

WW II Memorial Dedication

The four-day “Tribute to a Generation,” from 27 to 30 May, will feature formal dedication of the National World War II Memorial on 29 May. Events include a National WW II Reunion, exhibitions, military performances and an interfaith memorial service at the Washington National Cathedral. Log on to www.wwiimemorial.com or call 800-639-4992 for more information.

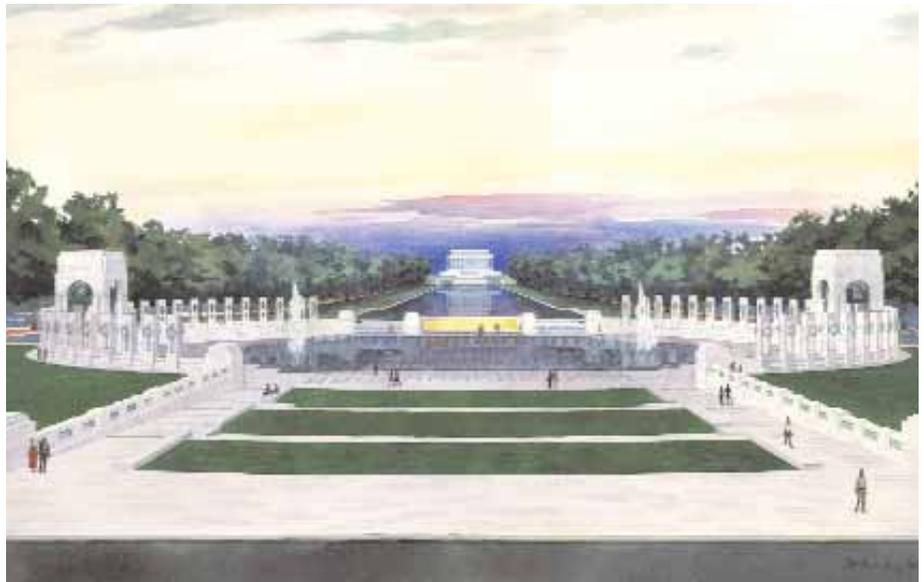
Following the kickoff, “America Celebrates the Greatest Generation” activities will run until Labor Day 2004 with more than 60 WW II-themed exhibitions, performances, walking tours and hotel packages in Washington, D.C., and throughout the region. For details, visit www.americasgreatestgeneration.com.

Ejection Histories Sought

As part of a wider history research project begun in the early 1980s on the development and use of assisted aircrew escape systems, a private researcher is compiling a comprehensive listing of all known aircraft ejections, successful and unsuccessful, including names, dates and photos of the pilot and crew. He wishes to contact the involved aircrews or witnesses from around the world to obtain memories of the event. Contact Mike Bennett, Escolbrook, 106 Main Street, Clifton Campville, Tamworth, Staffordshire B79 0AP England; email mbenshar@aol.com.

USS Hornet Museum Unveils TBM

During a 29 November 2003 public ceremony, the USS Hornet Museum unveiled a restored TBM Avenger. The



“West View Toward Lincoln Memorial,” a watercolor by Joe McKendry, illustrates how the WW II memorial nestles within double rows of elm trees flanking the Reflecting Pool on the National Mall. The memorial’s most prominent features are the ceremonial entrance, two memorial arches (Atlantic and Pacific) and 56 pillars, the Freedom Wall and Field of Gold Stars commemorating more than 400,000 Americans lost, and the rebuilt Rainbow Pool and complementary waterworks.

Corrections

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Page 7: the E-2C Hawkeye that suffered a mishap on 14 August 2003 was assigned to Defense Contract Management Agency, Southeast Aircraft Operations, St. Augustine, Fla.

Page 40: 2002 Battle E winners HS-5 (LANT) and HS-15 (PAC) were inadvertently omitted. HSL-42 (LANT) received the Battle E vice HSL-24.

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Page 8: the E-2C Group 0 Hawkeye is still flying with reserve units VAWs 77 and 78.

largest WW II type of aircraft to fly off the *Essex*-class carrier *Hornet* (CV 12), the TBM was restored to static display status wearing the paint scheme of VT-17, one of *Hornet*’s torpedo bomber squadrons during WW II. TBM BuNo 69375 was manufactured in October 1944 by the Eastern Aircraft Division of General Motors, and was retired from active service on 12 June 1956 and stricken from the Navy inventory on 29 August 1956. She then served as a fire bomber for the U.S. Forest Service until the late 1970s, and was subsequently purchased by the Aircraft Carrier *Hornet* Foundation in June

1998. The aircraft was restored by the *Hornet* AirGroup, volunteers dedicated to the restoration and preservation of naval aircraft. For more information about *Hornet*’s aircraft and the USS *Hornet* Museum, please call 510-521-8448.

Reunions

PBM *Mariner*/P5M

Marlin, 6–9 MAY, Arlington, VA. POC: E. Doug Anderson, 1101 S. Arlington Ridge Rd., Arlington, VA 22202; 703-892-5893; dandfreddy@aol.com.

Franklin D. Roosevelt (CVB/CVA/CV 42), 12–16 MAY, Albuquerque, NM. POC: Robert McCauley, 9836 Kernville Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89134; 800-437-0869.

Ranger (CVA/CV 61), 3–6 JUN, Branson, MO. POC: Jerry Ziegler, 101 Heile Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45215; 513-733-3655; duntruck36@aol.com.

USMC/Vietnam Helicopter Assn., 8–11 JUL, Reno, NV. Call 781-337-3239; www.popasmoke.com.