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Welcome to San Diego!

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to San Diego for what promises to be a truly historic weekend.

We are honored to have so many distinguished organizations represented at this year's National Leaders Conference, and to have representatives from more than 30 states. Together, you bring a diversity of perspective and ideas that will enhance all of our individual efforts to keep the Spirit of '45 in our respective communities.

National Spirit of '45 Day has been steadily gaining traction, during the past two years as hundreds of communities, from the East Coast to Hawaii, have organized events and activities to observe this new annual day to honor the achievements and legacy of service of the men and women of the World War II generation. I've been personally very pleased that my colleagues in Major League Baseball are observing National Spirit of '45 Day in August each year.

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the Doolittle Raid and the battle of Midway. It's an important anniversary for me personally: in June 1942, I signed with the New York Yankees. However, like baseball legends Bob Feller, Hank Greenburg and so many others, I put my big league dreams on hold to serve my country. I was fortunate to have come home safely and live my dream by having a 70-year career in professional baseball.

America is experiencing some difficult times right now, and people, especially our youth, need to have the confidence that we have the ability to come together again and work towards a better future for all. The example of the men and women of the World War II generation is the inspiration we need as we tackle the challenges of today.

I consider the five years I spent serving my country to have been the most important thing that I have done in my life. This is why I am proud to have been asked to be a spokesman for National Spirit of '45 Day, and why I am eager to meet all of you during your stay here in San Diego. You are the ones who are making it happen!

Thank you for helping to keep their Spirit alive in America!

Semper Fi!



Honorary Conference Chairman



Jerry Coleman is the only Major League Baseball player to have served in combat in both WWII and the Korean War. He flew 120 missions as a Marine pilot, earning two Distinguished Flying Crosses. Jerry was the MVP of the World Champion New York Yankees in 1950. He has been the "Voice of the San Diego Padres" since 1972.

111TH UNITED STATES CONGRESS CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 226

Whereas on August 14, 1945, the people of the United States received word of the end of World War II;

Whereas on that day, people in the United States and around the world greeted the news of the Allies' noble victory with joyous celebration, humility, and spiritual reflection;

Whereas the victory marked the culmination of an unprecedented national effort that defeated the forces of aggression, brought freedom to subjugated nations, and ended the horrors of the Holocaust;

Whereas these historic accomplishments were achieved through the collective service and personal sacrifice of the people of the United States, both those who served in uniform and those who supported them on the home front;

Whereas more than 400,000 Americans gave their lives in service to their country during World War II;

Whereas, August 14, 1945, marked not only the end of the war, but also the beginning of an unprecedented era of rebuilding in which the United States led the effort to restore the shattered nations of the Allies and their enemies alike and to create institutions to work towards a more peaceful global community;

Whereas the men and women of the World War II generation created an array of organizations and institutions during the postwar era which helped to strengthen American democracy by promoting civic engagement, volunteerism, and service to community and country;

Whereas the courage, dedication, self-sacrifice, and compassion of the World War II generation have inspired subsequent generations in the United States Armed Forces, including the men and women currently in service in Iraq, Afghanistan, and around the world;

Whereas the entire World War II generation, military and civilian alike, has provided a model of unity and community that serves as a source of inspiration for current and future generations of Americans to come together to work for the continued betterment of the United States and the world; and

Whereas the second Sunday in August has been proposed "Spirit of '45 Day" to commemorate the anniversary of the end of World War II on August 14, 1945:

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That Congress supports the observance of "Spirit of '45 Day".

Passed the House of Representatives July 26, 2010; Passed the Senate August 5, 2010



United States Department of the Interior

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February 14, 2012

Mr. Warren Hegg
Spirit of 45

Dear Warren,

As you know, I will not be able to attend the wonderful event in San Diego this year. Believe me, if there were anyway possible for me to be there, it would be there to celebrate with you.

What you and your organization are doing to engage young people in history is truly remarkable. Those of us who have toiled in the vineyards for years to keep the importance of our history front and center for Americans, think that what you have done and are doing to interest youth—by channeling their fascination with digital technology into learning about history—is truly remarkable. I also know from talking to many veterans that connecting the next generation with the “Greatest Generation” is an incredibly important experience for them as well.

