



Memorial Day Remembrance
Presentation By:
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May 28—Sunday 3:00 pm

Hill City Center

“Occupation, Liberation and the Battle of the Bulge: Luxembourg in World War II”

Dr. Dondelinger, a native of Luxembourg, grew up surrounded by the history of WWII. Now a resident of Hill City, he is a retired professor who specialized in international relations, foreign policy and national security. His presentation uses dozens of photographs, both private and publicly available, in a “then and now” format to document events, places and people during the Nazi occupation of Luxembourg, the liberation by US troops in September 1944, and the intense battles fought on Luxembourg soil during Hitler’s Ardennes offensive known in the US as the Battle of the Bulge. One key feature of the presentation involves a remarkable number of personal meetings and coincidences, including with South Dakota and Rapid City connections. Some of the events and lessons bear eerie resemblance and relevance to events in today’s world.