

CENTER FOR WORLD WAR II STUDIES

AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

BROOKDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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D-DAY 6 JUNE 1944 TO BE RECALLED BY NAVAL HISTORIAN:

Naval historian J. Wandres kicks off the 9th consecutive World War II Studies Series on **Tuesday, October 13th** with an informative accounting of D-Day 6 June 1944. The program will be held in Brookdale's **Warner Student Life Center starting at 7:30pm**. Historian Wandres will, in particular, spotlight the use of the ingenious artificial harbors known as the "Mulberries" which fostered the success of the greatest amphibious operation of all time. Reservations for the presentation can be made by calling 732-224-2315. Tickets are \$12 per adult, \$5 per student.

TWO WARTIME SURVIVORS TO DISCUSS "THE DIARY OF ANN FRANK:"

On **October 13**, two wartime survivors of Nazi occupied Holland, May 1940-May 1945, one also a Holocaust survivor, will talk about their experiences at the Video and Vets program featuring the film "The Diary of Ann Frank." Ms. Mieke Jansma, wartime resident of The Hague and Fred Spiegel, Amsterdam resident, friend of the Frank family and Holocaust survivor, will comment on the film after its showing as well as comment on what life was like under Nazi rule. The viewing will start a **7pm, Brookdale's Warner Student Life Center** – a program for all ages. For reservations, call 732 224 2315. Tickets are \$5 per person which covers the cost of the refreshments served at the event.

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TROPICAL PARADISE THE SETTING FOR ANNUAL DINNER DANCE:

The Center's ninth annual "Swing Era" dinner dance will be conducted on **Friday, November 20th at Gibbs Hall, Fort Monmouth** and will feature the big band sound of the Brookdale Big Band conducted by Joe Accurso. The theme of the dance this year is "South Pacific" and everyone coming will step into a tropical setting that will remind all of "Bali Ha'i" and "Some Enchanted Evening." **Cash bar at 6pm, dinner at 7pm and music and dancing all evening**. For reservations, call 732-224-2748. Tickets are \$55 per person, discount tickets available for tables of 10-12. All welcome – 40 styles dress encouraged.

SCROLL AND PEN VOUCHER DAYS –

OCTOBER 13, 14: Brookdale's Scroll and Pen Bookstore will once again conduct a Fall Voucher Day program to benefit the Center for World War II Studies and Conflict Resolution. On **October 13, 14**, 10% of the purchase price of any item, except text books, will be donated to the Center to help fund its programs and services. Present for book signings will be distinguished World War II veteran and author George Waple III and available for sale will be books written by two noted authors associated with the Center – Dr. Scott Bennett and Jerry Yellen. Also available, the Al Meserlin World War II Photo Gallery View Book for a \$5 donation. Stop by and help the Center by making a purchase.

MESERLIN PHOTO GALLERY OPENING CEREMONY GARNERS PUBLIC

RELATIONS AWARD: Cited as "well done" by the Jersey Shore Public Relations Association was the formal opening of the Center's Al Meserlin World War II Photo Gallery on May 7, 2009. The public ceremony, featuring as guest speakers Dr. Peter Burnham, President of Brookdale and State Senator Sean Kean, was awarded the Association's 2009 JASPER Excellence Award. Cited were planning committee members Laurie Bender, Rose Hughes, Anthony La Gaipa, Margaret McChesney, Marta Quinn and Steve Nacco. Over 200 people attended the event honoring the history capturing photography of Tech Sergeant/5 Al Meserlin who was General Dwight D. Eisenhower's personal wartime photographer.

BATTLE OF THE BULGE COMMEMORATION CEREMONY, DECEMBER 12:

The Center will conduct a ceremony commemorating the 65th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge on Saturday, **December 12 at Brookdale, 1pm and 4:30pm, in the College's Warner Student Life Center**. Major General Randolph P. Strong, Commanding General, CECOM LCMC, and Fort Monmouth will be the featured speaker. The event will also feature exhibits, displays and the presence of distinguished veterans of the battle, the last desperate large scale battle to be fought in Europe during World War II. The program is free to all and please call 732 224 2315 to reserve seats. Come, reach out and touch living history.