Please know that while I am not able to be there in person, I am with you in spirit this weekend.

Sincerely,

Robert K. Sutton, Ph.D.
Chief Historian, National Park Service



Dr. Sutton meets Spirit of '45 founding member and Pearl Harbor Survivor Layton Warn

A TRIBUTE TO “THE NURSE”

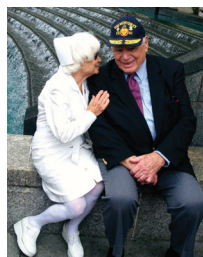
The KEEP THE SPIRIT OF '45 ALIVE family lost a dear friend and devoted advocate when Edith Shain, the nurse from the iconic “Times Square Kiss” photograph passed away on June 20, 2010 at the age of 91.

Edith was a devoted spokesperson for KEEP THE SPIRIT OF '45 ALIVE. She always gently deflected the admiration and attention that inevitably came her way, reminding audiences that her famous moment was a symbol of a greater story.

She was a representative of a generation that came together in America's time of need, and in doing so, not only won a war, but set an example of service and national unity that continues to inspire us today.



Edith at our first Spirit of '45 event in 2008, and in her nurse's uniform during the war



Edith and Ernest Borgnine

And, befitting someone whose moment in the spotlight was shared by a serviceman, she always made a point of reminding us that the true sacrifices had been made by our men and women in uniform and their families.

We are proud to have known Edith, and to have been inspired by her energy, warmth and devotion. We pledge to carry on the cause that she so passionately championed, to keep her spirit -- and the Spirit of '45 -- alive forever.

EDITH ON KEEP THE SPIRIT OF '45 ALIVE

Anyone who has seen the photo of me being kissed in Times Square on August 14, 1945, knows where I was on the day World War II ended!

That was 65 years ago, but I still remember how our whole country rejoiced at the news that there would be peace! Whether serving in uniform or supporting our boys on the home front, all of our lives were forever changed on that day.

The people of our generation learned that we could overcome any challenge if we work together as a community. It is my hope that our example can help inspire a renewed spirit of service and national unity in America, especially among our youth.

Thank you for keeping the Spirit of '45 alive!

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The following public figures have lent their support to Spirit of '45 Day activities



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Actor, WWII Navy
Veteran



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Actress



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Actress, Artist



KELLY STEWART
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Mr. Jerry Coleman and Dr. Roscoe Brown
Honorary Co-Chairs
Spirit of '45 National Leaders Conference & Awards Dinner
P.O. Box 1568
Poway, CA 92074

Dear Mr. Jerry Coleman and Dr. Roscoe Brown,

When I took the oath as the national commander at our annual convention in Minneapolis, I shared my theme for the year: We Serve With PRIDE. For more than 92 years Legionnaires have been doing just that and as we head toward our centennial we will continue to remind the public that America must never forget its veterans.

As you gather together for the Spirit of '45 National Leadership Conference, be reminded how important it is today to welcome home those brave men and women who wear the uniform, many who have been in harm's way. We need to support them and their families as they return to the communities they defended.

The legacy of our "Greatest Generation" is far reaching. As the first Chinese-American national commander of The American Legion, I applaud efforts to include in that legacy our Chinese American veterans. My post, Lt. B.R. Kimlau Chinese Memorial Post 1291 in New York, was founded by returning Chinese-American veterans after World War II and for over 65 years has served our members and community, dedicated to upholding the goals and ideals of justice, freedom, democracy and loyalty.

As you prepare for this summer's "Spirit of '45 Day" during this leadership conference, I join with you in honor of this legacy, believing it will always continue to inspire America.



Sincerely,

FANG A. WONG
National Commander

National Commander Wong and members
of Lt. B.R. Kimlau Post 1291 with "Times
Square Kiss" at 2011 Veterans Day Parade
in New York City



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February 2, 2012

Dear Mr. Hegg,

Congratulations upon the commencement of the Spirit of '45 National Leadership Conference. Your efforts are an important way to commemorate the achievement, courage and ultimate sacrifice of the "Greatest Generation." I salute your endeavor to properly honor them as well as the spirit of collective patriotism of '45.

