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THE U.S. WORLD WAR ONE CENTENNIAL COMMISSION IS BUILDING THE NATIONAL WORLD WAR I MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

It is time to honor the heroism and sacrifice of the 4.7 million American sons and daughters who served in WWI. Their sacrifice in this war was great. In just a short 18 months the Nation raised and trained a massive fighting force. Over 2 million deployed "Over There". 204,000 Americans returned home wounded and 116,516 did not come home at all.

Their service, valor and courage equalled that of veterans from later wars but our WWI veterans had never been remembered in our Nation's capital UNTIL NOW.

This animation represents the concept as reviewed and approved by the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts. The most recent meeting was on July 18, 2019: Some detail elements of the design are still in progress.

Additional agency reviews will occur toward ultimate design approval by the Commission of Fine Arts, the National Capital Planning Commission, and the National Park Service.

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NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS

is the motto for our private service organization, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). Bridging gaps of unmet need, hospitalization, and support for veterans and their families are some of the services we provide deserving service members. The red "Buddy Poppy" is distributed by posts and auxiliaries during Memorial Day and Veterans Day celebrations. 100% of the donations from these poppy sales are dedicated to help our veterans. At each post, there are department service officers and field service officers who will write claims for veterans applying for benefits related to service-connected disabilities. We also provide service officers to represent the veteran at Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) regional offices.

Many veterans upon returning to civilian life have physical and/or psychological injuries resulting from service in a combat theater or noncombat-related injuries. After post-discharge evaluation, the veteran receives a rating that will enable them to collect

monthly compensation. In some cases the veteran becomes eligible for housing as well as medical care and financial support. Those veterans who are unable to work due to their injuries may apply for financial support from other programs offered by state, federal and/or nonprofit organizations. As veterans age, their physical and/or psychological well-being often diminishes, and the VA offers in-home care provided by home health aides and attendants. At the veteran's demise, both the veteran and spouse may be buried in a national cemetery if honorably discharged. A military funeral will be provided pursuant to the veteran's DD214/discharge papers.

My name is Carolyn Black and I am a VFW Field Service Officer. There are many benefits available to our veterans. To discover the full range of services the VFW provides, contact the California VFW through our website, www.vfwca.org, or contact the nearest VFW post (each post has their own website). The websites and local posts will share all of the information about our programs. I have helped many veterans and their families in my area, and I am willing to help whenever you call. - Carolyn Black, Claims Adjuster Field Service Officer

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"RENEWING LIFE'S POSSIBILITIES..."

From the Founder...

Welcome to our annual Newsletter! Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of World War 1 allows us to delve into a very rich history. In the following pages, you will see remarks from key contributors regarding veteran resilience, medical breakthroughs, service coordination as well as geographic wartime insight on Belgium, the South of France battlefields and the D-Day landing beaches.

War is a state of armed conflict between states or societies. It is generally characterized by extreme aggression, destruction and mortality using regular or irregular military force.

I was first introduced to war from my Daddy, Atkins Warren. He was assigned to the US Coast Guard during World War II from 1943-1946. He would reminisce experiences that inspired him upon discharge to become Chief of Police and eventually retire from the United States Justice Department. We also heard stories of Uncle George Ellis who served in the 369th Black Infantry.

Daddy said "during the war, the soldiers would get leave to go off the ship into the towns. Given the dynamic of race relations at the time, the white soldiers would tell all the native woman that the black soldiers had tails so that they wouldn't want to socialize with them. There were many instances where Dad said that women would come up to him and ask if he could show them his tail." There was one instance where Dad and his platoon were aboard his ship along with a group of ships that were encircling an aircraft carrier. He was controlling a machine gun at the time to prevent Japanese pilots from doing kamikaze attacks. Kamikaze attacks was the practice in which Japanese pilots would fly their planes straight into the U.S. ships to destroy them; much like the events that took place on September 11. While in control of the machine gun on deck, Daddy saw a kamikaze pilot flying towards him. The fighter pilot was so close to Dad that he remembered seeing the Japanese soldiers face as he flew near. At this point he was certain that it was over. His whole life flashed before his eyes. The kamikaze pilots proceeded to barely miss Dad's ship and explode at the closest ship to his. He could literally feel the heat from the explosion where he stood. He always thought it was a miracle that he wasn't killed on that day. It was an experience he felt could never be reproduced.

