SPECIAL ADVERTISING SECTION



# 2014 ANNUAL WORLD WAR II TRAVEL PLANNER

You don't have to cross an ocean to discover America's World War II heritage and history. It's right here, at amazing museums and historical sites like these.

#### \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

#### Air Zoo

The Air Zoo, rated a "Gem" by AAA, is a destination attraction dedicated to showcasing the history of aviation. The Air Zoo features more than 50 rare and historic aircraft, many of which flew during World War II, including the Curtiss P-40 Warhawk, the Bell P-39 Airacobra, the Republic P-47 Thunderbolt and the Lockheed P-38 Lightning. The Air Zoo also offers indoor amusement park-style rides, a 4-D theater, full-motion flight simulators and Space: Dare to Dream, an interactive exhibit exploring the discovery of space.

Location: 6151 Portage Road, Portage, MI 49002 Contact Info: 269-382-6555, 866-524-7966 (Toll Free) Hours: Mon.–Sat. 9-5, Sun. noon–5. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

**Cost:** General admission \$10 at door; Kids 4 & under are free. Wristband packages and individual tickets are available for rides and attractions.

For more information: www.airzoo.org





#### **IMMERSE YOURSELF IN WWII HISTORY**

# Join us on the road to America's greatest World War II museums.

#### It's a WWII conference on wheels!

- awe-inspiring, in-depth tours of two must-see museums
- \* WWII experts as guest speakers
- exclusive WWII talks and presentations
- ★ warbirds, island war simulation, WWII heritage side trips
- ★ local attractions and flavor; jazz brunch, Texas barbecue, and more
- ★ lasting connections and memories



The National World War II Museum New Orleans, Louisiana birthplace of the Higgins boat



**The National Museum of the Pacific War** Fredericksburg, Texas birthplace of Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz



\*Double occupancy; extra charge for single room. Excludes airfare. Includes lodging, 14 meals, attractions, special events, and motor coach.

## Want to know more? Contact Laura at Specialty Tours

Our exclusive travel planner for this WWII heritage tour

info@spec-tours.com **\*** 866-563-0888 **\*** www.AmericaInWWII.com/double-victory-tour

# **Celebrate the 70th Anniversary of D-Day**



# AT THE NATIONAL D-DAY MEMORIAL

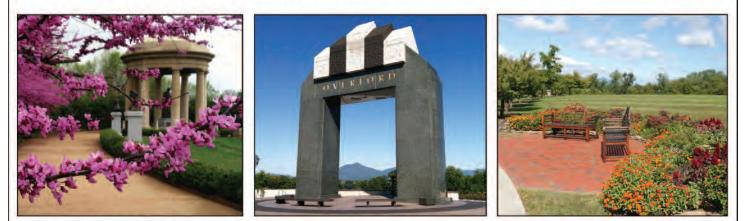
### June 6 - 8, 2014 - A Weekend of D-Day

On Friday, June 6, 2014 join us for a commemoration ceremony at 11AM. Other activities include veterans oral history stations, a USO show at 2PM, a reunion tent, and displays by living historians. At dusk join us for a Canteen and an outdoor showing of *Casablanca*.

On Saturday, June 7 at 10AM the community of Bedford will host a 1940s parade. Later that evening is a performance by the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra at the Memorial.



On Sunday, June 8 at 11AM conclude the weekend of the 70th anniversary events with an authentic WWII field chapel ecumenical service. A unique and moving experience.



The National D-Day Memorial is open daily from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Closed on Christmas Day, New Years Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Monday closings Dec. - Feb. Admission and tour fees apply. For more information on the Memorial or for a list of upcoming events, visit www.dday.org.

The National D-Day Memorial is operated by the National D-Day Memorial Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)(3).

GPS Address: 3 Overlord Circle, Bedford, VA 24523

THE NATIONAL D-DAY MEMORIAL ★ 800-351-DDAY ★ WWW.DDAY.ORG



**Open House 2014 • March 21–22 • Living History Event** The Largest Military Vehicle Rally and Reenactment in the South! • Militaria Flea Market • Vehicle and Period Displays Both Days: Open to the public at 9 AM WWII Battle Reenactment on Saturday at 3 PM

On display at the Museum of the American G.I.'s 14th Annual Open House will be one of the finest collections in the US of restored, running WWI, WWII and later-era military vehicles including a WWI French Renault FT17, WWII Sherman tanks, M18 Hellcats, and various German vehicles. Walk through the WWII Allied and Axis living history display and shop the militaria swap all on March 21–22, 2014.