Of course, we can never repay what our nation owes to our World War II veterans and the countless others who contributed to the effort to defeat the Axis powers – *not* as conquerors, but as liberators – and then, in turn, used America's economic and political power to defend freedom and rebuild a shattered world. As an organization of combat veterans, we believe that it is imperative to ensure that their memory and important legacy will not fade or disappear into anonymity.

It is equally important to remember the obligation we owe to all veterans. Simply put, because of their actions and devotion to duty, the flame of freedom burns brighter today than ever before throughout the world. The tradition of service demonstrated by those who served during World War II and succeeding generations provides lasting testimony to the indomitable and tenacious spirit that resides in the heart of our military veterans.

We thank you for your dedication and your noble effort in honoring and keeping their historical heritage alive for future generations of Americans to appreciate.

Sincerely,

Richard L. DeNoyer
VFW National Commander

2012 NATIONAL LEADERS CONFERENCE

Friday, February 17th

Review of 2011 Spirit of '45 Events & Activities

Working Session 9:00 AM – Noon

Lunch with Pearl Harbor Survivors

Working Session 1:00 – 3:30 PM

(Location: San Diego Veterans Museum and Memorial, Balboa Park*)

Welcome Reception with San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders

Honoring African American WWII Veterans

6:00 – 7:00 PM

Special screening of “Red Tails”

(Location: Regal Theatre at Hobart Plaza)

Saturday, February 18th

“Bringing Youth and Seniors Together to Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive”

Working Sessions 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

(Location: San Diego Hall of Champions Balboa Park*)

Annual Awards and Celebration Dinner

6:00 – 9:00 PM

Hosted by San Diego Air and Space Museum*

2012 Spirit of '45 Lifetime Achievement Award

General Chuck Yeager

2012 “Arsenal of Democracy” Awards

General Motors Ford Motor Company Chrysler Group
Boeing Corporation Lockheed Martin Northrop Grumman

Sunday, February 19th

Tribute to a Generation

11:00AM-NOON

Location Greatest Generation Walk - Tuna Harbor Park *

Col. Dave Severance - Miranda Hope

Music performed by Spring Valley Middle School Marching Band

Conducted by James Villegas and Al Bodenlos, Pearl Harbor Survivor

Buglers: Ron Bykowski (Illinois) Brent Christenson (Utah) Bill Vane and

Clayton Becker (California)

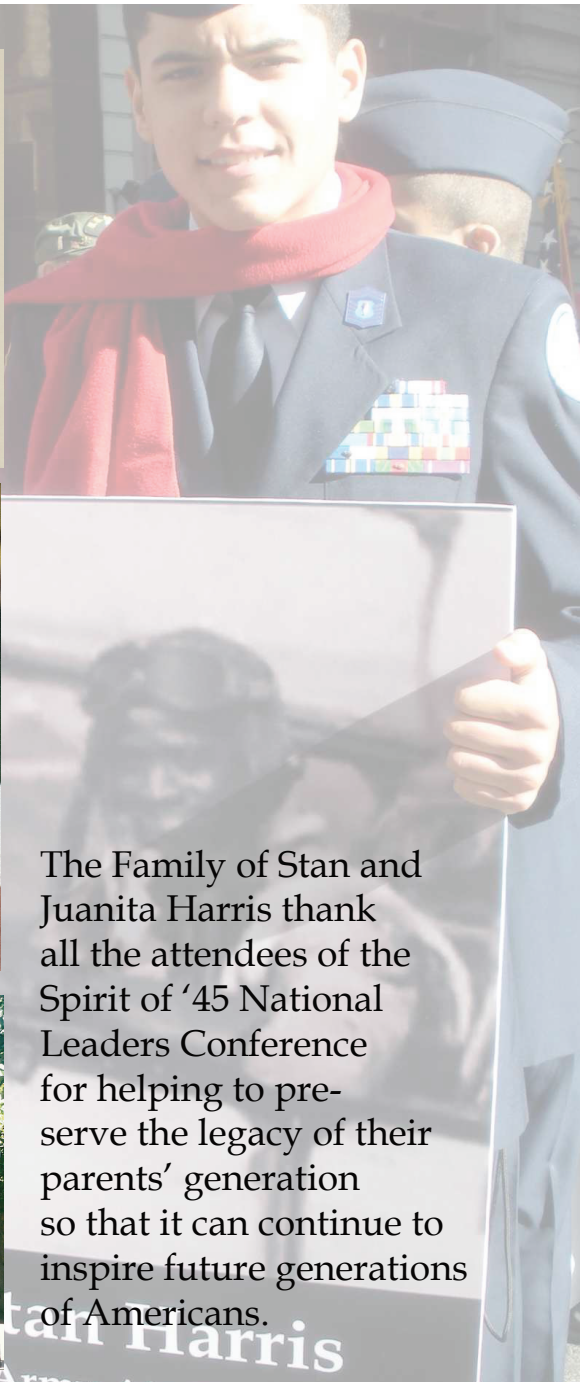
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LIST OF ATTENDEES

