US Navy in 2004 with the rank of Commander after 23 years, serving as a naval flight officer flying land- and carrier-based aircraft. He has taught a variety of subjects, including military history, at CGSC since 2000. Along with numerous articles and editorials, Kuehn is the author of *Agents of Innovation* (2008); *A Military History of Japan: From the Age of the Samurai to the 21st Century* (2014); *Napoleonic Warfare: The Operational Art of the Great Campaigns* (2015); *America's First General Staff* (2017); and *The 100 Worst Military Disasters* (2020). He coauthored *Eyewitness Pacific Theater* (2008) with D. M. Giangreco. He was awarded a Moncado Prize from the Society for Military History in 2011 and a Vandevort Prize from the same organization in 2023. His newest book, *Strategy in Crisis: The War In the Pacific, 1937-1945*, was published in 2023 by the Naval Institute Press.



Brian D. Laslie, PhD

Brian Laslie is the Command Historian at the US Air Force Academy and a widely published author on Air Force and air power topics. A 2001 graduate of The Citadel Military College of South Carolina and a historian of air and space power studies, Laslie received his master's degree from Auburn University Montgomery in 2006 and his PhD in history from Kansas State University in 2013. His first book, *The Air Force Way of War: U.S. Tactics and Training after Vietnam* (Kentucky, 2015), was included on the 2016 Chief-of-Staff of the Air Force's Reading List and the 2017 Royal Air Force's Chief of the Air Staff Reading List.



Robert Matzen

Robert Matzen is the author of the international best seller *Dutch Girl: Audrey Hepburn and World War II* as well as *Mission: Jimmy Stewart and the Fight for Europe* and eight other books. His bylines have appeared in *The Wall Street Journal* and on TIME.com and FoxNews.com. He has appeared on national and international broadcast television, including an appearance on MSNBC's *Morning Joe*. Matzen worked for NASA for 10 years and is an award-winning documentary filmmaker with programming that appeared on PBS.



★ FEATURED SPEAKERS



John C. McManus, PhD

John McManus is the Curators' Distinguished Professor of US military history at the Missouri University of Science and Technology (Missouri S&T). This professorship is bestowed by the University of Missouri Board of Curators on the most outstanding scholars in the University of Missouri system. McManus is the first ever Missouri S&T faculty member in the humanities to be named Curators' Distinguished Professor. As one of the nation's leading military historians and the author of 15 well-received books on the topic, he is in frequent demand as a speaker and expert commentator. In addition to dozens of local and national radio programs, McManus has appeared on CNN.com, Fox News, C-Span, the Military Channel, the Discovery Channel, the National Geographic Channel, Netflix, the Smithsonian Network, the History Channel, and PBS, among others. He also served as historical adviser for the best-selling book and documentary *Salinger*, the latter of which appeared nationwide in theaters and on PBS's American Masters Series. During the 2018–19 academic year, he was in residence at the US Naval Academy as the Leo A. Shifrin Chair of Naval and Military History, a distinguished visiting professorship. His current project is a major three-volume history of the US Army in the Pacific/Asia theater during World War II. McManus is the host of two podcasts, *Someone Talked!* in tandem with the National D-Day Memorial, and *We Have Ways of Making You Talk* alongside Al Murray and James Holland.



Allan Millett, PhD (Col, USMCR, Ret.)

Allan Millett is a retired Colonel of the US Marine Corps Reserve and a specialist in the history of American military policy. He is the author of many books including *A War to Be Won*, which he coauthored with Williamson Murray; *For the Common Defense: A Military History of the United States from 1607–2012*; *Semper Fidelis: The History of the United States Marine Corps*; and *The Second World War in 100 Objects*. Millett was the 2008 recipient of the Pritzker Military Museum & Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing. He earned his PhD from and taught military history for 37 years at The Ohio State University, where he served as a mentor to generations of scholars in the field, and currently serves as the Director of the Eisenhower Center for American Studies and Ambrose Professor of History at the University of New Orleans. Millett is the Senior Military Advisor to the President of The National WWII Museum and sits on the Museum's Presidential Counselors advisory board.



