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April, May and June 2024

Look What’s Happening at the Museum

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- ◆ Vietnam Living History Event: June 1, 2024 & June 2, 2024 (see page 5)

Volunteer Spotlight



Donna Rock-Wenzel

I began volunteering for the American Red Cross Disaster Action Team while attending the Nursing program through Des Moines Technical High School. I assisted people in the Des Moines and surrounding areas, by searching for people, administering first aid and rescuing people who were stranded because of flooding and tornadoes. Sometimes this meant getting a call in the middle of the night, sometimes we were sent by boat into homes filled with water.

As a young mother, I took classes to become a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for the Court System. I would follow children who were victims of neglect or abuse, and check in with them to see that they were in a safe and secure environment, and report back to the courts. I was called to testify on the children’s behalf.

My children and I volunteered for rebuilding Des Moines, remodeling and repairing homes. I helped build a few new homes for Habitat for Humanity, in underserved areas of Des Moines. After my children were grown and I retired. I began researching my genealogy, and found out that I am a descendent of Jamestown, The Mayflower, and a few Revolutionary War patriots. (continued on page 2)



Iowa Gold Star Military Museum
7105 Northwest 70th Avenue
Johnston, Iowa 50131
Phone: (515) 252-4531

MUSEUM STAFF

- State Quartermaster..... Colonel Michael Harris
- Museum DirectorSherrie Colbert
- Museum CuratorMichael W. Vogt
- Volunteer Coordinator..... Ben Elliott

SUMMER HOURS

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sunday - Monday Closed

Volunteer Spotlight - Donna Rock Wenzel

(continue from page 1) This prompted me to submit my application to the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), and I was verified April 5, 2022. I am a member of the Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

As part of my Service to America, I began Volunteering at the Gold Star Military Museum. I took a class to be a Museum Guide, and learned about the history of the various wars, for which I am always learning.

In addition to being a guide, I've entered several years' worth of donations into spreadsheets for the museum, helped the curator with projects, and have worked at various events honoring soldiers.

I am the Chapter Chairman of the Historic Preservation Committee. As the chairman, I have initiated a few projects, to help preserve history.

I have gathered people and led events

to archive records at the Iowa Genealogical Society

I belong to the Madison County Genealogical Society.

I walk and inventory cemeteries, in that county. Researched archives and wrote short biographies for World War I Veterans buried in Madison Co, as a result, there will be 700 plus veteran bios, placed in the Iowa Genealogy Website. (iagenweb.org)

Our Chapter has adopted a block at Glendale Cemetery and I have scheduled a class for my chapter and guests to learn the proper way to clean and repair headstones to preserve them.

I also serve as the Registrar for my Chapter, this involves doing the genealogy necessary to prove that a woman is eligible by direct descent, to become a Daughter of the American Revolution.

I have taken genealogy courses

through the DAR, to help with this position

I promote the DAR to potential Members, and encourage them to apply.

As general member of the DAR, I attend various events, and help out when needed. Our Chapter decorated the Jordan House Parlor for Christmas in vintage decor, and won 1st prize. This is an event that our chapter has done for a few years.

I've honored Vietnam Veterans and pinned them with Anniversary pins at the Iowa State Capital, in their homes, at other Military gatherings, I have delivered commemorative books to Vietnam Veteran's homes.

I welcome new citizens at naturalization ceremonies

I will be reading the names of fallen Vietnam Veterans at the 40-year commemoration of the wall at the Iowa State Capital.



Check out more events and event information at our website:

<https://goldstarmuseum.iowa.gov/>

Follow us on Facebook and YouTube



Want to come see us?!

Scan the QR code to get directions!

Or visit the website:

<https://goldstarmuseum.iowa.gov/visit/directions>



DIRECTIONS

Movie @ the Museum



SATURDAY

Join us for the movie:
Twelve O'Clock High (PG) and a tour of the Gold Star Museum!

27 April 2024
1230 - 1530
Iowa Gold Star
Military Museum
Camp Dodge
7105 NW 70th Ave.
Johnston, IA 50131

Limited seating,
register at:
<https://forms.gle/hhN9syQ6p7bHYVd27>

Questions?
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FOR THE PEOPLE WHO SERVE.™





MEMORIAL DAY

OBSERVANCE: MONDAY, MAY 27, 2024

IOWA GOLD STAR MILITARY MUSEUM

7105 NW 70TH AVE, JOHNSTON (515) 252-4531

**LIVE MUSIC VENDORS
FREE MILITARY STYLE BREAKFAST
FROM 6 AM - 9 AM
OR UNTIL GONE!**

Come out to this family friendly event and honor those who sacrificed everything so that we can enjoy the freedoms we cherish today.