Now that was God's Grace! "Let Us Study War No More"

It is critical that we share with our families' war stories and all stories which strengthen family generational ties for whatever the future holds.

As Warren Publishing Group celebrates 8 years as a successful advocacy alliance providing information through Renew E-Newsletter, Speakers Bureau, Community Outreach, and Philanthropy please visit our website at www.renewlifemagazine.com to see how we're encouraging the mature to renew life's possibilities.

I'm Renewing My Life's Possibilities and you should too!

Antoinette Warren



Greetings from... Congresswoman Barbara Lee



Dear Friends,

Each May, we take time to recognize Older American Month and celebrate the many contributions seniors make in our communities.

Now more than ever, it is important to ensure our seniors have access to the necessary resources and opportunities for them to live independently and thrive. President Trump has been

persistent in his ongoing attempts to dismantle Medicare and Social Security. These are programs that seniors have depended on and invested in over time. Instead of dismantling these critical programs, Congress should strengthen and expand their benefits for future generations.

Know that I remain committed to ensuring seniors are treated with dignity and respect and I remain committed to protect vital resources our seniors have earned and deserve.

Sincerely,

Barbara Lee

Barbara Lee, Member of Congress

Consumer Central



FEATURE
STORY

HARLEM HELL FIGHTERS

by Ricki Stevenson

I was 8 years old when I learned that we, as African Americans, must tell our stories or find ourselves missing from the history books.

My mother's uncle, Porter Walls of Little Rock, Arkansas served with distinction in the US Army during WWI in France. Stories about him and the 200,000 black men who also served are mysteriously missing from history books.

It became my mission to tell their stories from the moment I watched WWI fighter pilot, Eugene Jacques Bullard, being interviewed on the "Today Show". It was December 1959; the night after the Georgia-born Bullard was honored by French President Charles DeGaulle at a Manhattan banquet. Given the name, "The Black Swallow of Death", Bullard developed a skill of shooting German warplanes out of the sky. It was a name he earned while fighting on the side of the French. This was an opportunity denied to blacks in the US military.

The Great War began June 1914, with Britain, France and Russia going to war against Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy. By the time America entered the war in April 1917, the French had lost more than one million men and were desperate for help no matter the color of their skin.

Starting in June 1917, 400,000 Black Americans signed up for war duty. 200,000 served in Europe, most assigned as laborers and dock workers, while 40,000 Blacks wound up in trenches where they faced a war on two fronts; battling the German enemy, while fighting crushing racism in the US military.

They served in two infantry units: the 92nd (the only all-Black division) and the 93rd division. These divisions were broken into smaller regiments: the 365th of Texas and Oklahoma, 366th of Alabama,

the 367th of New York, the 368th of Tennessee, Pennsylvania and Maryland, the 369th of New York, the 370th of Chicago and Illinois, and the 371st of Maryland, Massachusetts, Ohio and Washington DC.

While white American officers treated Black soldiers as inferiors, warning that "Negroes" were lazy, incompetent, dangerous and had tails, French leaders quickly noticed that given guns, boots, bullets, training, proper uniforms, proper nutrition and respect, Negro soldiers turned into fierce fighting machines. Logically, black soldiers were essentially borrowed by the French to fight under their command.

From this group came the most decorated regiment of WWI, the Harlem Hellfighters! They gained notoriety the day they arrived, January 1, 1918, when their Bandleader, James Reese Europe led them in a soulstirring performance displaying the Jazz music they'd mastered at home. The French populace lost their minds as these Black American musicians were given a three month assignment to perform in resort towns and villages across the war-ravaged country. Months later, the Hellfighters gained another kind of notoriety as they switched their instruments in for guns. They served for 191 days on the battlefield, never losing an inch of ground and never losing a man as prisoner. They were awarded the highest French military honors and were treated as heroes. They not only defended the French against German assault, but they fortified the pride and honor of black Americans whose futures would be impacted by the outcome of the war. |

Vet to Vet Connection

At the West Oakland Library, Diane M. Williamson, founder of the Veterans Community Media Network, has Veterans outreach events. Here, vets come to learn about how to apply for their benefits. Being a former Vet herself, Diane knows what it's like to go through this process. Various presenters come and make presentations on certain benefit packages. There are 4 parts; (1) Veterans Health Association VHA, (2) Veterans Benefits Associations, VBA, (3) National Cemetery Association, NCA, (4) Disable American Vets DAV. Vets are also given information on how to find housing in local areas.