John H. Morrow, PhD

John Morrow is the author or coauthor of eight publications. His works include *The Great War: An Imperial History*; *The Great War in the Air*; and *German Airpower in World War I*. He has gained recognition for his ability to demonstrate how the past and the present intertwine inextricably. Morrow is a graduate of Swarthmore College and the University of Pennsylvania and a recipient of the US Department of the Army Outstanding Civilian Service Medal. He served as

the Franklin Professor and Chair of the History Department at University of Georgia where he taught courses on the history of modern Europe and warfare and society. Morrow was previously head of the History Department at the University of Tennessee. Following his successful teaching career, the university named in his honor a lecture series and an award for excellence in military history. He has chaired the History Advisory Committee to the Secretary of the Air Force and the Research Advisory Committee of the National Museum of American History. He has most recently served on the History Advisory Committee of the Department of the Army, the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission's Legacy Committee, and the First Flight Centennial Federal Advisory Board. Morrow is one of the founding members of The National WWII Museum's Presidential Counselors. In 2019, Morrow became the 13th recipient of the Pritzker Military Museum & Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing.

Gordon H. "Nick" Mueller, PhD

Nick Mueller is Founding President & CEO Emeritus of The National WWII Museum. Mueller assisted historian Stephen E. Ambrose, PhD, in founding the institution, initially known as The National D-Day Museum, and led the organization as Chairman of the Board from 1998, through its fundraising and construction to the Grand Opening on June 6, 2000, and then as President & CEO for the next 17 years. Before stepping into the museum world, Mueller enjoyed a 33-year career as a professor of European history at the University of New Orleans. During his tenure there, he also served as Dean, Vice Chancellor, and founding President of the Research and Technology Park. He is also founder of UNO's Metropolitan College, Business-Higher Education Council, and the university's International Study Programs. Mueller was awarded the 2018 Pritzker Military Museum & Library Founder's Award for his immense contribution to furthering the public's understanding of the citizen soldier and the military's role in a democracy. Mueller's book about the D-Day invasion, *Everything We Have*, was released in 2019. His book *Preserving the Legacy*, which tells the comprehensive and compelling story of the Museum's founding and first two decades, will be published by LSU Press in May 2025.



Patrick K. O'Donnell

Patrick O'Donnell is a best-selling, critically acclaimed military historian and an expert on elite units. The author of 13 books, including *The Unvanquished*, *The Indispensables*, *Washington's Immortals*, *Dog Company*, *Beyond Valor*, and *They Dared Return*, he has received numerous national awards. He is a director and the historian for the OSS Society. O'Donnell served as a combat historian in a US Marine Corps rifle platoon during the Battle of Fallujah and is a professional speaker on America's conflicts, espionage, special operations, and counterinsurgency. Over the past 30-plus years, O'Donnell has interviewed thousands of WWII veterans and members of elite and special operations units, amassing the most extensive private collection of oral histories on the subject. He has provided historical consulting for HBO's award-winning miniseries *Band of Brothers* and for scores of documentaries produced by the BBC, Fox News, and the History Channel.



