



World War II Weekend

September 21-22, 2013



General Eisenhower talks with the 101st Airborne troops before D-Day. Officers and men of Co. E, 502nd Parachute Infantry, gather around him.

“I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle.... We will accept nothing less than full Victory!”

**General Dwight D. Eisenhower
Message to the Allied Forces
June 1944**

General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander of the European Theater in World War II, was the man who led the Allies to victory over Nazi Germany. However, he expressed the view that the real hero of that war was the common soldier, GI Joe. To commemorate and honor the sacrifices made by those who served in the war, the Eisenhower National Historic Site hosts this special annual World War II living history program.

Special Programs

Walk through a living history encampment featuring WWII military units open 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Listen to interpretive talks on military life and the homefront offered every half-hour 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Experience the war through the stories of World War II veterans and authors as they tell their stories and sign books. See the list of speakers and program times on the reverse side of this flyer.

See demonstrations of a captured German Enigma Code machine presented by former National Security Agency employees.

Watch the Victory Society present a 1940s Fashion Show at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Learn the remarkable stories of some of the World War II dead buried in the National Cemetery. Tours at 5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday. Meet the guide inside the Taneytown Road entrance. Free.

Fees, Food and Shuttle

Lunch may be purchased at the site courtesy of Heidlersburg Fire Company.

Access to the site is by shuttle bus from the Gettysburg National Military Park Visitor Center. Shuttles run between 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Weather permitting, this weekend only there will be on-site parking.

Fees are Adults, \$7.50, Children ages 6-12, \$5.00. Children age 5 and under, free.

**Special
Guest
Speakers**

Saturday, September 21

10:00 a.m. – **Guy Whidden** is a D-Day veteran of the 502nd Regiment, 101st Airborne Division. He was wounded during Operation Market Garden. Throughout the war Guy wrote letters home to his mother. Those became the basis for his book *Between the Lines and Beyond: Letters of a 101st Airborne Paratrooper*.

11:00 a.m. – **Bill Guarnere** was a combat infantryman with Easy Company, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division. He is a veteran of D-Day as well as the Battle of the Bulge. In January 1945, he was severely wounded at Bastogne, Belgium. He was portrayed in the HBO mini-series *Band of Brothers*, and wrote *Brothers in Battle/Best of Friends* with his friend Edward “Babe” Heffron.

12:00 Noon – **Jack Womer** was a member of the demolitions unit assigned to the 506th Parachute Regiment, 101st Airborne Division. The unit included the so called “Filthy Thirteen.” **Stephen DeVito** is the author of the book *“Fighting With the Filthy Thirteen”* which tells Jack’s story.

1:00 p.m. – **George Winkler** joined the U.S. Navy on his 17th Birthday in 1942. He served as a gunner onboard four fleet and six merchant marine ships. On his second voyage on the SS Gulf Prince, the ship was torpedoed by an enemy submarine.

2:00 p.m. – **Emmett Lang** served in the 84th U.S. Infantry Division’s 334th Regiment, Company H, and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He was wounded twice, the second time while evading a blast from a Tiger Tank. He authored *Always A Soldier But Never G.I.: A World War II Soldier’s Personal Journey.*”

3:00 p.m. – **Gene Strine**, a World War II naval aviator, tells the story of his salvage of a P-61 Black Widow airplane that crashed on Mount Cyclops in New Guinea in 1945 and the current efforts to restore it to flying condition.

Sunday, September 22

10:00 a.m. **Ken Weiler** will share stories from his new book *The European Theater Anthology of World War II*.

11:00 a.m. **John Alosi** is the author of *War Birds: A History of the 282nd Signal Pigeon Company*, the story of a unit in the U.S. Army that used pigeons as message carriers in the European Theater.

12:00 Noon – **Harold Billow** served in the 285th Field Artillery Observation Battalion and was forced to surrender during the Battle of the Bulge. He is a survivor of the infamous Malmedy Massacre in which Nazi SS troops murdered over 80 American prisoners of war.

1:00 p.m. – **Thomas Hoke** was medic with the rank of staff sergeant in Company C, 312th Medical Battalion, assigned to the 347th Infantry Regiment, 87th U.S. Infantry Division, Third Army. He is a veteran of the Battle of the Bulge. His division suffered 5,637 casualties in WWII.

2:00 p.m. – **Abner Rainbow** flew 105 combat missions in Europe as a P-47 fighter pilot in the 391st Squadron, 366th Fighter Group, 9th U.S. Army Air Force. The 391st supported American ground forces in Normandy, at St. Lo, the Falaise Pocket, in the Hurtgen Forest, and during the Battle of the Bulge.

3:00 p.m. – **Patricia Chapman Meder** is the author of *The True Story of CATCH-22: The Real Men and Missions of Joseph Heller’s 340th Bomb Group in World War II*. Her father Colonel Chapman commanded the 340th Bomb Group.

**Music of the
40s USO
Dance**

A World War II-style USO Dance will be held at the Gettysburg National Military Park Visitor Center, 1195 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg. Saturday, September 21, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Music provided by the Gettysburg Big Band. A cash bar is available. Tickets are \$10.00 per person.