

• **Same Time, New Day, and New Place** •

7:00 p.m., Second Tuesday (Except April), Minnesota History Center – Saint Paul
Free Auditorium Admission for Everyone – a Parking Fee Will Be Charged at Lot Entrance
Parking Is Free for WWII Veterans and Students
The Market House by D’Amico Restaurant is Available for Early Arrivers

6:00 p.m. – Student Outreach – provides Informal conversations with the authors and veterans on the program topic.

2019

- Sep 10 Anzio Breakout – The Battle of Aprilia
Flint Whitlock, author of *Desperate Valour*, and veterans of the Italian campaign, will discuss the difficult conditions and fierce resistance that were overcome before final victory.
- Oct 8 Diplomacy for the Atomic Bomb
Philip Padgett, author of *Advocating Overlord*, will divulge the evolution of conflict between the Allies to develop the A-Bomb, and how the resolution led to the success of D-Day.
- Nov 12 The Dr. Harold C. Deutsch Lecture – Difficulties of Coalition Warfare
Dr. Mark Stoler, author of *Allies and Adversaries*, will present the struggle between commands and staffs of the Allied forces to achieve victory with coalition warfare.
- Dec 10 Relief in the Bulge – The 7th Armor Division Counterattack – 75th Anniversary
Dr. Greg Fontenot, author of *Loss and Redemption at St. Vith*, as well as veterans of the battle, will discuss the defense and disputed aspects of intelligence and final victory.

2020

- Jan 14 Evolution of the Russian Army
Dr. Bruce Menning, author of upcoming *Russian Army and First World War* and also the classic *Bayonets Before Bullets*, will discuss the turmoil of WWI as it led into WWII.
- Feb 11 Return to the Philippines – The Battle of Manila
James Scott, author of *Rampage*, as well as veterans, will discuss the MacArthur pledge to return, and the bloody urban fighting in Manila that resulted from the Japanese defense.
- Mar 10 Operation Varsity, 75th Anniversary
James Felton, author of *Four Hours of Fury*, and veterans of the invasion, will discuss the largest airborne operation during WWII into Germany and crossing the Rhein River at Wesel.
- Mar 24 The Chief of Staff for Eisenhower
Dr. Daniel Crosswell, author of *Beetle*, will present the contributions of Bedell Smith in guiding the difficult orchestration of the Allied forces to achieve victory in Europe.
- Apr 9 The First American Tank Battles of WWII – Defense of the Philippines
(Thur) Don Caldwell, author of *Thunder on Bataan*, as well as veterans of the Pacific War, discuss the valiant effort of National Guard 192^d and 194th Tank Battalions to hold off attacks.
- May 12 Remembering the 75th Anniversary of V-E Day
Steve Harding, author of *The Last Battle*, as well as veterans of the final days of war in Europe, will discuss the idea of last redoubt and the climatic end of WWII in Europe

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STAFF RIDE: 21 May – 6 June: Luxemburg, Trier, Hammelburg, Rothenburg, Nuremburg, Flossenbürg, Munich, Berchtesgaden, Mauthausen, and Linz.