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Traci Parker, PhD

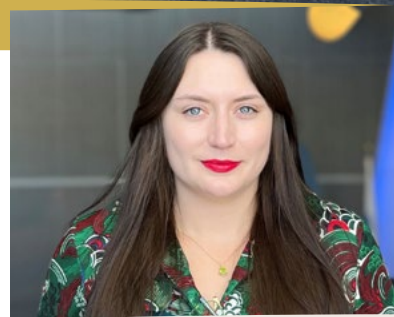
Traci Parker is a distinguished historian, author, and speaker of African American history, civil rights, and the intersections of consumer culture and social justice. She is an associate professor of history at the University of California, Davis. Her first book, *Department Stores and the Black Freedom Movement: Workers, Consumers, and Civil Rights from the 1930s to the 1980s* (UNC Press, 2019), earned acclaim as a 2019 CHOICE Outstanding Academic Title for its trailblazing exploration of the role department stores played in the Black freedom struggle. Most recently, Parker coedited *The New Civil Rights Movement Reader: Resistance, Resilience, and Justice* (UMass Press, 2023), a vital anthology examining the modern fight for equality. Her next book, *Revolutionary Love*, delves into the transformative power of romantic love within the Black Freedom Movement, revealing how such intimate bonds fueled and enriched the broader struggle for justice. Parker is also editing a collection of essays that scrutinize the institution of marriage in the United States in the 20th and 21st centuries. The University of North Carolina Press will publish this edited collection. Parker's scholarship has earned her multiple fellowships and grants, including support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Stanford Humanities Center, the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute at Harvard, the Charles Warren Center for American History at Harvard, and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Her expertise in African American history has made her a sought-after commentator for outlets such as C-SPAN, CNN, PBS, and the History Channel. In addition to her writing and public speaking, Parker serves on several academic boards, including the editorial board of the *Journal of American History* and the executive board of the Berkshire Conference of Women Historians. She earned her BA from Cornell University and MA and PhD from the University of Chicago.

Jonathan Parshall

Jonathan Parshall is coauthor of *Shattered Sword: The Untold Story of the Battle of Midway*. Widely published on the Pacific War, his work has appeared in the *Naval War College Review*, *Naval History* magazine and *Naval Institute Proceedings*, *WarTime* (the Magazine of the Australian War Memorial), *World War II* magazine, the *Northern Mariner*, and many others. He is a frequent speaker at venues such as The National WWII Museum, the Pritzker Military Museum & Library, the National Museum of the Pacific War, and the Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum. He has appeared on the Discovery Channel, History Channel, Netflix, National Geographic, and the Smithsonian Channel. Parshall is a coauthor of *Fighting in the Dark* (2023), which details the history of naval night combat, as well as a forthcoming new narrative history of the year 1942, covering all theaters of the war. He is a graduate of Carleton College and the Carlson School of Management.

Jennifer Putnam, PhD

Jennifer Putnam received her PhD in history from the University of London, where she studied prisoner graffiti in Nazi concentration camps and ghettos. Her research was supported by the Bonnart-Braunthal Trust and the Gerda Henkel Foundation and has been published in *Holocaust and Genocide Studies* and *Journal of Contemporary Archaeology*. Prior to her PhD, Putnam received an MPhil in linguistics from Trinity College Dublin, and an MA in contemporary history and politics from the University of London. Putnam is also a Conny Kristel Fellow with the European Holocaust Research Infrastructure (EHRI), a board member of the Art Deco Society UK, and a board member of the Challenging Research Network. She recently served as Research Historian at the Jenny Craig Institute for the Study of War and Democracy.



Alexandra Richie, DPhil

Alexandra Richie is a historian of Germany and Central and Eastern Europe, with a specialization in defense and security issues. She completed her BA (Hons) in political science at the University of Victoria and went on to study at St. Antony's College, Oxford, where she wrote her doctoral thesis, "The Political Manipulation of History in East and West Germany." Richie is also the author of *Faust's Metropolis: A History of Berlin*, which was named one of the top 10 books of the year by *Publishers Weekly*, and *Warsaw 1944: Hitler, Himmler, and the Warsaw Uprising*, which won the Newsweek Teresa Toranska Prize for best nonfiction book of 2014 and the Kazimierz Moczarski Prize for Best History Book 2015. She has contributed to many articles, documentaries, radio, and television programs, and is the Past Convener of the Presidential Counselors at The National WWII Museum. Richie is also a member of the Senate at the Collegium Civitas University in Warsaw, Poland, and the Władysław Bartoszewski co-chair of History and International Studies at the Collegium Civitas.



