



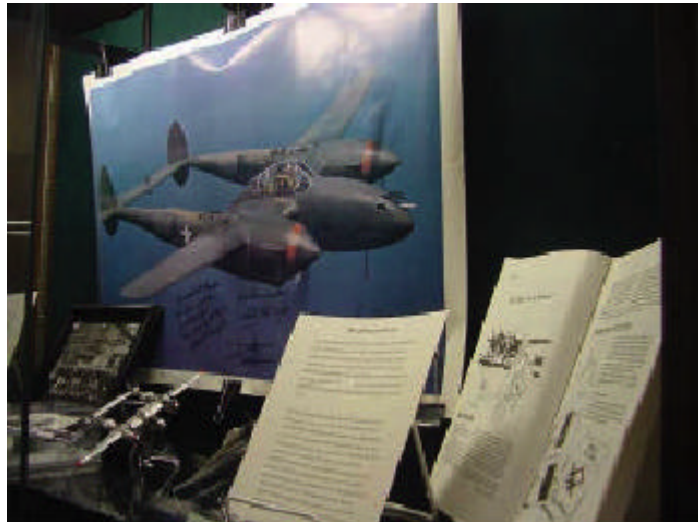
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Day of Remembrance to Mark 60th Anniversary of V-E Day

*May 9 Event will Feature Dedication of Memorial, Talk by
Director of Operations for World War II Commemoration Committee*

KEUKA PARK, N.Y.—Keuka College will pay tribute to “The Greatest Generation” and mark the 60th anniversary of V-E Day with a day of remembrance Monday, May 9.

Highlighting the student-organized event, which begins at 4 p.m. on the Norton Chapel lawn, will be the dedication of a memorial that will honor the veterans of World War II and recognize the contributions of Keuka College nursing graduates. It is free and open to the public.



“We are committed to remembering the men and women who shaped America,” said Grant Therrien, president of the Political Science History Association, the sponsoring organization.

College President Joseph G. Burke credited the students for taking on such “an ambitious project.

“In the classroom, these students learned about the Americans who answered the call to save the world from tyranny, and felt compelled to recognize them,” said the president. “I applaud their initiative, especially for raising funds on their own, and thank them for creating a lasting tribute to ‘The Greatest Generation’ on our campus.”

Organizing the event has “made what we learned about World War II in class much more meaningful,” said Therrien, who credited Professor of History Sander Diamond, Political Science History Association adviser, for inspiring Association members to undertake this project.

Therrien hopes the event will bring members of “The Greatest Generation’ and today’s generation together.

“We want Keuka students to be able to associate with the men and women who fought fascism worldwide during World War II,” said Therrien.

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The other members of the Political Science History Association include Chris Hammond, Frank Capozzi, Ben Cameron, Brent Gardner, Jake Brown, Liza Curry, Natasha Smithers, Greg Deibler, Peter Shelley, and Robert Stevens.

Col. Jeffrey Douglas, director of operations for the World War II Commemoration Committee, will deliver the keynote address.

A Marine Corps public affairs officer stationed in Washington, D.C., he directs World War II commemoration events and outreach in all theaters of the world: Europe, Pacific and the United States.

Between 2000 and 2004, Douglass served as a public affairs officer at Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, and chief of staff for the Department of Defense Korean War Commemoration Committee. In 2000, he held the appointment of Marine Corps liaison to the White House for community outreach, where he coordinated a presidential campaign honoring the service men and women killed while serving our nation in times of war and conflict since the Revolutionary War.

During a nine-month stint in 1999, Douglass was detachment commander for the 4th Civil Affairs Group and deputy operations officer for the NATO Combined Joint Civil Military Task Force in Bosnia and Herzegovina, where he coordinated all post-war reconstruction activities, including health care, education, elections, infrastructure, and refugee returns.

As public affairs officer for the Marine Aircraft Group 42 (Atlanta) from 1994-99, he deployed with Marine reserve aviation units in support of seven counter drug operations in the Caribbean and southwest United States. Douglass served as coordinator for all media relations, directly supporting the U.S. Embassies in Barbados, Trinidad & Tobago, and the Bahamas, as well as the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Following the ceremony, there will be a reception. An exhibit of World War II memorabilia is also on display in the Lightner Library.