

THE AMERICAN VETERANS CENTER'S 13TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 4-6, 2010 -WASHINGTON, DC

LOCATIONS OF EVENTS:

See schedule for times

“The Wounded Warrior Experience” and Daily Speaker Sessions:

U.S. Navy Memorial
Naval Heritage Center
701 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 123
Washington, DC 20004

“Baseball Heroes of World War II”:

Nationals Park
PNC Diamond Club & Lexus Presidents Club
1500 E Capitol St SE
Washington D.C., 20003

13th Annual Awards Gala:

Renaissance Washington DC Hotel
Renaissance Ballroom
999 9th St NW
Washington, DC 20001
Note: Black Tie Preferred

*Bus transportation will be available from the Renaissance Washington DC Hotel to all off-site events.
The buses will pick up/drop off at the K Street entrance on the side of the hotel lobby.*

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

“THE WOUNDED WARRIOR EXPERIENCE”

Presented by

The Military Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation

With additional support from Hewlett-Packard and EA's Medal of Honor

Featuring young service members who have been wounded in the line of duty, sharing their inspiring stories of recovery and determination. Hosted by **Bret Baier** of *Special Report* on the Fox News Channel

Including:

COL Gregory Gadson, USA

SSG Michael Lipari, USA

SSG Randi Gavell, USA

Maj. James Nolan, USAF

CPT Ryan Kules, USA

SSgt. Jeremiah Workman, USMC

6:45 PM – Reception

8:00 PM – Discussion

Location: United States Navy Memorial, 701 Pennsylvania Ave., NW

Buses from Renaissance Hotel depart at 6:30 PM. Returns following event.

This program will be filmed for broadcast on The Pentagon Channel, Veterans Day 2010



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

SPEAKER SESSIONS AT THE U.S. NAVY MEMORIAL - SESSIONS BEGIN AT 8:30 AM

Buses from Renaissance Washington Hotel depart at 7:45 AM

8:30 AM - YEAR OF NAVY SUPPLY: BOOTS ON THE GROUND

Featuring active duty sailors from the Navy Supply Corps who have served in operations around the world.

Featuring:

Rear Admiral Patricia Wolfe, Commander, Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group

With

CDR Bobby Barakat

CDR Mark Harris

LCDR Bruce Kong

Moderated by **Mark Weber**, United States Navy Memorial

9:05 AM - BEHIND ENEMY LINES

Featuring **Major General John K. Singlaub**, highly decorated veteran of OSS operations during World War II and founding member of the CIA.

9:45 AM - WITNESS TO BATAAN

Featuring **Colonel John E. Olson**, aide to General Douglas MacArthur and Lt. General Jonathan Wainwright during the American defense of the Philippines in 1941 and 1942. One of the last surviving officers to have taken part in the infamous Bataan Death March.

10:15 AM - TONIGHT WE DIE AS MEN

Colonel Ed Shames – Veteran of 3rd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry, 101st Airborne Division in WWII. Became the first enlisted man to receive a battlefield commission in the 506th, subsequently being transferred to 2nd Battalion where he served as leader of 3rd Platoon, E Company – the “Band of Brothers.” Contributor to the book, *Tonight We Die as Men*.

10:45 AM - WORLD WAR II: THE ATLANTIC THEATER

Combat stories from men who fought on the front lines against Hitler’s Third Reich.

Featuring:

H. Newcomb “Newc” Eldredge – Veteran of the 10th Mountain Division in the Italian Campaign, and recipient of two Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart for actions during the battle for Mount Belvedere.

William Doyle and **Sam Krauss** – Veterans of the 29th Infantry Division’s landings on Omaha Beach, June 6, 1944.

Additional speakers TBA

Moderated by **Jon Guttman**, Editor, *Military History* magazine and Senior Editor, *World War II* and *Aviation History* magazines.

11:45 AM - THE BATTLE OF IWO JIMA

Veterans of the Marine Corps’ most legendary battle.

Featuring:

Jack Cole Orie Morgan Donald Mates James White

12: 45 PM - LUNCH

Film screening: DUTY HONOR COUNTRY...the Legacy Lives on! by Leon Delisle



1:30 PM - THE MEDAL OF HONOR

Recipients of the U.S. Military’s Highest Award

Featuring:

SFC Ronald Rosser – U.S. Army soldier awarded the Medal of Honor for leading an assault on a fortified hill near Ponggilli during the Korean War.

