

AMERICA IN WWII

The Magazine Of A People At War 1941-1945

2012 Annual World War II TRAVEL PLANNER

There's a world of fantastic WWII sites waiting for you, across the globe or just down the road. Build your spring and summer travel plans around these great World War II destinations—and feed your love for America's WWII heritage!



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, a new interactive exhibit exploring the discovery of space.

Hours: Mon.-Sat: 9-5, Sun: noon-5.
Closed Thanksgiving and December 24-25.
Cost: General admission is \$8; Kids 4 & under are free. Wristband packages and individual tickets are available for rides and attractions.

6151 Portage Road, Portage, MI 49002
269.382.6555; 866.524.7966 (Toll Free)
www.airzoo.org





Air Mobility Command Museum

Vintage military airplanes from WWII to current jets displayed in a restored World War II hangar on Dover AFB.

B-17, C-47, C-124, C-133, F-106. 29 planes, including rare examples, plus exhibits and simulators.

FREE

Tues-Sun 9-4, FAMILY FRIENDLY

Take exit 91 off DE 1/US113

302-677-5938

www.amcmuseum.org



Los Alamos Historical Museum

Visit the Los Alamos Historical Museum to learn about the Manhattan Project and the development of the world's first atomic bombs that ended WWII. While you are here, discover what else makes our community's history so rich!

Open 361 days a year. Free Admission.

1050 Bathtub Row, Los Alamos, NM 87544

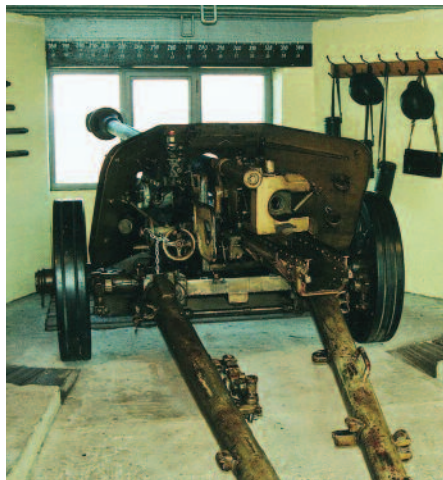
Visit our website, www.losalamoshistory.org

505-662-6272

Atlantic Wall Museum

Visit the impressive remains of the Atlantic Wall—Nazi Germany's massive line of coastal fortifications—at Oostende, Belgium. The WWI Aachen Battery is the Atlantic Wall's most complete surviving battery of its kind. And The WWII *Saltzwedel neu* Battery is a remnant of the mighty defensive line that ran from Norway to the French-Spanish border.

In 1940, as Germany began its occupation of Belgium, defense of captured ports and coastline fell to the German navy, and relied solely on captured guns. In early 1942, the German high command ordered construction of a continuous coastal defense line, the Atlantic Wall. But despite the deployment of enormous resources, the ambitious program could not be completed. Instead, the Germans simply built blockhouses to protect coastal artillery and turn harbor cities into fortresses.



Field Marshal Erwin Rommel inspected the Atlantic Wall in 1943 and implemented a plan to stop invaders on the beaches, including the scattering of obstacles and mines.

Nazi propaganda touted the Atlantic Wall. But on June 6, 1944, the Allies broke through, landing in Normandy. Still, most harbors remained in German hands for a long time, some until the war's end.



The *Saltzwedel neu* Battery, initially built to protect the port of Oostende, was incorporated into the Atlantic Wall and renamed the Tirpitz Battery. Equipped with four captured Belgian 12cm guns, it was later armed with U-boat guns. Today, it retains most of its components and endures as an example of a typical German coastal battery.