Krewasky Salter, PhD

Krewasky Salter is a military historian and retired US Army Colonel with 25 years of active military service, including a tour at the Pentagon. He is president and CEO of an academic research and development firm he established in 2011. Salter previously served as president of the Pritzker Military Museum and Library, and as executive director of the First Division Museum and Research Center. He worked with the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History Culture for nine years where he was also an associate curator and military expert, curating the inaugural permanent exhibition *Double Victory: The African American Military Experience*, and temporary exhibition: *We Return Fighting: The African American Experience in World War I*. He also curated *If We Must Fight: African Americans in Defense of Our Nation*, on permanent display in the Pentagon. Salter is the author, contributor, adviser, or editor of several books, including *The Story of Black Military Officers, 1861–1948*, a Routledge Top 10 History Title of 2014 and Association of the United States Army book. He has worked on documentaries, including as associate producer and senior historian for PBS's *Unsung Heroes: The Story of America's Female Patriots*,



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and has appeared on television, including C-SPAN and CBS *This Morning*. He has taught at West Point, the Command and General Staff College, Howard University, and several other institutions as an adjunct professor. He earned his BS from the University of Florida, MS from the Air War College, and MA and PhD from Florida State University.

Sean Scanlon, PhD

Sean Scanlon is a Military Historian at the Jenny Craig Institute for the Study of War and Democracy. He received his BA in history and religious studies from Stonehill College and his MA and PhD in history from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln. A specialist in 20th-century US diplomatic, military, and political history, Scanlon has done research at six presidential libraries and is a member of both the American Jewish Historical Society and the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations. Before joining The National WWII Museum, Scanlon was a visiting assistant professor of history at the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and the University of Mississippi, where he taught a wide range of undergraduate courses in modern US history. He is proud to honor his three grandparents who served during World War II, including Thomas S. Scanlon Jr., who joined the US Army Air Forces in 1942 and retired from the US Air Force in 1971 as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Peter Schrijvers, PhD

Peter Schrijvers is a curator at Liberation Garden, the Belgian WWII museum in Leopoldsborg. Before taking up that position in 2017, he was a research fellow at the Royal Military Academy in Brussels and taught at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva and the University of New South Wales in Sydney. Schrijvers earned his MA from the Catholic University of Louvain and his PhD from The Ohio State University in Columbus. He is the recipient of The General and Mrs. Matthew B. Ridgway Military History Research Grant from the US Army Heritage and Education Center at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania and was awarded research grants by the Belgian Center for War and Contemporary Society, the Swiss National Science Foundation, and the Australian Research Council. Schrijvers is the author of six books: *The Crash of Ruin: American Combat Soldiers in Europe during World War II* (New York University Press, 1998); *The GI War against Japan* (New York University Press, 2002); *The Unknown Dead: Civilians in the Battle of the Bulge* (University Press of Kentucky, 2005); *Liberators: The Allies and Belgian Society, 1944-45* (Cambridge University Press, 2009); *The Margraten Boys: How a European Village Kept America's Liberators Alive* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2012); and *Those Who Hold Bastogne: The True Story of the Soldiers and Civilians Who Fought in the Biggest Battle of the Bulge* (Yale University Press, 2014).

James M. Scott

James Scott, a former Nieman Fellow at Harvard, is the author of *Target Tokyo: Jimmy Doolittle and the Raid That Avenged Pearl Harbor*, which was a 2016 Pulitzer Prize finalist and named one of the best books of the year by *Kirkus Reviews*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, and *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. His other works include *The War Below: The Story of Three Submarines That Battled Japan* and *The Attack on the Liberty: The Untold Story of Israel's Deadly 1967 Assault on a US Spy Ship*, which won the Rear Admiral Samuel Eliot Morison Award. Scott's fourth book, *Rampage*, was named one of the Best Books of 2018 by the editors at Amazon, *Kirkus Reviews*, and *Military Times*. In addition, Scott has been interviewed on national television, public radio, and in newspapers ranging from *The New York Times* to *The Washington Post*. Scott also was a featured presenter on the Smithsonian Channel's television series *Hell Below* and at the 2018 International Conference on World War II. Scott lives with his wife and two children in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina.