1940 Air Terminal Museum, Houston	Montford Point Marines Association
A&E Network	Nation's Veterans Day Parade
American Legion	National History Day
American Legion Chinatown Post 328, Boston, MA	National Memorial Day Parade
American Society on Aging	National Parks Service
American Veterans Center	Navajo Code Talkers Association
Atria Senior Living	New York City Historical Society
Battleship Cove, Massachusetts	Northrop Grumman
Boeing Corporation	Palm Springs Aviation Museum
Boy Scouts of America	Pearl Harbor Survivors
Brookdale Senior Living	Pierre Claeysens Veterans Museum
Bugles Across America	Rocky Run Middle School, VA
CareMore	Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home
Chrysler Group	Front National Park
Digital Clubhouse Network	Rubenstein Associates
Dignity Memorial	San Diego Air and Space Museum
Emeritus Senior Living	San Diego Padres
Ford Motor Company	Sculpture Foundation
Five Star Senior living	SS Jeremiah O'Brien
General Chennault Aviation & Military Museum	Stories of Service
General Motors	Stories of the Fallen Project
Girl Scouts of America	Story of My Life
Go For Broke Foundation	Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors
Gold Star Mothers of America	Sunrise Senior Living
High Tech High School, San Diego	The Greatest Generations Foundation
Historic Naval Ships Association	Tuskegee Airmen Inc.
HISTORY Channel	U-Haul Incorporated
History San Jose	United War Veterans Council of New York County
Honor Flight - California (San Diego)	University of Richmond, VA
Honor Flight - Indiana (Indianapolis)	US Navy Memorial Foundation
Honor Flight - Ohio (Dayton)	USS Kidd Museum
Honor Flight - Texas (San Antonio)	USS Midway Museum
Honor Flight - Wisconsin	Veterans Museum and Memorial Center of San Diego
Integral Senior Living	Veterans of Foreign Wars National Headquarters (VFW)
Iwo Jima Survivors	Vintage Senior Living
Lockheed Martin	VITAS Innovative Hospice Care
Mighty 8th Air Force	
Military Channel	



The Family of Stan and Juanita Harris thank all the attendees of the Spirit of '45 National Leaders Conference for helping to preserve the legacy of their parents' generation so that it can continue to inspire future generations of Americans.

Stan Harris
Juanita Harris

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TERRENCE HOWARD



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SPIRIT OF '45 AWARDS & CELEBRATION DINNER HOSTED BY THE SAN DIEGO AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM

RECEPTION

WELCOME

Jim Kidrick - *President and CEO*
San Diego Air and Space Museum

NATIONAL SPIRIT OF '45 DAY

Linda Laurie *National Events Coordinator*
Warren C. Hegg *National Supervisor*
"Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive"

ERNEST BORGNINE TRIBUTE

2012 ARSENAL OF DEMOCRACY AWARDS

2012 SPIRIT OF '45 LIFETIME

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

General Chuck Yeager

IN MEMORIAM - "TOMMY'S STORY"