**Memorial Day Hours: 5 AM – 1 PM
FREE ADMISSION**

Photo identification is required for adults (age 16 and older) to gain admittance to Camp Dodge (State Issued I.D.)

This year we are featuring the following:

- **Free Breakfast** starting at 6 AM for the first 450 people!!
- **Life Serve Blood Center** will be on site (7 AM - Noon) with their mobile blood unit collecting blood. What a great way to honor those who serve our country. Contact Life Serve to reserve your spot!

Website: lifeservebloodcenter.org OR Call 800-287-4903

- Outside Scoop will be handing out free ice cream
- Free flowers (petunias) Plant a flower for a Veteran Project
- The Final Salute - Non-profit that honors unclaimed remains (military)
- Simon Conway will broadcast LIVE from the Museum!

VIETNAM WAR LIVING HISTORY EVENT

Discover what life was like for an American serviceman during the Vietnam War. Meet knowledgeable historians, explore historically accurate campsites, and see period military vehicles at the **Iowa Gold Star Military Museum**



SATURDAY
JUNE 1, 2024
9:00-5:00

7105 NW 70TH
AVE,
JOHNSTON, IA

SUNDAY
JUNE 2, 2024
9:00-1:00

FEATURED
ATTRACTIONS:



- CH-47 helicopter flyover (tentative)
- Vietnam War era military vehicles
- Military police patrol boat
- Extended museum hours

FREE
ENTRY

For More Information:



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Daughters of the American Revolution



Submitted by

Karla Wright, Regent, Camp Dodge Chapter

Did you know that March 21 is National Rosie the Riveter Day? When the Camp Dodge Chapter members learned about this special day to recognize the women who contributed to winning WW II, we planned an event to commemorate this part of American history. The

Daughters donned the well-known Rosie the Riveter red with white polka dot scarves and visited the Ankeny Area Historical Society Museum where videos, artifacts and posters document the role that the Des Moines Ordnance Plant (now the John Deere complex) played in WW II. We heard first-hand experiences from “Rosies”, we had a lesson about “women in history”, and shared many of our mother’s and grandmother’s experiences. We used Linda McCann’s book “Rosie the Riveters of Iowa” to educate ourselves. Linda’s book is available for sale at the Iowa Gold Star Military Museum. March is also



Women’s History AND Iowa History month. The mission of the Camp Dodge Chapter, DAR, is to preserve American history. We did some preserving on March 21! It so happens, that March 21 is also the day our new chapter was officially organized – one year ago – on March 21, 2023. So congratulations to us!



Left to Right: Chaplain Susan Ohnysty, Gerry Bauman, Vice Regent Kathy Lynn Sells, Janet Blaess, Regent Karla Wright, Karen Knapp-Danielson, Karen Stinson, Karla Kasper, missing from this photo, Registrar Sharleen Newton



If you are interested in knowing more about the DAR – go to dar.org. If you think you have lineage to a Revolutionary War Patriot (making you eligible to join the DAR) contact a Camp Dodge Chapter member. We stand ready and eager to help. If you need a speaker/presenter on American history, or about the DAR, contact us.

Curator Corner

Eighty Year Old Souvenir of Iowa D-Day Participant

By Michael Vogt

June 6, 2024, will mark the 80th anniversary of “D-Day,” a combined amphibious and air assault delivering approximately 150,000 United States, British and Canadian troops on the

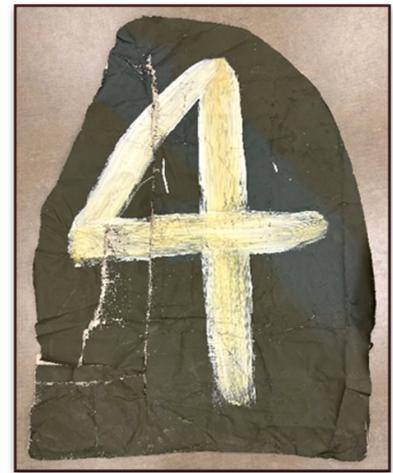


beaches of Normandy, France. The initial phase of the attack was conducted by U.S. paratroops dropped on the western edge of the landing beaches and British paratroops

dropped on the eastern edge. Their joint mission was securing the flanks of the five invasion beaches. Thirteen-thousand troops of the U.S. 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions were dropped from 821 C-47 aircraft in the early morning hours of June 6, 1944. These were followed by additional airborne troops delivered by gliders towed by C-47 aircraft. Among the soldiers delivered behind the invasion beaches aboard a WACO CG-4A glider was Linden, Iowa, native Tech-4 Emil K. Natalle, 326th Airborne Medical Company, 101st Airborne Division.

