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## World War II Days

Saturday September 21, 2013 – Sunday September 22, 2013

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Description:



**Experience the World War II Era**

**Saturday, September 21, 2013 11 am until 5 pm**

**Sunday, September 22, 2013 11 am until 4 pm**

### **Admission**

**Tickets for World War II Days can be purchased at the gates the days of the event (Saturday and Sunday). Only Online registration is closed at this time.**

World War II Days includes elaborate and realistic battles complete with tanks, artillery, armored vehicles, and exciting pyrotechnic displays. Saturday the battle shows are featured at 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm. Sunday the battle time is 2:30 pm.

The popular World War II Days returns this year and promises to be bigger and better than ever! With more than 1,000 re-enactors representing the soldiers of the United States, Great Britain, France, Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Germany, Italy and Japan. In addition to the action on the battlefields, enjoy the skirmishes in the Village, demonstrations and displays in the buildings, woods encampments and

the ambiance of the beautiful venue.

Maps of the event site will be available when visitors arrive showcasing the battlefield and the various encampments and attractions. Everything we offer will be held rain or shine.

#### New This Year

Re-enactors are planning a special program on the Battle of the Bulge which will show the strategy and decisions involved from the points of view of each side. Look for the location on the Village map during the event. World War II Days visitors will also hear actual speeches of General Patton, as portrayed by Denny Hair, of Hockley, Texas. He is one of the country's foremost experts on General Patton and this is his first appearance at the event. You may also enjoy participating in a re-creation of a daily briefing session like those that were provided to General Patton while units of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Army were engaged in combat operations, by his staff.

You may want to view Rockford's "Our City, Our Story" new video production entitled "*The Greatest, Thank You,*" a video short specifically showcasing the World War II Days event as seen by Rockford's Sam Hiser, a member of the Tri-State Living History Association. The high quality production was released earlier this month and can be found at <http://ourcityyourstory.com/episode/16/>.

Visitors will also experience:

- Elaborate 1940s displays in historical buildings on the museum property acting as the back drop of a European village during World War II
- Encampments of Allied and Axis troops in the Midway Village woods and realistic skirmishes integrated in the historic village
- Pacific Theater battles in the woods with soldiers dressed as U.S. Marines and Japanese infantry
- German cavalry scenes
- Soldiers' base camps filled with period vehicles, tents and artifacts
- Shop for World War II memorabilia from numerous vendors
- Expanded food service including Burritt's Meat Products of Rockford
- A 1940s era USO-style swing dance 7 pm, Saturday at Veterans Memorial Hall. Dance to the sounds of Moonlight Jazz Orchestra.

*This is the largest World War II era re-enactment in the United States with over 1,000 uniformed re-enactors from 40 states representing soldiers from the United States, Great Britain, France, Poland, Ukraine, Russia, Japan, Italy and Germany along with 70 to 80 vintage tanks, halftracks and other 1940s era military vehicles!*

#### Back By Popular Demand

The *Behind The Lines* tour will take place again on Friday evening from 5:30 pm until 7:30 p.m. Tour guides will take you through the Village to get an up close look at what is in store for the weekend. Space is limited Make reservations for the tour by contacting Jessica MacDonald at 815-397-8058, ext. 104.

Not to be missed is the *USO-style Dance* at Veterans Memorial Hall from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Saturday night. The dance is sure to put you in the mood of World War II nostalgia. This year, the dance will feature Rockford's own renowned big band, "Moonlight Jazz Orchestra." Kryptonite will provide a cash bar at the dance. There is a \$5 cover charge for

Further World War II event details:

#### One-Day Admission

\$12 adults; \$6 for children (3 to 17); and free for World War II veterans and Museum Members

#### Two-Day Admission Pass

Two day event passes are \$18 for adults; \$9 for children (there is too much to see it all in just one day).

The event is rain or shine.

Midway Village Museum is located at 6799 Guilford Road, approximately 1/4 mile east from Guilford and Perryville Roads.

### Event Transportation

Shuttles run from the parking lots and within the event to accommodate visitors needing assistance. Shuttles are available for visitors to use as a transport system during the event. Please, do not bring personal golf carts. Event shuttles include a wagon ride to and from the parking lots and battlefield and several passenger golf carts in the historical village.

### Parking

Parking is free. Plenty of handicap parking is available. We also have roving multi-person golf carts dedicated to shuttling visitors who need assistance.

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Take I-90 to the State St / US-20 Business (Clock Tower) Exit. Take the ramp toward Rockford. Stay straight to go onto US-20 E State St. Turn RIGHT onto STATE ST. Turn RIGHT onto PERRYVILLE RD. Turn LEFT onto GUILFORD RD. Turn left into the museum driveway.

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