

THE AMERICAN VETERANS CENTER'S 11TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 6-8 - WASHINGTON, DC

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Sessions begin at 8:30 AM and end at 3:15 PM

Held in the Auditorium, Renaissance Washington, DC Hotel

8:30 AM - MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE VETERANS:
P.O. BOX 1142 IN THE ALLIED WAR EFFORT

Including: **Dr. H. George Mandel** **George Frenkel**

9:10 AM - THE DOOLITTLE RAIDERS – Featuring veterans of Jimmy Doolittle's
legendary attack on Japan.

Including: **Lt. Col. Richard E. Cole**

Lt. Col. Robert Hite

Maj. Gen. David M. Jones

Maj. Thomas Griffin

M/Sgt. Edwin Horton

Sgt. David Thatcher

Moderated by **Col. C.V. Glines** - Official historian of the Doolittle Raiders.



*A B-25 bomber takes off from the USS Hornet as part of
the Doolittle Raid on Japan
- April 18, 1942.*

10:05 AM - THE KOREAN WAR – **Lt. General Julius W. Becton, USA (Ret)**. - Decorated veteran of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, and former Director of FEMA, President of Prairie View A&M University, and Superintendent of Washington DC Public Schools.

10:45 AM - THE LAST ACE – **Brig. General R. Steve Ritchie**, the only Air Force “ace” pilot in the Vietnam War and recipient of the Air Force Cross.



*Marines battle through Hue City in the
1968 Tet Offensive*

11:25 AM - THE TET OFFENSIVE: 40 YEARS LATER – Veterans of the major turning point of the Vietnam War recall the true story of Tet.

Including:

Brig. Gen. Michael Downs - Veteran of the 1st Marine Division in Vietnam and the Battle of Hue City; recipient of the Silver Star, Distinguished Service Medal, and Purple Heart

Col. Charles Krohn - Veteran of the Tet Offensive and author of *The Lost Battalion of Tet*; recipient of the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, and Bronze Star with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

12:10 PM - LUNCH & BOOK/MEMORABILIA SIGNING WITH THE DOOLITTLE RAIDERS

1:00 PM - REFLECTIONS: LOOKING BACK AT THE VIETNAM WAR – **Dr. Lewis Sorley** - Vietnam veteran, acclaimed historian, and author of the Pulitzer Prize-nominated *A Better War: The Unexamined Victories and Final Tragedy of America's Last Years in Vietnam*.

1:40 PM - TODAY'S HEROES – Several of the most highly decorated veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom

Including: **SSgt. David Bellavia**, US Army - *Silver Star, recommended for Medal of Honor*

HM2 Luis Fonseca, US Navy - *Navy Cross*

Capt. Walter Bryan Jackson, US Army - *Distinguished Service Cross*

SSgt. Jeremiah Workman, USMC - *Navy Cross*

2:30 PM - WAR AND THE NEW MEDIA - Featuring veterans who have used the new media to change how war is covered.

Including:

Matthew Carrier Burden

Blackfive.net

Jim Hanson

UncleJimbo.com

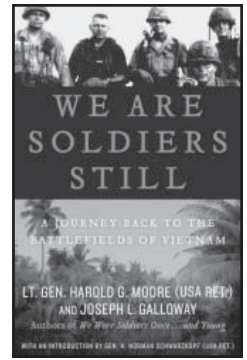
Major Chuck Ziegenfuss

From My Position...On The Way!

4:15 PM - AFTERNOON EVENT - Wreath laying ceremonies at the Korean War Veterans Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

6:30 PM - EVENING EVENT - A reception and discussion with **Lt. General Hal Moore** and **Joseph Galloway** in commemoration of the release of their new book, *WE ARE SOLDIERS STILL: A JOURNEY BACK TO THE BATTLEFIELDS OF VIETNAM*. Held at the historic **Army & Navy Club** in downtown Washington, DC.

NOTE: Bus transportation to wreath laying ceremonies departs at 3:45 PM from the Renaissance Washington Hotel. Meet in hotel lobby (K Street side of hotel). Bus will then proceed to Army & Navy Club and will return to Renaissance following reception and discussion.



The long-awaited sequel to the best-selling We Were Soldiers Once... And Young.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Sessions begin at 9:00 AM and end at 3:30 PM

Held in the Auditorium, Renaissance Washington, DC Hotel

9:00 AM - THE CONTRIBUTION OF WOMEN TO THE UNITED STATES MILITARY

Featuring: **Brig. General Wilma Vaught**, retired Air Force brigadier general and president of the Board of Directors of the Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation.



In the famous photo from Stars and Stripes, men of the "Filthy Thirteen" apply war paint prior to D-Day. The war paint and mohawks were inspired by their leader, Jake McNiece. Joining McNiece at the 2008 conference will be the four other survivors of the famed unit.

Lorraine Dieterle - Only female photographer in the Coast Guard in the Third Naval District in World War II.

Maj. Nicole Malachowski - Veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom and first female pilot selected to fly with the Air Force Thunderbirds.

9:50 AM - THE FILTHY THIRTEEN - The men of the 101st Airborne Division in WWII who made up the true story behind the famous film, *The Dirty Dozen*.

Featuring: **Jake McNiece** **John "Jack" Agnew** **Jack Womer**
Miguel "Mike" Marquez **Robert "Bob" Cone**

10:40 AM - WE ARE SOLDIERS STILL - The story of the epic battle of Ia Drang. Featuring:

Lt. General Hal Moore - Commander of 1/7 Cavalry at LZ X-RAY and co-author of *We Were Soldiers Once... And Young* and its long-anticipated sequel.

