

The International Conference on World War II

March 5-6, 2021

A FREE VIRTUAL EVENT

Conference Schedule

Friday, March 5, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

International Conference on World War II Opening
Welcome Remarks – Stephen Watson, President &
CEO, The National WWII Museum
Opening Remarks – TBD, Pritzker Military Museum &
Library

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Drawing Fire: The Editorial Cartoons of Bill Mauldin
A conversation with Todd Depastino, PhD and Rob
Citino, PhD

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Air Power in Asia -Moderator – Conrad Crane, PhD
First Fighter Pilots: The Flying Tigers – Sam Kleiner
Raining Fire: B-29s over Japan – James M. Scott

11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Break

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

The End of the War in the Pacific Moderator – Richard
Frank
Crucible of Hell: Okinawa – Saul David, PhD
Struggle for Survival: China, 1945 – Rana Mitter, PhD

12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Break

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Testaments to Sacrifice: WWII Memorialization in
Europe and Asia Moderator – Guenter Bischof, PhD
Triumph of the Dead - Kate Clarke LeMay, PhD
China's Long War - Rana Mitter, PhD

2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Fighting for the Right to Fight: African American
Experiences in World War II Moderator – John Morrow,
PhD

At the Front, 1917-1945 – Chad Williams, PhD
Honor Delayed: Medal of Honor Recipients – Robert
Jefferson, PhD

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Break

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

A World at Arms: World War II's Forgotten Fronts
Moderator – Gerhard Weinberg, PhD
The Allies Finally Win One: The East Africa Campaign,
1940-1941 – Michael Neiberg, PhD
Unexpected Allies: The OSS and Ho Chi Minh – Dixee
Bartholomew-Feis, PhD

Saturday, March 6, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

King of Battle: Artillery in World War II - Moderator –
John McManus, PhD
Tank Killers: U.S. Anti-Tank Weapons – Steven Zaloga
Twelve Seconds of Silence: The Proximity Fuse – Jamie
Holmes

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Never Forget: Preserving and Teaching Holocaust
History
Moderator – Jason Dawsey, PhD
The Morgenthau Collection at the FDR Library – Paul
Sparrow
Holocaust Memories in Eastern Europe - Alexandra
Richie, DPhil

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Break

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Breaking Through the Shadows of WWII History:
Hispanic American Experiences
Introduction by Adam Givens, PhD
Presentation by Dave Gutierrez

12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. Break

12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Arsenal of Democracy: American Mobilization
Moderator – Allan Millett, PhD
“100,000 Combat Planes”: Manufacturing Air Power –
Tami Davis Biddle, PhD
A Call to Arms: American Industry – Maury Klein

1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Break

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

1942: Turning Points
Stalingrad – Robert M. Citino, PhD
Midway – Jonathan Parshall
El Alamein – Niall Barr, PhD

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Conference Closing Remarks

Schedule Subject to Change

The National WWII Museum in New Orleans has hosted The International Conference on World War II since 2006—bringing together the best and brightest scholars, authors, historians, and witnesses to history from around the globe to discuss key battles, personalities, strategies, issues, and controversies of *the war that changed the world*. In addition to the many returning presenters, the Conference Planning Committee makes an effort to invite new historians each year to share their latest findings.

Joining the featured speakers are hundreds of attendees who travel from all over the world to learn more about this epic event. With an emphasis on nonacademic presentations and encouraging presenters to be more conversational than presentational, the Conference strives to connect with the audience through engaging discussions, question and answer periods, book signings, and receptions throughout the weekend.

With the generous and continued support of the Museum’s longstanding partner and Conference presenting sponsor, the Pritzker Military Museum & Library, The International Conference on World War II remains the world’s leading convention of WWII experts, students, and enthusiasts.



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