



You Are Invited to Attend the

13th Annual Sarasota World War II Conference

Tuesday & Wednesday - January 23-24, 2018

based at the Sandcastle Resort on Lido Beach, Sarasota, FL, with

**Edwin C. Bearss, Roger Cirillo, Lee F. Kichen, Robert J. Laplander, Erin R. Mahan,
Robert Mullauer, Steven Knott, Jay Wertz and Mitchell Yockelson.**

Once again, in January, we will land on the warm white sands of Lido Beach with a combined task force of **distinguished World War II historians** and **decorated World War II combat veterans** for the 2018 World War II Conference! Joining us for the first time as presenters will be the esteemed **Robert J. Laplander** and **Steven W. Knott**, along with returning stalwart presenters **Ed Bearss, Roger Cirillo, Lee Kichen, Erin Mahan, Bob Mullauer, Jay Wertz** and **Mitchell Yockelson**. Truly this is an impressive, well-credentialed faculty!

We also expect several **World War II combat veterans** to be with us to share their incredible stories. These gallant heroes, up in years, are of questionable health, and we won't know until the day of their scheduled appearance whether for sure they can be with us. But we are hopeful - as their stories will uplift us - and because these men richly deserve our recognition and respect.

Our topics of presentation are varied – a mix of European and Pacific theaters - and many will deal with lesser known subjects. You certainly should come away from this conference substantially enriched.

During the conference, a comprehensive selection of military history **books will be available** - you'll be able to acquire books written by our faculty members and secure autographed copies.

We will be again be headquartered at the **Sandcastle Resort on Lido Beach**, 1540 Ben Franklin Drive, Sarasota, FL 34236 where we have reserved a block of rooms at special discounted rates – see information below.

For attendees not staying at the Sandcastle, **parking is available on the street** - and local **bus service (SCAT - Route 4)** has a stop across the street from the hotel.

Please review the enclosed Schedule to see **what an exciting program** we will present. And on the Registration Page, note that you can **enroll for all or any part** of the conference. Call **800-298-1861 today to enroll. We Hope to See You!**

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EDWIN C. BEARSS, historian emeritus of the National Park Service, is the most well known battlefield guide in the world, and acclaimed as one of the stars of Ken Burns's award-winning PBS series, *The Civil War*. He leads military history tours year-around including World War I and World War II in Europe. He served with the 3d Marine Raider Battalion in the invasion of Guadalcanal and the Russell Islands and 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, in New Britain. On January 2, 1944, he was severely wounded at "Suicide Creek" (Cape Gloucester, New Britain) by Japanese machine gun fire and spent 26 months recovering in various hospitals.

ROGER CIRILLO recently retired as the Director of the Book Program of the Institute of Land Warfare, Association of the United States Army (AUSA) He is a prolific researcher on World War II and is the author of numerous published articles on the subject.

ROBERT J. LAPLANDER is the leading authority on the 'Lost Battalion' of the 77th Division and the author of *Finding the Lost Battalion: Beyond the Rumors, Myths and Legend of America's Famous WWI Epic*. He is featured in the television event *The Great War*; a 6-hour, 3-part record of America's contributions in WWI presented as part of the American Experience series for PBS in conjunction with the 100th Anniversary of the war. He is also the author of *The True Story of the Wooden Horse*, an account of the POW escape from Stalag Luft III during WWII.

LTC LEE F. KICHEN, USA-Ret is a retired Armor officer who served in command and staff positions in Armor, Armored Cavalry and Mechanized Infantry units. He has served on the faculties of Slippery Rock University and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and the United States Air Force Air War College.

STEVEN W. KNOTT is a retired U. S. Navy Captain Knott currently assigned to the U. S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where he teaches military history, theater strategy, and campaign formulation. In 2009, he was awarded the Admiral William F. Halsey Chair of Naval Studies to recognize his superior academic contributions to the college. His other awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards) and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (seven awards), as well as several unit and operational awards.

ERIN R. MAHAN is Chief Historian of the Office of the Secretary of Defense. She previously served as associate research fellow at Center for the Study of Weapons of Mass Destruction at the National Defense University and is an adjunct research historian for the Miller Center of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia.

ROBERT MULLAUER teaches and leads tours on various military topics. He specializes in World War II, the American Civil War, and the Napoleonic Wars and is a seasoned trekker of WWII battlefields in Europe and the Pacific.

JAY WERTZ is the author of six books including two award-winning volumes in the War Stories: World War II Firsthand series, *D-Day: The Campaign Across France*; and *The Pacific: Volume One – Pearl Harbor to Guadalcanal*, as well as *The Pacific: Volume Two – The Solomons to Saipan*.