Joseph Galloway - UPI correspondent who covered the battle and the only civilian to be awarded the Bronze Star by the U.S. Army for the Vietnam War.

Col. Ramon "Tony" Nadal - Commander of Company A, 1/7 Cavalry under then Lt. Col. Moore at LZ X-RAY.

Col. Walter Joseph Marm - 2nd Platoon, A Company; awarded the Medal of Honor for heroism at Ia Drang.

Larry Gwin - Executive Officer of A Co, 2/7 Cavalry and recipient of the Silver Star for heroism at Ia Drang.

11:45 PM - LUNCH & BOOK/SIGNING WITH GENERAL HAL MOORE & JOSEPH GALLOWAY - WE ARE SOLDIERS STILL

12:40 PM - THE MEDAL OF HONOR - Recipients of our nation's highest award for military valor.

Featuring: **Col. Harvey C. "Barney" Barnum** **Col. Wesley Fox**
Capt. Thomas J. Hudner **Col. Walter Joseph Marm**
Col. Gordon Roberts

Moderated by **Lt. General Nicholas B. Kehoe** - President, Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation.

1:45 PM - BACK TO IRAQ - Veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom return to Iraq in the summer of 2008 to witness the changes inside the country.

Featuring **SSgt. David Bellavia** **Capt. Pete Hegseth** **Spc. Kate Norley**

2:25 PM- BASEBALL AND WORLD WAR II - Major League Baseball players who put their careers on hold to serve in the military during WWII.

Featuring **Joe Anders** **Lou Brissie** **Jerry Coleman** **Bob Feller** **Monte Irvin** **Ralph Kiner**



Hal Moore walks among the North Vietnamese casualties during the epic battle of Ia Drang. General Moore and Joe Galloway will join the conference in an exclusive discussion of their long-awaited sequel to the best-selling We Were Soldiers Once... And Young.

6:30 PM - EVENING EVENT – A reception in honor of the **Major League Baseball veterans of World War II**, with a special tribute to **Bob Feller** on his 90th birthday. The event will also welcome our brave young **Wounded Warriors** from Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Bethesda Naval Hospital. Held at the **Presidents Club at Nationals Park**, home of MLB's Washington Nationals.

NOTE: Bus transportation departs at 5:45 PM from the Renaissance Washington Hotel. Meet in hotel lobby (K Street side of hotel). Bus will return to Renaissance following the reception.



Bob Feller on board the USS Alabama, where he led an anti-aircraft gun team. Feller, like many other Major League Baseball players, left the game to serve in the military during World War II.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Sessions begin at 9:00 AM and end at 1:15 PM

9:00 AM - THE BLOODY BATTLE OF IWO JIMA

Featuring **Col. Dave E. Severance**, Commander of E Company, 28th Marines on Iwo Jima – the men who took Mt. Suribachi and raised the flags.

Donald Mates, veteran of the Third Marine Division and platoon mate of Jimmy Trimble, the Major League Baseball prospect whose lift was cut short after falling in battle.

James White, veteran of the Third Marine Division whose experience was featured in an article by *Leatherneck Magazine*.



The first flag is raised atop Mt. Suribachi during the battle of Iwo Jima. Then-Captain Dave Severance led the company that secured the mountain.

10:00 AM - THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN – The legendary first African American pilots in U.S. military history.

Featuring

Phillip Broome William Fauntroy Cicero Satterfield Ivan Ware

Moderated by **Jerry Burton**, Speakers' Bureau Chairman, East Coast Chapter Tuskegee Airmen Inc.

10:50 AM - GOOD MORNING, VIETNAM – Featuring **Adrian Cronauer**, famed Vietnam DJ portrayed by Robin Williams in the acclaimed film.

11:30 AM - BLACK HAWK DOWN: THE BATTLE OF MOGADISHU

Featuring **Matthew Eversmann**, former U.S. Army Ranger and leader of Chalk 4 during the Battle of Mogadishu; portrayed in the book and film *Black Hawk Down*.

12:10 PM - THE MEDAL OF HONOR: A NEW GENERATION OF VALOR – Service members who served alongside the Medal of Honor recipients of Iraq and Afghanistan help to share their stories of valor.

Featuring:

Maj. James M. "Brooks" Schultz, USA, who served with **SFC Paul Ray Smith**

Capt. Rudy G. Salcido, USMC, who served with **CPL Jason Dunham**

Special Warfare Operator 1st Class Corry Hull, USN, who served with **Lt. Michael Murphy**

Officer Candidate (SEAL) Tom DeShazo, USN, who served with **MA2 Michael Monsoor**

Sergeant 1st Class Cedric Thomas, USA, who served with **SPC Ross McGinnis, USA**

1:15 PM - LUNCH

2:30 PM - AFTERNOON EVENT – A wreath laying ceremony at the **National World War II Memorial**.

NOTE: Bus transportation departs at 2:00 PM from the Renaissance Washington Hotel. Meet in hotel lobby (K Street side of hotel). Bus will return to Renaissance following the wreath laying ceremony.

7:00 PM - EVENING EVENT – THE 11TH ANNUAL AMERICAN VETERANS CENTER AWARDS BANQUET, HONORING THE UNITED STATES MILITARY'S GREATEST HEROES.

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00. RECEPTION IN FOYER



The Doolittle Raiders lead the wreath laying ceremony at the WWII Memorial at the AVC's 2006 conference.