

A NEW LOOK AT WORLD WAR II
HOW AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY AND DIVERSIFICATION HELPED WIN
WORLD WAR II IN 1944 AND STARTED THE NEW AMERICAN MILITARY

PRESENTED BY THE ZEPHYRHILLS MUSEUM OF MILITARY HISTORY

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Full Conference registration - Hyatt Place hotel in Lakeland

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Hospitality and displays - Polk State College Center for Public Safety - lobby

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Opening night program - Polk State College Center for Public Safety - auditorium

Welcome - Mr. Cliff Moffett - President - Zephyrhills Museum of Military History

Welcome - Dr. Amy Bratten - Provost - Polk State College

Welcome - U. S. Congressman Rick Franklin

Introduction by Brig. Gen. (ret.) Thomas V. Draude

First Keynote - Secretary Charles Dijou - American Battle Monuments Commission

Second Keynote - Helen Patton - The Patton Foundation

Third Keynote - Jonna Doolittle-Hoppes - The Doolittle Foundation; Air Force Historical Foundation

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

7:30 am - 9:00 am - Coffee and displays - Polk State College Center for Public Safety - lobby

9:00 am - 10:45 am - Program - Polk State College Center for Public Safety - auditorium

European Theater Overview - Rick Beyer

The Italian Campaign - From Sicily to the Fall of Rome – Roger Cirillo

The Ghost Army of the Cross Channel Invasion – Rick Beyer

10:45 am - 11:00 am - Break, hospitality, displays - Polk State College Center for Public Safety - lobby

11:00 am - 12:45 pm - Program - Polk State College Center for Public Safety - auditorium

World War II technology and the Effects on the Modern Military- Dr. Erin Mahan, Chief Historian of the Office of the Secretary of Defense

Against All Odds: A True Story of Ultimate Courage and Survival in World War II
- Alex Kershaw

12:45 pm - 1:45 pm - Lunch Break - Box Lunch at Polk State Center for Public Safety

1:45 pm - 4:45 pm - Program - Polk State College Center for Public Safety auditorium

Bill Mauldin and the 1944 War Press Coverage – Todd DePastino, PhD

The Pacific Campaigns of 1944 – Jay Wertz

The Pacific and Asian War Together - Richard Frank (via Zoom)

Fighting for their Homeland - MacArthur's Philippines Landings – James Zobel,
Director of the MacArthur Memorial Archives and Library

Panel discussion - All Speakers - How American forces, leadership and technology led to Allied victory in the war – Dana Lombardy - Moderator

5:15 pm - 7:15 pm - Paid attendee and speaker cocktail reception at hotel hospitality suites - wargame and military miniature displays

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

7:30 am - 8:30 am - Breakfast for paid attendees at the hotel

8:30 am - 9:00 am - Bus transportation to Zephyrhills Museum of Military History

9:00 am - 11:30 am - Tour of Zephyrhills Museum of Military History and Military Vehicle Park

11:30 am - 12:30 pm - Buffet lunch for paid attendees - Zephyrhills

12:30 pm - 1:00 pm - Return bus transportation from Zephyrhills Museum of Military History

1:00 pm - 3:30 pm – Panel on the contribution of American forces – Jerry Morelock, PhD; Marco Altobello, Bob Desourdis – Erin Mahan, moderator - Polk State College Center for Public Safety auditorium

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm - Hospitality and displays - Polk State College Center for Public Safety - lobby

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm - Panel Discussion/Q & A with 8 World War II veterans - Todd DePastino, Moderator - Polk State College Center for Public Safety auditorium

END OF CONFERENCE