Captain Thomas J. Hudner, Jr. – U.S. Navy pilot who received the Medal for his effort in trying to save the life of the Navy’s first black pilot, Ensign Jesse Brown, who was shot down during the Battle of Chosin Reservoir in the Korean War.

Colonel Harvey C. “Barney” Barnum – Marine Corps officer awarded the Medal of Honor for directing a counterattack against enemy positions in Quang Tin Province during the Vietnam War.

Colonel Jack Jacobs – U.S. Army officer awarded the Medal of Honor for personally rescuing more than a dozen allied soldiers pinned down by enemy fire during operations in the Mekong Delta of Vietnam. Currently military analyst for MSNBC.

Moderated by **Lt. General Nick Kehoe**, President of the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation.

2:30 PM - TODAY'S HEROES

Several of the most highly decorated service members from Afghanistan and Iraq

Featuring:

Staff Sergeant David Bellavia – Recipient of the Silver Star and recommended for the Medal of Honor for valor during the Second Battle of Fallujah. Author of *House to House*.

Master Sergeant Ed Malone – Recipient of the Bronze Star with Valor for actions in Tal' Afar, Iraq.

Sergeant Marco Martinez – Recipient of the Navy Cross for valor during the Battle of Al Tarmiya. Author of the *Hard Corps*.

Staff Sergeant Jeremiah Workman – Recipient of the Navy Cross for valor during the Second Battle of Fallujah. Author of *Shadow of the Sword*.

SPECIAL EVENING EVENT!

"BASEBALL HEROES OF WORLD WAR II"

Featuring Major League Baseball players who put their careers aside to serve in World War II.

Conference attendees will make up the studio audience for a television program to be recorded for television broadcast, airing on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 2011 (*stay tuned for outlets*). Special guests include several dozen Wounded Warriors from Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda.

Participants:

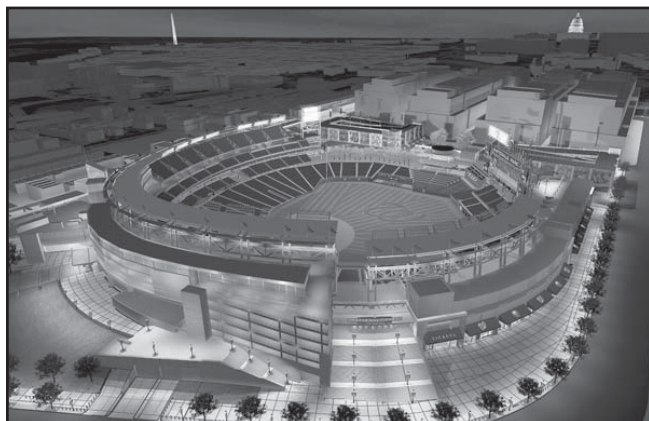
Yogi Berra, New York Yankees – U.S. Navy

Lou Brissie, Philadelphia Athletics – U.S. Army

Jerry Coleman, New York Yankees – U.S. Marine Corps

Bob Feller, Cleveland Indians – U.S. Navy

John Miles, Chicago American Giants of the Negro Leagues – U.S. Air Force



The very special program "Baseball Heroes of WWII" will be taped in the exclusive PNC Diamond Club at Washington Nationals Park. It will be followed by a reception with the players and conference attendees in the Lexus Presidents Club.

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: PNC Diamond Club, Washington Nationals Park

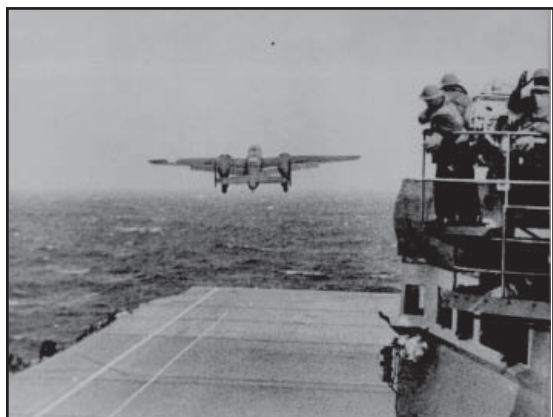
Post-event reception in the Lexus Presidents Club

Buses from Renaissance Washington Hotel depart at 4:45 PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

SPEAKER SESSIONS AT THE U.S. NAVY MEMORIAL - SESSIONS BEGIN AT 8:30 AM

Buses from Renaissance Washington Hotel depart at 7:45 AM



Take off from the deck of the USS HORNET of an Army B-25 on its way to take part in first U.S. air raid on Japan. Doolittle Raid, April 1942.