Lavada Begley Peterson

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TABLE DEDICATIONS

Battle of Iwo Jima

Gunnery Sgt. Harold "Skip" Adams, - Lavada Begley Peterson

Battle of Okinawa

Dr. Bruce Heilman, Chancellor of the University of Richmond, VA

Battle of Midway

Table sponsored by US Navy Memorial Foundation

Flying Tigers

Nell Calloway (granddaughter of General Claire Chennault)

Table sponsored by American Legion Chinatown Post 321, Boston, MA

Latino Heroes of World War II

Adolfo Celaya (USS Indianapolis) - Lt. Col Hank Cervoantes (Pilot)

Japanese American WWII Heroes

Al Tortolano (Lost Battalion) - Mas Takahashi (100th Battalion)

Don Seki (442nd Regiment) - Frank Wada (MIS)

Go For Broke Education Center

Table sponsored by Judy Niizawa in memory of Rudy Tokiwa

Montford Point Marines

J.T. Inge

Mighty 8th Air Force

A.J. High

Navajo Code Talkers

Albert Smith

Table sponsored by U-Haul International Inc.

Normandy: Sacrifice for Freedom

Dr. Cathy Gorn, National History Day

Table sponsored by Albert H. Small Student/Teacher Institute

Pearl Harbor Survivors

Jack and Nancy Evans, Stu Hedley, Al Bodenlos

Table sponsored by USS Midway Museum

Rosie the Riveter/Home Front

Tom Letherman, National Parks Service

Tuskegee Airmen

Table sponsored by the Stanley and Juanita Harris Family

2012 SPIRIT OF '45 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

"You don't concentrate on risks. You concentrate on results. No risk is too great to prevent the necessary job from getting done." – General Chuck Yeager

Few individual's lives embody the character and values of the World War II generation as that of General Chuck Yeager. General Yeager is an inspiring example of the of the courage and "can do" attitude that hallmarks "ordinary heroes" who endured the difficult times of the Great Depression, fought and won WWII, and then went on to lay the foundations for a better future for their children and their children's children.

General Yeager enlisted in the Army Air Corps three months before the attack on Pearl Harbor. Yeager entered combat in February 1944, and claimed one Me 109 before being shot down on his eighth combat mission. With the help of the French underground, he evaded capture and rejoined his unit in England. Carrying his appeal to return to combat all the way to Supreme Allied Commander Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, he resumed combat operations in August. Having exceptional 20/10 vision, he combined this advantage with cunning, concentration, relentless ferocity and superb piloting skills to rack up a final total of 12.5 aerial victories during his 64 combat missions.

On 14 October 1947, he became the first man to cross the invisible threshold to flight faster than the speed of sound. When Yeager's achievement was finally declassified in June of 1948, he was quickly accorded celebrity status as "The Fastest Man Alive," and was awarded the most prestigious honors in aviation. He later went on to break many other speed and altitude records.



General Yeager continued to serve his country until his retirement in 1975. General Yeager continued to serve his country until his retirement in 1975, commanding the 405th Tactical Fighter Wing in the Philippines during the Vietnam War, flying 127 missions, and leading the McDonnell Douglas F-4 Phantom II wing in South Korea during the Pueblo crisis.

In recent years, General Yeager has focused on character development in America's youth through programs like the Experimental Aircraft Association's Young Eagles Program and the Yeager Foundation which promotes the ideals and values of honor, integrity, and courage in one's daily conduct and a strong sense of public service and duty to country, as well as encouraging intellectual curiosity. (For information visit www.ChuckYeager.com)

Today at age 89, General Chuck Yeager is a true American hero who has devoted his life to the pursuit of excellence in his chosen career. He has received countless awards, medals and honors for his many achievements. We are proud to present him this evening with the first Spirit of '45 Lifetime Achievement Award.

2012 “ARSENAL OF DEMOCRACY” AWARDS

“The production which has flowed from this country to all the battlefields of the world has been due to the efforts of American business, American labor, and American farmers working as a patriotic team.”

-- President Franklin D. Roosevelt

Tonight we honor six companies that were essential to the winning of World War II and continue to be cornerstones of America’s manufacturing and defense capabilities.