After landing in the dark at about 3:00 a.m., June 6, 1944, near Hiesville, Normandy, Natalle cut a souvenir of fabric from the glider that delivered him safely to the landing zone marked

with the number “4” used to coordinate the loading of troops and equipment. This unique, one of a kind battlefield souvenir of D-Day, symbolizes the dedicated commitment of U.S. troops in liberating continental Europe and placing Allied soldiers on the beachhead of eventual victory in Europe. To learn more about Iowans that participated in the D-Day assault, explore the museum’s World War II gallery.



The Museum Gift Shop

Make sure to stop by and check out some cool souvenirs in our very own gift shop!



BOOK REVIEW!

2034

A Novel of the Next World War

By Elliot Ackman

Reviewed by Bill Fanter

This column has been inclined to review non-fiction texts of military history in order to inform and entertain the reader about significant past conflicts involving the United States military. The books have been written by authors, usually noted historians largely driven by in depth research and study of the events about which they write. Here, in a little change of pace, I offer a novel of fiction, yet within the military historical realm, about a fictitious, albeit plausible, worldwide conflict in the age of cyber warfare.

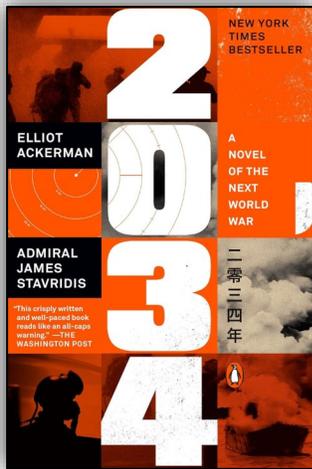
We are living in a time of dynamic changes in the geopolitical world and the authors, Admiral James Stavridis and Elliot Ackman, have given us the insight to look over the horizon and imagine a world war in the era of cyber weapons, nuclear threats, treachery by double agents, and strategic planning. This is another collaborative work like the previously reviewed book, *The Last Hill*, but these authors have impressive backgrounds of service to carry extraordinary credibility fortifying their book.

Admiral Jim Stavridis, USN (Ret.) spent more than 30 years in the Navy, rising to the rank of four-star admiral. He was Supreme Allied Commander at NATO and previously commanded U.S. Southern Command, overseeing military operations throughout Latin America. At sea, he commanded a Navy destroyer, a destroyer squadron, and an aircraft carrier battle group in combat. He received over 50 medals in his military career including 28 from foreign nations.

Elliot Ackman is a Marine veteran, having served five tours of duty in Iraq

and Afghanistan, where he received the Silver star, the Bronze Star for Valor, and the Purple Heart. Both Stavridis and Ackerman are well published authors who have received numerous literary awards.

This cautionary tale begins In March of 2034 when an F-35 E Lighting was compromised when Iran remotely took over control of the plane in flight over the Strait of Hormuz, brought it into Iranian airspace and landed the aircraft with its helpless pilot, at the BANDAR Abbas Iran very large naval base. The pilot, Major Chris “Wedge” Mitchell was testing stealth cyber equipment. Wedge and the world were in for huge changes.



Earlier that same day Navy Commodore Sarah Hunt is conducting a routine freedom of navigation patrol in the South China Sea. She stops and boards a suspicious fishing boat finding a huge stash of cyber electronics sans fish. She confiscates the crew and cargo of the Chinese vessel, Wen Rui.

Within 30 days a Chinese battle group surrounds three American Navy ships and demands release of the Wen Rui “fishing vessel” captured by the U.S. Navy in the South China Sea. The Wen Rui contained a cyber warfare suite capable of making lots of international trouble. China offers a prisoner exchange for the return of the Wen Rui but negotiations fail and the standoff escalates towards war. When two U.S. carriers are destroyed and thousands of sailors killed the trigger has been pulled.

To make matters worse Russia collaborates with Iran to blow up 10G internet cables in the Barents Sea, obliterates the U.S. internet connectivity, crossing America’s Red Line and setting off the exchange of

tactical nukes that destroy Zhenjiang, China, Galveston Texas, and San Diego. The blast which destroyed Zhenjiang was a 150 - Kiloton “normal” nuclear bomb which was not a mere tactical weapon.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense, Sandeep Chowdhury, contacts his uncle Patel a top Indian government official for a chat about international relations.