Clint Smith

Clint Smith is the author of the #1 *New York Times* best-selling narrative nonfiction book, *How the Word Is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America*, which won the National Book Critics Circle Award for Nonfiction, the Hillman Prize for Book Journalism, and the Stowe Prize, and was selected by *The New York Times* as one of the 10 best books of 2021. He is also the author of the *New York Times* best-selling poetry collection *Above Ground* and the award-winning poetry collection *Counting Descent*. His writing has been published in *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *Poetry Magazine*, *The Paris Review*, and more. Smith received his BA in English from Davidson College and a PhD in education from Harvard University. He is a staff writer at *The Atlantic*.

Mark Stille (CDR, USN, Ret.)

Mark Stille is an author and historian. He completed a career as a US Navy intelligence officer in 2000 after having served on the Joint Staff, on the faculty of the Naval War College, on several other operational tours, and as a member of the ships' companies of carriers *Nimitz* and *Carl Vinson*. After leaving the Navy, he continued a career in the intelligence community for another 18 years and served as a senior intelligence officer for China. As a historian, Stille's primary focus has been on naval operations and warfare with a focus on the Pacific war, bringing unique insight on Pacific war battles and campaigns stemming from his experiences as a naval officer and intelligence professional. To date, he has had 64 books published; among these are three works on the Battle of Leyte Gulf including *Leyte Gulf: A New History of the World's Largest Sea Battle* (2023). His most recent work, published in September 2024, is *Midway: The Pacific War's Most Famous Battle*. He is currently working on a new account of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Stille has lectured widely on a variety of Pacific war topics. He is married, has a son, and currently resides in Annapolis, Maryland.



★ FEATURED SPEAKERS



Anthony Tucker-Jones

Anthony Tucker-Jones is a renowned British author and military historian who has written well over 60 books. His work has also been published in an array of magazines and online. He regularly appears on podcasts, radio, and television commentating on current and historical military matters. He started his career in the British intelligence community before becoming a full-time writer. Tucker-Jones gave the Orlin Russell Corey Memorial Lecture at The National WWII Museum in 2021 when he was last in New Orleans promoting *Churchill, Master and Commander*. His books covering the campaigns of World War II include *Hitler's Winter: The German Battle of the Bulge*; *The Fall of Berlin: The Final Days of Hitler's Evil Regime*; *The Devil's Bridge: The German Victory at Arnhem 1944*; *D-Day 1944: The Making of Victory*; and *Kursk 1943: Voices from the Battlefield*. His next book, *Battle for the Rhineland: Hitler's Last Defence 1944-1945*, is due for publication by Osprey next year. He is currently working on a manuscript titled *The Secret War: Spies, Lies and the Art of Deception in WW2*.



Marie Silva Vallejo

Marie Vallejo has a degree in education and pursued graduate studies in psychology. Her corporate life was in data security and internal auditing at Intel Corporation in Santa Clara, California. She authored *The Battle of Ising*, about the WWII battle for the liberation of Mindanao, Philippines. She has served on the board of the American Historical Collection in Manila, managed the Museum Volunteers of the Philippines' WWII history course modules, and given talks on WWII subjects. Vallejo spearheaded the scanning of the Guerrilla Recognition Program files in the Philippine Archives Collection at the US National Records and Administration that began the Philippine Veterans Administration Office's mission to scan the entire collection and make it available online to show the Filipinos' contribution to WWII history.