During WWII, all of these companies came together in common cause as part of what President Franklin D. Roosevelt called the “Arsenal of Democracy.”

From 1941 to 1945, military manufacturing increased 800 percent, and American industry established new technological frontiers reflected in its ability to build one military plane every 5 minutes and a new war ship every day! The technologies developed in wartime became the sources of the explosion in innovation that drove the postwar economy.



Boeing Company, Lockheed Martin, and Northrop Grumman Corporation built the aircraft that flew missions and carried troops and cargo to the European and Pacific theatres of the war.

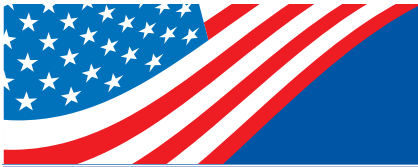
General Motors, Ford and Chrysler produced thousands of trucks, tanks, and Jeeps, as well as other equipment, to support the millions of Americans who served in uniform, employing hundreds of thousands of “Rosies” who filled the factories and offices to take the place of the men who were called into service.

Today, each of these companies is playing a crucial role in assuring that the American economy continues to remain competitive in the global marketplace, and that our nation is strong and secure in the face of threats to the peace and prosperity of the United States and the rest of the world community.

We are delighted to be able to honor these six companies for their service to America. Together, they represent the collective Spirit of American manufacturing industry – past, present and future.



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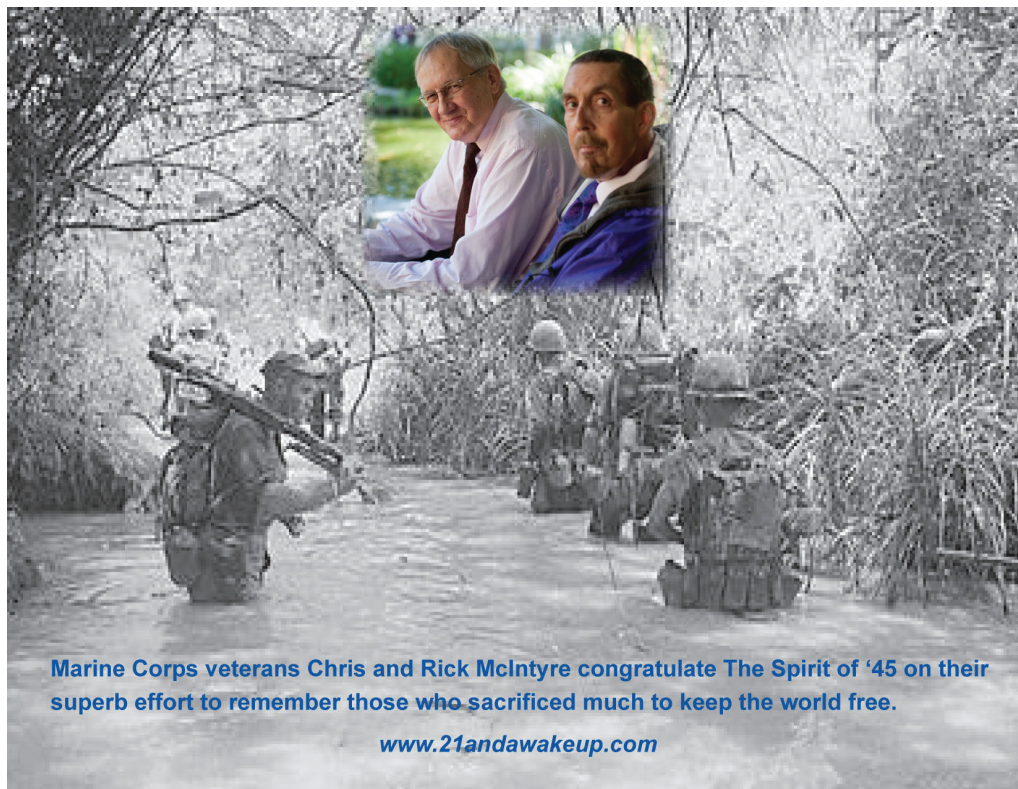
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Marine Corps veterans Chris and Rick McIntyre congratulate The Spirit of '45 on their superb effort to remember those who sacrificed much to keep the world free.