Now China invades Taiwan and, ever helpful Russia, invades Polish territory seizing a ribbon of land that would connect its mainland to the Baltic port at Kaliningrad. To complicate things even further India now intervenes as an uninvited third-party arbiter and sinks the Chinese carrier Zheng He to prove they mean to settle the dispute. They also threaten to destroy American aircraft but are too late as, recently promoted, Sara Hunt, has launched 9, now Simplified F-18 Hornets sans the technology which made them vulnerable to detection, tracking, and destruction. I don’t want to spoil the ending for you so you will have to read the book to find out what happens.

This book was copyrighted in 2021 and published in 2022. The look ahead to 2034 reveals big changes are coming:

1. America will have its first woman President...albeit unnamed.
2. The President will be elected as an independent.
3. The 5 world powers are USA, China, Russia, Iran, and India.
4. Cyber war changes everything at the speed of light.
5. We must awaken to the many trigger points for nuclear war.
6. Hair trigger operators abound with young pilots and itchy fingers.
7. Cybersecurity breaches can weaponized countries and intelligence data has huge value.

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rather than warheads — was such that it would have blown off access hatches, and may well have split the whole tube”.

2034 A Novel of the Next World War (continued)

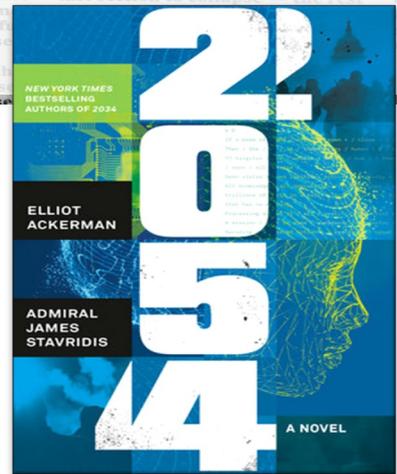
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The book confronts the sunset of American exceptionalism and recognizes the potential failure of America’s experiment with Democracy. Internal divisions within the citizenry of a democracy have taken our eye off the growing need for world political diplomacy as a component of national security. Political prisoners have become currency to be exchanged for value. The book is not Star Wars but presents a realistic hypothesis of plausible events.

Internal conflicts within America have polarized politics. These include racial division, wealth gap, human rights, gender issues, abortion, religious

freedoms, gun rights, the rule of law as an institution, the integrity of the electoral process, and legitimacy of elections.

These authors say “Big Doors Swing on Small Hinges”. They emphasize how fragile tactical moments are or could become in the hands of the wrong people...perhaps even in the hands of the right people. We have entered a time when small errors of judgement could release a cascade of consequences impossible to stop. Dominos will topple each other unless there are stop gaps or fire breaks in place to arrest the progression. “This crisply written and well-paced book reads like an all-caps warning.” THE WASHINGTON POST



The next time you are in the Gold Star Museum ask our curator to show you a couple of copies of the ASE that contributed so much to the servicemen and women of WW II.

The sequel to 2034 has been released.....2054. Available wherever books are sold.

A Little Bit Funny

How come there aren’t any knock-knock jokes about America?

Because freedom rings.

- Unknown

During World War II, my father often found himself stuck with KP duty. One day, convinced he could improve things, he told the head cook, “If you give me a paring knife, I could peel these potatoes faster.” The cook turned slowly to my father and said, “Son, you’re in the Army. You have plenty of time.”

- Jack Girard, *Reader’s Digest*

How did I know my new coworker was a veteran? When I heard him describe the impending birth of his first child as “when the baby has boots on the ground.”

- unknown, *Reader’s Digest*

We were inspecting several lots of grenades. While everyone was concentrating on the task at hand, I held up a spare pin and asked, “has anyone seen my grenade?”

- SMSgt. Dan Powell, from rallypoint.com, *Reader’s Digest*

When I lost my rifle, the Army charged me \$85. That’s why in the Navy, the captain goes down with the ship.

- Comedian Dick Gregory, *Reader’s Digest*



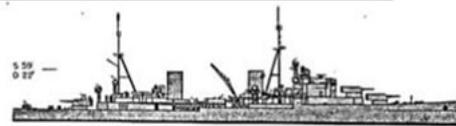
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Military Word Search



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