For more information: www.magicstx.org • 979-255-3675 Follow us on Facebook: Museum of The American GI



#### Liberty Ship JOHN W. BROWN

**2014 Cruises:** May 24, June 14, September 6, and October 4 on Chesapeake Bay in Baltimore.

The day cruise features: continental breakfast, lunch buffet, music, and flybys (conditions permitting) of wartime aircraft. Tour the engine room, museums, bridge, and much more.

> Tickets are \$140. Call 410-558-0164 Conditions and penalties apply to cancellations **For more information:** www.liberty-ship.com

#### Strategic Air & Space Museum

Have your next reunion or event at the Strategic Air & Space Museum and take a look inside our newly restored B-29.

The Museum offers a number of unique options and event services for you to enjoy. With over 300,000 square feet of space, access to interactive exhibits, free parking, and open catering, planning the perfect event is easy and fun. The museum offers private tours for groups of 20 or more at no additional charge.

**Receive a 10% discount** on your booking fee when you mention this advertisement by 12/31/2014.

Strategic Air & Space Museum, 28210 West Park Highway, Ashland, NE 68003 Contact Info: www.SASMuseum.com, 402-944-3100





AmericalnWWII.com/travel-planner.pdf

**2014 ANNUAL WORLD WAR II** 

# 24th Annual WORLD WAR II WEEKEND ~ A Gathering Of Warbirds ~ JUNE 6, 7, 8, 2014



## **Mid Atlantic Air Museum**

11 Museum Drive, Reading, PA 19605 610-372-7333 www.maam.org





#### Texas Air Museum San Antonio, Texas

Preserve aviation history through the preservation and display of aircraft and artifacts from the early beginning of aviation to the present and to preserve the memories of the sacrifices and accomplishments made by the men and women in both military and civilian aviation.

**For more information:** (210) 977-9885 texasair@stic.net • www.texasairmuseum.org GOING OUR WAY?





When you visit the wonderful sites listed in our Travel Planner, tell them *America in WWII* sent you. And if you visit any unlisted sites, tell them they belong in next year's planner!

#### Battleship New Jersey

Experience a tour of our nation's largest and most decorated battleship—the Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial. Climb inside the legendary 16-in guns, see how the officers and crew lived aboard this floating city.

Hold your next reunion or take a group tour of the Battleship New Jersey!

Call us at 866-877-6262, ext 144, or visit us online at www.battleshipnewjersey.org.



AMERICA I

ARMED WITH COURAGE, HONOR AND NOVOCAINE.

MEET THE HEROES BEHIND THE HEROES. Eulist in the City at Sea Tour. \*

> BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY On the Camden Waterfront

2014 ANNUAL WORLD WAR II

AmericalnWWII.com/travel-planner.pdf

# HERDES BORN HERE

Come to scenic Fredericksburg to experience a place where the heroes of tomorrow can be inspired by the heroes of the past. From the Admiral Nimitz Museum, to the Pacific Combat Zone, to the interactive George H.W. Bush Gallery, the National Museum of the Pacific War offers an exciting world-class telling of WWII in the Pacific, and the rich story of the fight for our freedom. PacificWarMuseum.org



Home of Admiral Nimitz Museum | Fredericksburg, Texas

## Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum, and Boyhood Home

Focusing on the personal stories of the unsung heroes and the lesser-known events, *World War II Remembered: Leaders, Battles & Heroes* marks the 70th anniversaries of the war. Highlights of the exhibit feature the Ritchie Boys, Tuskegee Airmen, and Native American Code Talkers along with the heroic stories of women at war and on the working home front!

## JUNE 2013 - DECEMBER 2016



"You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade... The eyes of the world are upon you...I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle... We will accept nothing less than full victory!"

Dwight D. Eisenhower 6 June 1944



Abilene, Kansas • 877.RING.IKE • www.eisenhower.archives.gov