



WORLD WAR II & SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
.....
DIGITAL STORYTELLING PREMIERE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2018 / 6PM-8PM

SOUTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH





WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

Opening Remarks

Dr. Christina Fisanick, Associate Professor of English, California University of Pennsylvania
Mr. Robert Stakeley, Educator and Director of the HCAP Program, Heinz History Center

SPRING 2018 DIGITAL STORIES



"The Mad Russian"

Fayette County Historical Society
Sharena Groover, Britney Galik, Abigale King, Sarah Crayton



"Carnegie's Hometown Heroes"

Historical Society of Carnegie
Hannah Wyman, Logan Abersold, Carl Anderson, Kaitlyn Collins



"Friday the 13th"

Mount Lebanon Historical Society
MaryGrace Long, Kendall Clevenger, Laura Lucks, Kole Miller



"Trolleys in WWII"

Pennsylvania Trolley Museum
McKayla Kling, Ireland Killen, Will Hebda, Maria Kleck

Walter H. Luther Jr.'s unit. Normandy, July 1944.
634th A.A.A. AW Battalion.



"Her"

Duncan Miller Glass Museum
Caitlyn Copson, Savannah
Davis, Kayla Kunkel, Emily Lucas



"Prisoners of War"

Fayette Co. Historical Society
Melanie Harvey, Lorelee Nemetz
Imani Brown



"Fighting for Peace"

Bethel Park Historical Society
Kelsie Drennen, LynnJoelle
Gardner, Jordan Hurt, Abbie
Reichelderfer



"A Father's Love"

Bethel Park Historical Society
Shaylie Augustine, Madison Kirk



"A Boy from Brownsville"

Brownsville Area Revitalization
Crop.
Andrew Yankovich, Jacob
Pasko, Morgen Fraser



"Women of War Time"

Monongahela Historical Society
Kayla Boardley, Larry Wiles,
Patrick Skinner



Betty Stephens (Sweeney) was enlisted as a truck driver in the Marine Corps during WWII. She raised her family in Murrysville.



"Hurrah for Industry in Donora"

Donora Historical Society and Smog Museum
Jensen DiCarlo, Blaine Hill-Banks, Jahneek Fant, Christopher Girardi



"Letters Home"

Fayette Co. Historical Society
Michaela Tubbs, Dan Nuttall, Sam Cole, Sera Diliscia



"A Small Town Hero"

Donora Historical Society and Smog Museum
Maria Dovshek, Destiny Ortiz, Emily Sloan, Kayla Clark



“ The shortest distance between two people is a story.”

Robert Lunsford Jr., 17, of Woods Run was drafted into the Army in 1945 and served in Occupied Germany.

ABOUT THE EXHIBIT

CalU's Manderino Library was selected as one of a handful of sites to feature the traveling World War II exhibit by the Heinz History Center. The We Can Do It! WWII traveling exhibit explores Western Pennsylvania's incredible impact on the home, industrial, and battle fronts during World War II.

Visitors to the exhibit learn about the development of the jeep, a uniquely American invention produced by the American Bantam Car Company in Butler, Pa., and hear the stories behind Rosie the Riveter and the local Tuskegee Airmen whose contributions helped to turn the tide of the war.

History Center Affiliate Program institutions are encouraged to display WWII-related items from their collections as part of the exhibit, which includes artifacts, previously unseen photographs, and large museum panels highlighting Western Pa.'s contributions to WWII.

**“In the end, we'll all
become stories.
Margaret Atwood”**



Dorothy Walker had her picture taken in 1944 when she worked as a welder for American Bridge Co. in Ambridge, a subsidiary of U.S. Steel.

CALU



Our Story

Not long after earning a Certificate in Digital Storytelling, Dr. Christina Fisanick of California University of Pennsylvania joined forces with Mr. Robert Stakeley of the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh to help tell the stories of northern Appalachia and its people. Their collaboration with the Cal U Honors Program and the Heinz History Center Affiliates Program (HCAP) has led to the creation of more than 180 digital stories in seven counties in western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio, and northern West Virginia. More than 200 Cal U students have worked with more than 70 historical societies and organizations to put words and images together in riveting, short videos that have been shared across the nation and the world. We believe that we must tell our stories or they will be told for us.



Special Thanks

President Geraldine Jones, President and CEO Dr. Andy Masich, Dr. Craig Fox, Dr. M.G. Aune, Kim Orslene, Dr. Gary DeLorenzo, Dr. Laura Tuennerman, Professor Bill Meloy, Manderino Library, Robert Prah, Dean Kristen Majocho, Dr. Yugo Ikach, Monongahela Historical Society, Fayette County Historical Society, Brownsville Revitalization Corp., Bethel Park Historical Society, Historical Society of Carnegie, Mount Lebanon Historical Society, Donora Historical Society and Smog Museum, Pennsylvania Trolley Museum, Duncan and Miller Glass Museum, Monongahela Area Historical Society



Cover Image: (Left to right) Bill and Ruth Rentz Malsch and friends. Rattlesnake Bomber Base, Pyote, Texas 1945. Bill and Ruth met while serving at Pyote and were married in 1945.

Our Missions

The [University Honors Program](#) strives to provide a select group of students with a safe, supportive community in which to excel academically, socially, and professionally. Our students pursue innovative, hands-on research projects and take classes with other high-achieving students taught by CalU's most distinguished faculty. They have opportunities to make the most of their education and excel in the post-graduation world, whether it be in graduate or professional school or a challenging and rewarding career.



The [History Center Affiliates Program \(HCAP\)](#) includes more than 125 regional historical societies and organizations dedicated to preserving local history. Affiliate Program members include history, genealogy, and library organizations located primarily within the counties of Western Pennsylvania. Membership in the program brings the extensive expertise and resources of the History Center's staff to these organizations, especially in the areas of museum and archival work that enable each affiliate organization to reach its goals.

Our Missions

To advance its ultimate mission of building the character and careers of students, [California University of Pennsylvania](#) shall focus its efforts on three goals: student achievement and success, institutional excellence, and community service. These interrelated ends will be facilitated by the following means: high quality faculty, students, programs and facilities. These means, in turn, will be funded through an energetic program of resource acquisition and stewardship.



The [Senator John Heinz History Center](#) is an educational institution that engages and inspires a large and diverse audience with links to the past, understanding in the present, and guidance for the future by preserving regional history and presenting the American experience with a Western Pennsylvania connection. This work is accomplished in partnership with others through archaeology, archives, artifact collections, conservation, educational programs, exhibitions, library, museums, performance, publications, research, technical assistance, and increasingly through broadcast media and the internet.