MITCHELL YOCKELSON is an archivist at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) where he works in the Office of the Inspector General and heads the Archival Recovery Team (ART). Additionally, he teaches history at the United States Naval Academy and military history at Norwich University. He leads tours to World War I and World War II battlefields for clients such as National Geographic Expeditions, Smithsonian Institution Residents Associate Program and the New York Times. Mitch has appeared on 60 Minutes, PBS, the History Channel and the Pentagon Channel. He is the author of *Borrowed Soldiers, Americans under British Command, 1918*; *MacArthur: America's General*; *Grant: Savior of the Union*; and *Forty-Seven Days: How Pershing's Warriors Came of Age to Defeat the Germans in Autumn, 1918*.

Schedule - 2018 Sarasota World War II Conference - Schedule

Tuesday, January 23

7:30 AM-8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast - Ballroom
8:00 AM throughout	Book Display & Sale courtesy of A. Parker Books, Sarasota
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	<i>The Desert Fox and the Hounds at his Heels: North Africa, 1942-1943 – Jay Wertz</i>
9:45 M – 10:45 AM	<i>The Germans in Normandy – Steven W. Knott</i>
11:00 AM -12:00 N	<i>Drugs in the Third Reich – Erin R. Mahan</i>
12:00 N – 1:00 PM	Group Lunch in Dining Room
1:15 PM – 2:15 PM	<i>Myths of Midway - Robert Mullauer</i>
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	<i>Thank God for Dr. Letterman's Reforms – or I would Not Be Here Today! - Edwin C. Bearss</i>
3:45 PM - 4:30 PM	<i>A Visit with WWII Combat Veterans – names TBA</i>
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Reception in honor of our World War II Veterans - Cash Bar

Wednesday, January 24

7:30 AM-8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast - Ballroom
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	<i>The Battle of Brisbane, November 26-27, 1942: A Riot between American and Australian Allies - Mitchell Yockelson</i>
9:45 AM – 10:45 AM	<i>The Great Marianas Turkey Shoot - Robert Mullauer</i>
11:00 AM – 12:00 N	<i>Mark Clark and the Drive on Rome - Roger Cirillo</i>
12:00 N - 1:00 PM	Group Lunch in Dining Room
1:15 PM - 2:15 PM	<i>The True Story of the Wooden Horse - Robert F. Laplander</i>
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	<i>The Hammelberg Incident: Patton's Last Controversy – Lee F. Kichen</i>
3:45 PM - 4:30 PM	<i>Open Forum Q & A – all faculty</i>

We reserve the right to change the order and topics of presentations, and to substitute faculty members as circumstances may dictate.

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

We will be based at the [Sandcastle Resort](#) on Lido Beach, 1540 Ben Franklin Drive, Sarasota, FL 34236 where we have reserved a block of rooms at the special discounted nightly rates of

- \$144-Non View; \$164-Court View; \$183-Poolside; \$204-Gulf Front.
- Our attendees **WILL NOT** be assessed the Sandcastle's \$25 per day Resort Fee.
- **To reserve a room under our block call 800-225-2181** and identify yourself as a registrant for the **World Wars Conference**.

REGISTRATION - 2018 SARASOTA WORLD WAR II CONFERENCE - REGISTRATION

Tuesday January 23 through Wednesday January 24

Registrant A

Registrant B

Name _____ Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____

E-mail address _____

For Each Registrant Above, Please Check An Attendance Option Below:

- | <u>A</u> | <u>B</u> | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Full Program: Tuesday & Wednesday - 12 Sessions - includes 2 continental breakfasts, 2 Lunches and Tuesday PM reception | \$395 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Basic Program: Tuesday & Wednesday - 12 Sessions – includes 2 continental breakfasts - Lunches & Thurs Reception NOT included | 325 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Tuesday Only: 6 Sessions - Continental Breakfast included; Lunch & Reception NOT included | 165 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Tuesday Morning Only: 3 Sessions- Continental Breakfast included | 95 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Tuesday Afternoon Only: 3 Sessions | 70 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Wednesday Only: 6 Sessions – Continental Breakfast included; Lunch NOT included | 165 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Wednesday Morning Only: 3 Sessions- Continental Breakfast included | 95 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Wednesday Afternoon Only: 3 Sessions | 70 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Tuesday PM Reception (Cash Bar): | 25 |

Please Note:

- For those not enrolled for group lunches, you can purchase lunch through the hotel.

IF YOU MUST CANCEL, YOUR REGISTRATION FEE WILL BE 100% REFUNDED.

To Enroll:

Call 800-298-1861, or

Complete and Fax this form to 800-550-1347, or

Mail to CWEA, Box 78, Winchester, VA 22604

Enclosed are Fees Totaling \$ _____

Check Payable to CWEA or Charge my MasterCard, VISA, Discover or AMEX

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Security# (3 digit # on back of VISA, MC or DISC or 4 digit # on front of AMEX) _____

Signature _____

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