

AMERICA STRONG: HOW THE U.S. GOES INTO BATTLE

PRESENTED BY THE ZEPHYRHILLS MUSEUM OF MILITARY HISTORY
CONFERENCE PROGRAM

(Items in RED are for Full Conference Registrants only)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

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| 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm | Full Conference registration Hilton Garden Host Hotel |
| 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm | Hospitality and displays C W Bill Young Center - USF |
| 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm | Opening night program C W Bill Young Center - USF Welcome <i>Mr. Cliff Moffett</i> - President - Zephyrhills Museum of Military History <i>The Honorable Judge Matthew Smith</i> - Judicial Circuit Court, Hillsborough County; USAF (ret.) Introduction by <i>Brigadier General Thomas V. Draude USMC (ret.)</i> Keynote General Frank McKenzie USMC (ret.), former commander of U.S. Central Command and currently Executive Director of the Global and National Security Institute, University of South Florida Recollections Ms. Helen Patton - The Patton Foundation Ms. Jonna Doolittle Hoppes - Former President, Air Force Historical Foundation |

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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| 7:30 am - 8:30 am | Breakfast for paid attendees at the Hilton Garden Inn |
| 8:30 am - 9:00 am | Coffee and displays - C W Bill Young Center - USF |
| 9:00 am - 10:45 am | Program C W Bill Young Center - USF World War I Panel - America Goes Abroad to Fight - Dana Lombardy, Jack Tunstall, Steve Suddaby Supply, Manpower, Logistics and the Keys to Victory - Raymond V. Mason, Lieutenant General U.S. Army (ret.) |
| 10:45 am - 11:00 am | Break, hospitality, displays C W Bill Young Center - USF |
| 11:00 am - 11:45 am | Program - C W Bill Young Center - USF Legacy, Bravery and Technology - U.S. Army 2nd Ranger Battalion: A Case Study - Greg Gardner, Colonel U.S. Army (ret.) |
| 11:45 am - 12:45 pm | Lunch Break - Buffet Lunch (Catered) TBD |



The Zephyrhills Museum of Military History is dedicated to preserving, honoring, and educating the public about the rich military history and heritage of our nation and the state of Florida. Our mission is to inspire appreciation and understanding of the sacrifices, strategies, and innovations that have shaped military history. The Museum is a lasting tribute to those who have served and a beacon of knowledge for all who seek to understand our military past.

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| 12:45 pm - 3:00 pm | Program - W Bill Young Center USF America’s Contributions to European Victory in WWII - Dr. Roger Cirillo, Lt. Colonel U.S. Army (ret.) The Last Invasions - Iwo Jima and Okinawa - Brigadier General Thomas V. Draude USMC (ret.) The Atomic Energy End of World War II - John Curatola, PhD National WWII Museum |
| 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm | Remarks and Presentation to Veterans by The Honorable Jarrid “Jay” Collins, Florida State Senate |
| 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm | Panel discussion All Friday Speakers -How American Forces, Leadership and Technology led to Allied Victory in the War - Jay Wertz, Moderator |
| 5:15 pm - 7:15 pm | Paid attendee and speaker cocktail reception host hotel hospitality suites wargame and memorabilia displays |

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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| 7:30 am - 8:30 am | Breakfast for paid attendees at the Hilton Garden Inn |
| 8:30 am - 9:00 am | Bus transportation to Zephyrhills Museum of Military History |
| 9:00 am - 11:30 am | Tour of Zephyrhills Museum of Military History and Military Vehicle Park |
| 11:30 am - 12:30 pm | Buffet lunch for paid attendees - Zephyrhills Village Inn |
| 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm | Return bus transportation from Zephyrhills Museum of Military History to conference center |
| 1:15 pm - 4:30 pm | Program C W Bill Young Center - USF |
| Simultaneous Workshops: | |
| Workshop #1 | Rebuilding Italy After WWII - Robert Desourdis and Roy J. Caldwood, WWII Buffalo Soldier, 92nd Infantry Division America’s Contributions to European Victory in WWII - Dr. Roger Cirillo, Lt. Colonel U.S. Army (ret.) |
| Workshop #2 | The Significance of World War II - A Young Person’s Guide - Jonna Doolittle and Helen Patton |
| Workshop #3 | They Fought Also - Filipino Soldiers and African-American Tuskegee Airmen late and postwar experiences - Dr. Peter Tan and Wayman Brothers |
| 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm | Panel Discussion/Q & A with World War II veterans Todd DePastino, Moderator |

END OF CONFERENCE