

CENTER FOR WORLD WAR II STUDIES

AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

BROOKDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WINTER 2010 NEWSLETTER

“LAST BATTLES IN THE PACIFIC – 1945” TO BE COMMEMORATED: On February 27th, the Center for World War II Studies and Conflict Resolution will conduct a ceremony commemorating the **“Last Battles in the Pacific – 1945” focusing on the key battles for Iwo Jima and Okinawa.** This memorable event will be held in Brookdale’s Warner Student Life Center between 1pm and 4pm and will feature two distinguished veterans of the battles as guest speakers. U.S. Marine Corps veteran Gilmon Brooks will talk about his combat experience on the island on Iwo Jima where he fought as one of America’s first black Americans to be accepted into the Corps. Seeing “Old Glory” raised on top of Mount Suribachi on February 23 meant more to Gil Brooks the any one could imagine. Paul Frisco, U.S. Navy veteran and “tin can sailor” will follow. He will relay the harrowing story of how the U.S. Navy fought and defeated the greatest aerial suicide assault ever – the attack by Kamikazes off Okinawa. He witnessed history unfold from aboard the destroyer, the *USS Cushing*. In addition, three distinguished veterans of the Pacific campaign will be honored during the program which will also feature interesting and informative exhibits and displays. The ceremony is free and open to the public. Advance registration is requested and one can do so by calling 732 224 2315. Come, bring family and friends, and reach out and touch “living history.”

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A WAR FOUGHT UNLIKE ANY OTHER: Kicking off the Spring 2010 World War II Studies Series on February 16 is historian, author, and Brookdale professor Dr. George Reklaitis who will cover **“The Great Patriotic War: The Russo-German War 1941-1945.”**

Detailed will be a war fought unlike any other, not only in regards to the vast number of people and machines involved, but also the brutality rendered and the genocide that was its result. For reservations, call 732 224 2315. Following Dr. Reklaitis in the series will be Temple University historian Eric Klinek on March 11 who will cover “The Army’s Orphans: The Crucial U.S. Army Replacement System;” next, on March 23 “The Code Talkers,” the amazing story of the Navajo Indians used by the U.S military to transmit secret communications on the battlefields of WW II as told by Brookdale professor and Native American historian Jess Le Vine; and on May 4, “Women Pilots of World War II” featuring Bernice Falk Haydu, former WW II Women Air Force Service pilot and recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: *Down Melody Lane*, a musical duo, who have performed throughout NJ, will present an interactive performance and lecture that will explore the music and history of the Broadway Musical in the key decades of the 1930s and 1940s.

Come join the entertaining duo on April 27 at 7:30pm in the Brookdale Warner Student Life Center and sing, have fun and learn how music defined the war era society. A program for all ages. For reservations, 732 224 2315.

2010 CONFLICT RESOLUTION FORUM: “Global Poverty: Peace in Peril” is the theme of the 2010 Annual Conflict Resolution Forum to be held on Thursday, April 15, 9:30am to 1pm in Brookdale’s Student Life Center. Global poverty is an acute problem in the 21st Century. Diminishing resources, environmental changes and historical factors have created unprecedented conditions of scarcity and privation in many parts of the world. In addition to the immediate problems of destitution and hardship, wide scale poverty breeds instability. The result: war, genocide and terrorism – conflicts that transcend national borders and threaten the peace of the entire world. What can be done to eliminate poverty and avoid the conflict it may cause? Come to the forum and hear a panel of leading experts discuss the origins and nature of global poverty and its ramifications for global conflict. Participate in a dialogue that will further an understanding of this mounting world crisis and what can be done about it. Individual and group registration can be made by calling 732 224 2315.

IMPORTANT DATES:
VIDEO AND VETS PROGRAMS

“Merrill’s Marauders,” Feb. 23, 7pm
“Decision before Dawn,” Mar 16, 7pm
“Day of the Kamikaze,” Apr. 20, 7pm
“Battle Hymn,” May 11, 7pm

All programs to be held in the Brookdale Student Life Center. Call 732 224 2315 for reservations.

BROOKDALE BOOKSTORE VOUCHER DAYS

February 17, 18, 8am to 6pm, Scroll and Pen Bookstore, Brookdale Student Life Center. 10% of sales come to the Center to fund programs and services.