8:30 AM - FLYING AGAINST THE RISING SUN

Featuring **Colonel James Morehead**, ace pilot and recipient of two Distinguished Service Crosses, who was one of the first American fighter pilots to fly in the Pacific during the dark early days of World War II.

9:00 AM - MOST HONORABLE SON

Featuring **Ben Kuroki**, the only Japanese American allowed to take part in combat missions over Japan during World War II.

9:30 AM - THE DOOLITTLE RAIDERS

Veterans of Jimmy Doolittle's legendary attack on Tokyo, April 18, 1942

Featuring:

Lt. Colonel Richard Cole – Co-pilot, Plane #1 (Jimmy Doolittle's co-pilot)

SSgt David Thatcher – Engineer Gunner, Plane #7

Maj Thomas Griffin – Navigator, Plane #9

Moderated by **Colonel C.V. Glines**, Official Historian of the Doolittle Raid



10:15 AM - THE BAND OF BROTHERS

Veterans of E Company, 2nd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry portrayed in the famed HBO television series.

Featuring:

Ed “Babe” Heffron, Brad Freeman, Don Malarkey

Plus **James Madio**, actor who portrayed Frank Perconte in the television series

Moderated by **Tim Gray**

11:05 AM - THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN

Pilots from the legendary first unit of all-African American airmen during WWII

Featuring:

Dr. Roscoe Brown John Miles Calvin Spann Shelby Westbrook

Moderated by **Jerry Burton**

11:55 PM - THE KOREAN WAR: 60 YEARS LATER

Featuring:

Colonel Warren Wiedhahn - Marine Corps veteran of Inchon and Chosin Reservoir; founder and president of Military Historical Tours.

Captain Thomas J. Hudner, Jr. – U.S. Navy pilot who received the Medal for his effort in trying to save the life of the Navy’s first black pilot, Ensign Jesse Brown, who was shot down during the Battle of Chosin Reservoir in the Korean War.

SFC Ronald Rosser – U.S. Army soldier awarded the Medal of Honor for leading an assault on hill fortified by Chinese forces.

12:45 PM - LUNCH

Film screening: Navy Heroes of Normandy produced by Tim Gray

Book signing with the Doolittle Raiders in the Navy Memorial Quarter Deck

1:30 PM - THE REAL A-TEAM

Featuring veterans of the elite U.S. Army Special Forces, tasked with unconventional warfare, foreign internal defense, special reconnaissance, direct action, hostage rescue, and counter-terrorism.

Featuring: **Steve Dawson Wally Johnson Dr. John Whidden** *Additional participants TBA*

2:20 PM - THE LAST ACE

Featuring **BGen. Steve Ritchie**, the only Air Force “ace” pilot of the Vietnam War and recipient of the Air Force Cross.

2:50 PM - SEAL OF HONOR: THE LIFE OF THE FIRST MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT FROM AFGHANISTAN, LT. MICHAEL P. MURPHY

Featuring:

Dan, Maureen, and John Murphy - Lt. Murphy’s family.

Gary Williams – Author of the book *SEAL of Honor: Operation Red Wings and the Life of Lt. Michael P. Murphy, USN*.

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3:30 PM - THEY ALSO SERVE: THE CONTRIBUTION OF WOMEN TO THE MILITARY

Featuring:

Elaine Danforth Harmon - One of the famed WASP pilots of World War II.

Colonel Susan Luz – The highest-ranking woman in the 399th Combat Support Hospital and recipient of the Bronze Star for service in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Author of *The Nightingale of Mosul*.

Kayla Williams - U.S. Army linguist and former intelligence specialist and veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Author of *Love My Rifle More than You: Young and Female in the U.S. Army*.

NOTE: Shuttle buses for attendees of the 13th Annual Awards Gala will return to the Renaissance Hotel following the final speaker panel.

4:15 - SPECIAL FILM PREMIERE!

WWII IN HD: THE AIR WAR

Following up on 2009’s landmark Emmy Award-winning series, WWII in HD, *The Air War* will premiere on HISTORY on November 10, 2010. Conference attendees will receive an exclusive sneak-peek at the first episode of this anticipated series.

Produced for HISTORY by Lou Reda Productions

SIGNATURE EVENT

THE AMERICAN VETERANS CENTER’S 13TH ANNUAL AWARDS GALA

HONORING AMERICAN HEROES FROM THE GREATEST GENERATION TO THE LATEST GENERATION

REGISTRATION AND RECEPTION: BEGINS AT 6:00 - AWARDS GALA & BANQUET: 7:00