To determine dates of future events you can contact Diane at the office
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By, Marlene C. Hurd, Commissioner,
Alameda County Consumer Affairs Commission

Health and Wellness



Operation EVAC

by Veteran Ryan Miller

Re-incorporation is the third phase of the military rite of passage that welcomes home returning warriors back into society. Operation EVAC is a model for veteran re-incorporation within a medical cannabis dispensary setting. To prevent suicide and opiate overdose, we strengthen mental

health resiliency by curating our community and practicing mindfulness, fortified with considerate (free) cannabis access. The mission of Operation EVAC is to promote the growth and healing of veterans through mutual assistance, personal development, and community service.

Operating since Memorial Day 2016, we operate and host our ninety-minute workshop sixteen times monthly for six cannabis dispensaries throughout Northern California. |

Lifestyle and Home

World War I and the D Day Landing Beaches

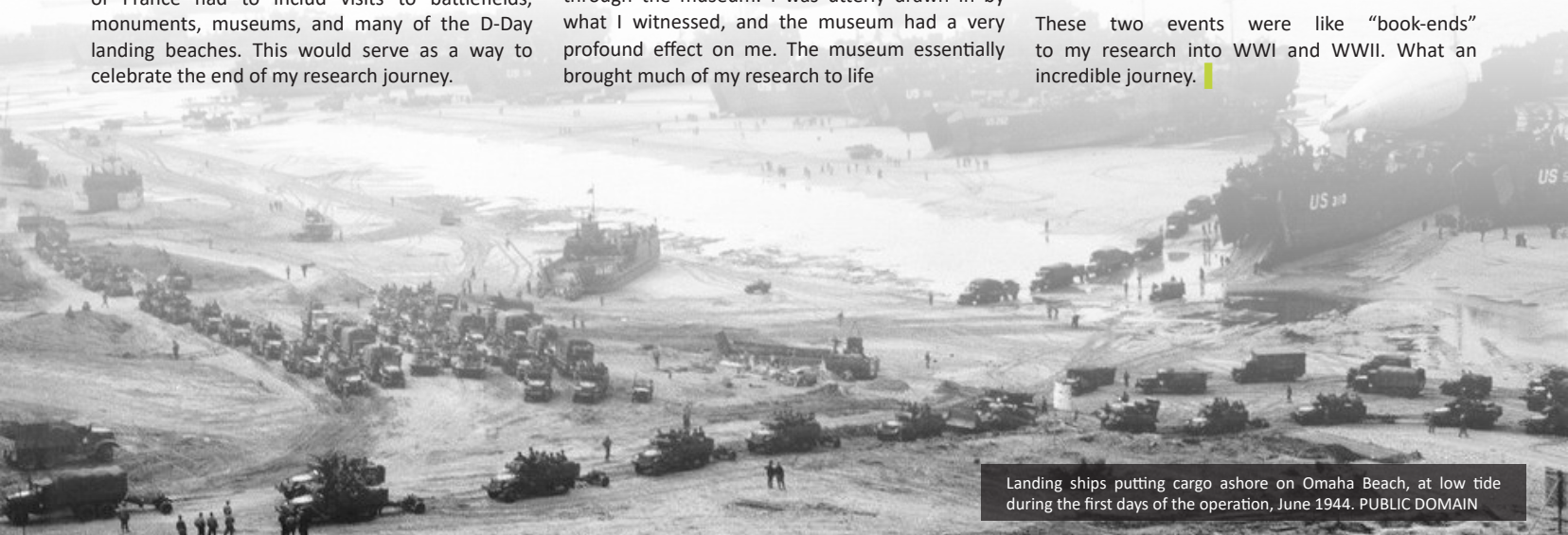
by Valerie Smith

After extensive research on WWI and WWII, I insisted that my trips to Belgium and the South of France had to include visits to battlefields, monuments, museums, and many of the D-Day landing beaches. This would serve as a way to celebrate the end of my research journey.