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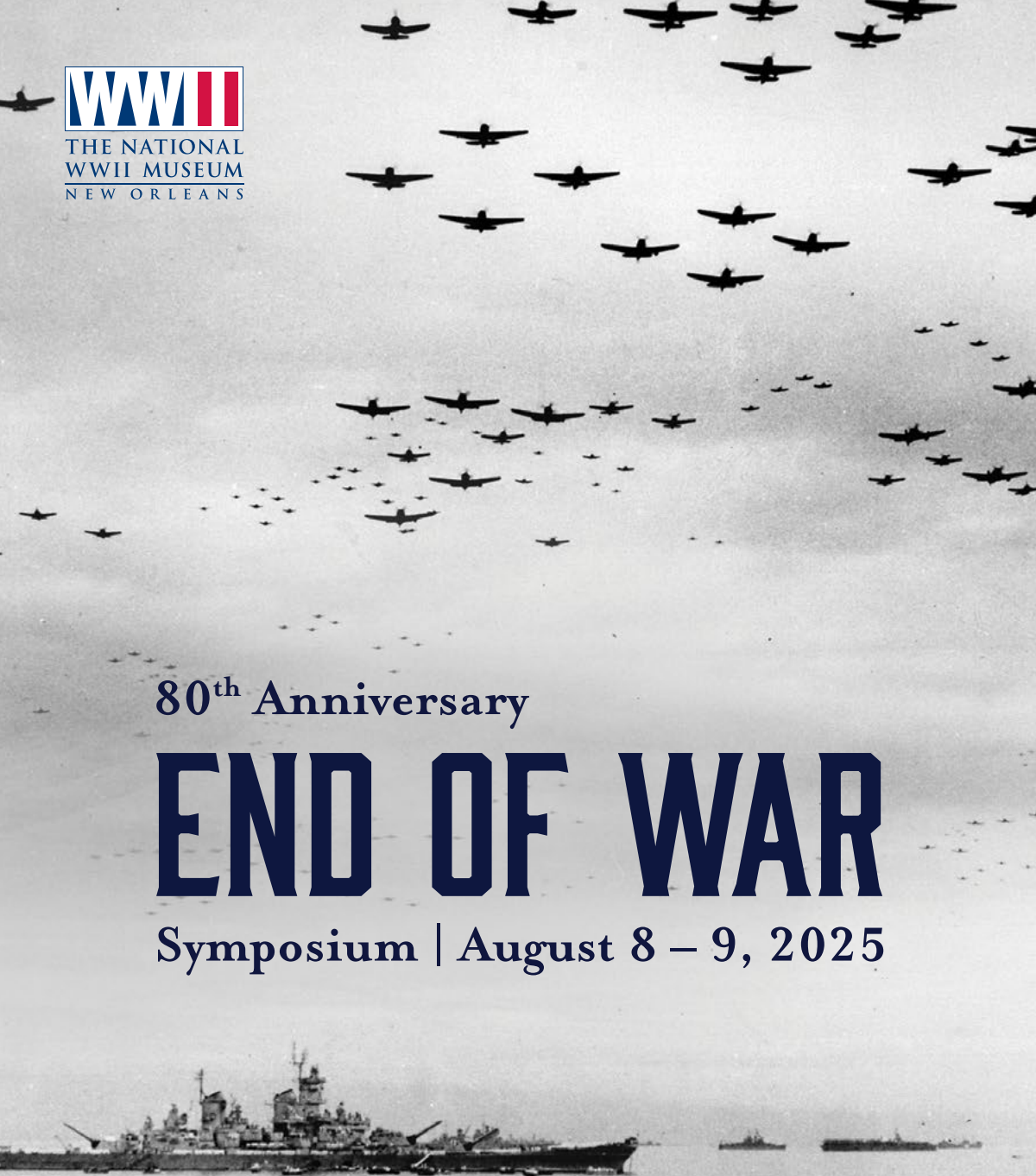
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