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The Dennis J. Healy Freedom Center and Korean War National Museum welcome all Spirit of '45 delegates to San Diego and thank them for their extraordinary work on behalf of Veterans



Remember the Homefront!



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THIS VETERANS DAY...

Join us in honoring our nation's World War II veterans at the
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Day activities across America!



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SAVE THE DATE!

THIS MEMORIAL DAY...



HONOR AMERICA'S GREATEST GENERATION

Monday, May 28, 2012

Youth (ages 12-20) are invited to take part in a Day of Service honoring the memory of the men and women of the World War II generations!

PRE-MARCH CEREMONY
12 noon National Archives Steps

Youth will assemble for a special youth-led ceremony at the National Archives steps to honor the more than 400,000 soldiers who gave their lives in WWII and who are represented by the wall of Gold Stars.

MARCH IN THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE!
2PM - 3PM Constitution Avenue from 7th to 17th Street

Following this youth-led ceremony of speaking, dance and singing, 400 youth will carry enlarged portrait photos of these American heroes as they march in America's largest Memorial Day Parade alongside the Spirit of '45 float carrying veterans of World War II.

POST-PARADE CELEBRATION
3pm - 5pm Near WWII Memorial

After the parade, join the 400 youth and World War II veterans social hour of chat and ice cream. Parents and friends are invited.

The Parade is approximately 1 mile long. Family and friends are encouraged to watch the Parade, which will be televised live.

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The Memorial Day of Service is part of the "Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive!" initiative to establish an annual national day honoring the legacy of the men and women of the World War II Generation,

*Youth Participating are eligible for
6 hours of community service*

SIGN UP TODAY!

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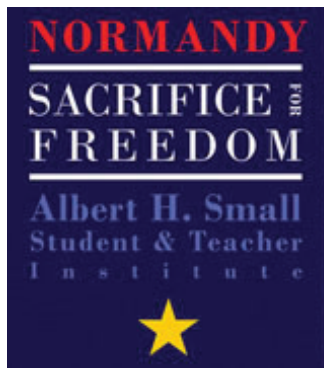
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Congratulations to National History Day on receiving the prestigious 2011 National Humanities Medal!

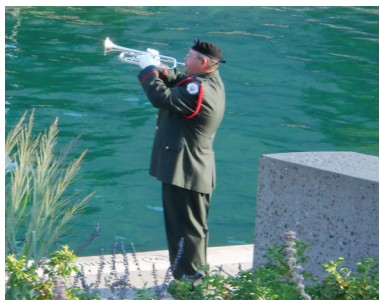
National History Day is keeping the Spirit of '45 alive through its commitment to increasing U.S. students interest in history, and through unique programs like "Normandy: Sacrifice for Freedom" which researches the lives of American service men who made the ultimate sacrifice in service in the Normandy Invasion in World War II.



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National History Day Executive Director Dr. Cathy Gore receives the National Humanities Medal from President Barack Obama during a ceremony at the White House on February 13, 2012.

SCENES FROM SPIRIT OF '45 DAY ACROSS AMERICA



Anchors Aweigh!

**Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive is proud to be working
with the United States Navy Memorial
to honor the legacy of those
who served in Navy Blue!**



70TH ANNIVERSARY OF MIDWAY - 1942-2012



STORIES *of* SERVICE

Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive! was born out of Stories of Service, a program dedicated to mobilizing young people to preserve the legacy of those who have served.

Youth producers work directly with veterans and others who have served our nation to produce Digital Stories (short personal videos) about their experiences. These videos are shared with the public on the Internet, at public events, and at schools, libraries, museums and memorials.

One of our goals is for Stories of Service to be introduced to every veterans home in America, to preserve the personal stories of those who served in World War II and other eras, before they are lost forever.

www.stories-of-service.org

Stories of Service is a program of the Digital Clubhouse Network, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.



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Stories of Service and Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive encourage you to support National History Day's efforts to mobilize America's youth to preserve our History and Heritage!

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**...salutes the men and women
of the World War II generation
for preserving freedom
and making history.**

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