For me, an important Belgium military location was the Field of Flanders WWI Museum. Although I could have spent days exploring this museum, I only had 3 hours to tour the numerous rooms and alcoves containing thousands of authentic objects, interactive displays, and videos. Most intriguing were the life size figures of ordinary people whose personal war time stories unfolded as I progressed through the museum. I was utterly drawn in by what I witnessed, and the museum had a very profound effect on me. The museum essentially brought much of my research to life

A few days later I toured Omaha beach, one of the 7 D-DAY landing beaches used by allied forces in Normandy. After touring the Omaha beach museum, I walked along the very beach where the enormous amphibian assault, taken place on June 6, 1944, effectively ended WWII. It was almost impossible to imagine the amount of preparation and coordination that went into this successful battle.

These two events were like "book-ends" to my research into WWI and WWII. What an incredible journey. |



Landing ships putting cargo ashore on Omaha Beach, at low tide during the first days of the operation, June 1944. PUBLIC DOMAIN

Alameda County Veteran Services

The Veterans Service office provides veterans, their dependents and/or survivors with information regarding veterans benefits, and assistance filing benefit claims, waivers and appeals in order to obtain and maintain all eligible benefits and entitlements.

The major categories of benefits and services consist of disability benefits, Vocational Rehabilitation, Burial Homes, Veterans Homes, Home Loans, and Life Insurance.

Veterans Crisis Line

TELEPHONE 1 800-273-8255 press 1
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Crisis Support Services of Alameda County

CALL 1 800-309-2131
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- **Allegiant Airlines**
Active Duty personnel get up to 3 checked bags free
- **Delta Airlines**
- **Frontier**
- **Hawaiian Airlines**
- **JetBlue**
- **Southwest**
- **United Airlines**

5 BEST COMEDY WAR MOVIES

- **Platoon** (1986)
- **Full Metal Jacket** (1987)
- **Saving Private Ryan** (1998)
- **The Hurt Locker** (2008)
- **Inglorious Basters** (2009)



CLOTHING DISCOUNTS

- **Abercrombie & Fitch:** 10-15 percent off, at manager's discretion.
- **Aeropostale:** 10 percent off with military ID.
- **American Eagle Outfitters:** 10-15 percent off, at manager's discretion.
- **Banana Republic:** 10 percent military discount 1st of every month (may vary by location; in-store only).

WHAT RESTAURANTS GIVE DISCOUNTS TO VETERANS?

- **Dunkin' Donuts:** The morning gets a little sweeter as Dunkin' Donuts will serve up to one free doughnut on Nov. 11 to vets and active military members.
- **Krispy Kreme**
- **Applebee's**
- **Olive Garden**
- **Outback Steakhouse**
- **Macaroni Grill**
- **Buffalo Wild Wings**
- **TGI Fridays**



hottopic corner

In World War 1 The African American Goldstar Families were not treated equal to the White Families. In 1964 Legislation was enacted by Lyndon Baines Johnson, the 36th president of the United States that stated all families be treated equal and receive the same benefits. |

Inspiration

Giving Honor to our Veterans

by Carlotta Warren-Stringfellow

It may have been a hot smoldering
day in June,
or a cold blustery day in December.
From what I've read or been told it
was

a time to be remembered.

Races of all kind stood in long lines,
to enlist in all branches of the
military.

Proud to serve the USA.

Not knowing what was ahead.

Only having a positive attitude that
it was
the right thing to do.

I'm proud that my father Atkins
Warren served in the U.S. Coast
Guard and my brother
John Warren served in the United
States Army.

I can't forget My Uncle George Ellis
who served in World War I, as a
member of the 183rd Black Soldier
Infantry.

I respect our Vietnam Vets and all
Military. I salute each of you who
continue to serve.

God Bless America.

Here's Saluting Each of you. |