**Nieuwpoortsesteenweg 636
Oostende, Belgium**

Open March 24–November 11, 2012

**2–5 P.M. (10:30 A.M.–6 P.M. weekends
& holidays)**

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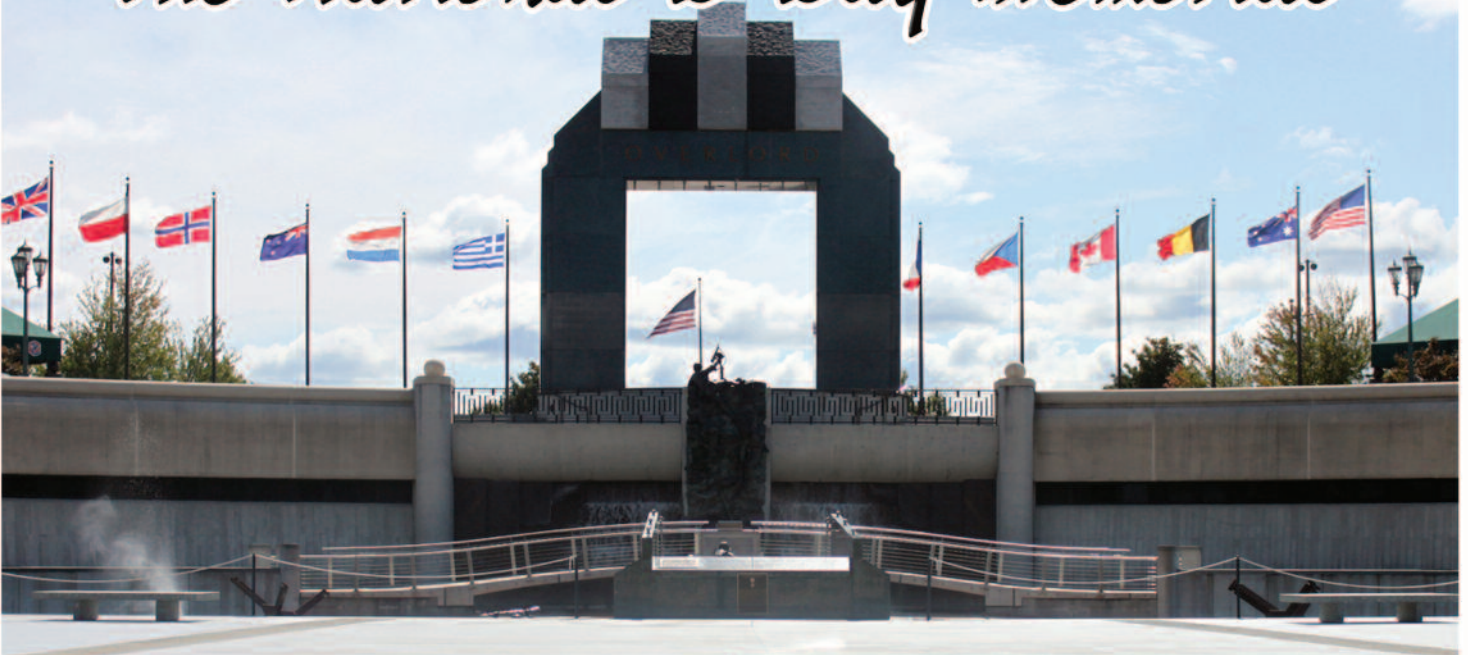
PAYING TRIBUTE TO A GENERATION

Imagine a place where every day is Veterans Day, where old soldiers gather to share memories and young people pause to shake their hands and offer their thanks.



Imagine a place where every day is Memorial Day, where generations gather at a bronze battlefield grave marker to leave flowers, mementos, and gratitude. Perched atop the highest hill in Bedford, Virginia stands the National D-Day Memorial, and it is just such a place.

The National D-Day Memorial



Open daily from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Closed on Christmas Day, New Years Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Monday closings Dec. - Feb. The Memorial will be open Monday, December 26th. Admission and tour fees apply. For more information on the Memorial or for a list of upcoming events, visit www.dday.org.

GPS Address: 3 Overlord Circle, Bedford, VA
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 77, Bedford, VA 24523
800-351-DDAY ★ www.dday.org





The National World War II Museum

Designated by Congress as the country's official WWII Museum, this New Orleans landmark dramatically illuminates the teamwork, courage, American spirit and sacrifice of the men and women who won the war that changed the world. As part of the Museum's on-going expansion, the new 4-D film "Beyond All Boundaries," live entertainment in the Stage Door Canteen and the American Sector Restaurant by Chef John Besh are delighting visitors of all ages.

www.nationalww2museum.org 504-528-1944
945 Magazine St, New Orleans, LA



Liberty Ship JOHN W. BROWN

2012 Cruises: June 16, July 21, and September 8 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 check our website:
www.liberty-ship.com

First Division Museum at Cantigny

The First Division Museum presents the story of the famed "Big Red One" from the Revolutionary War through Desert Storm with dioramas and audio-visual displays, including galleries on North Africa and Sicily, a re-creation of Omaha Beach, and an actual Sherman tank from WWII in the Battle of the Bulge gallery.

The museum is located on Cantigny Park in Wheaton, Illinois. Parking is \$5.00. Admission to the museum is free.

For hours please call 630-260-8185 or go online to www.FirstDivisonMuseum.org



**THE MID ATLANTIC AIR MUSEUM'S
22ND ANNUAL
WWII WEEKEND
JUNE 1ST - 2ND - 3RD, 2012**



A Gathering of Warbirds

See the progress of MAAM's Rare Northrop P-61 restoration on the ramp!

**Daily Warbird Airshow,
80 Restored Vintage Aircraft, 200 Military Vehicles,
120 Vendor Military Collectors Flea Market,
1,700 Living History Performers,
1940's Entertainment,
USO Style Hangar Dances Friday & Saturday Evenings**

**Mid Atlantic Air Museum,
Reading Regional Airport, Reading, PA
Adult \$25 / Child \$12, FREE Parking & Shuttle Busses
For More Info & Tickets, Visit Our Website www.maam.org 610-372-7333**

Warhawk Air Museum World War II Museum and Gift Shop



ADMISSION:
\$10 General, \$8 Seniors (65+)
\$8 military, \$4 kids (5-12)

Original aircraft from WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. A wedding dress made from WWII Japanese parachute silk. Trench art and sweetheart pillows. A place for families to share our country's history.

Explore personal histories from the battlefield and the home front with us in our 36,000 sq. ft. facility.



Nampa Airport • www.warhawkairmuseum.org
208-465-6446



Texas Air Museum

Texas Air Museum at historic Stinson Field in San Antonio, Texas, where you can see one of the only 10 remaining German FW-190s. 30,000 square foot facility.

Open Tues-Sat 10am-5pm
210-977-9885

info@texasairmuseum.org

Strategic Air & Space Museum

Have your next reunion or event at the Strategic Air & Space Museum.

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 also offers private tours for groups of 20 or more at no additional charge.

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