

PANELISTS:

*Edward Drea, DOD History Office, "*The Environment and War: Americans and Japanese in the Pacific* "

*Mark Reardon, U.S. Army Center for Military History, "*Experiencing War: The U.S. Army's Initial Clash with Hitler's Wehrmacht in Tunisia, 1942-1943* "

*Roger Spiller, George C. Marshall Professor, KU, CGSC (ret) "*The Psychological Environment of Combat* "

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

8:30 Session #4 "Officers and Gentlemen"

CHAIR: Dan Holt, Director, Eisenhower Library

PANELISTS:

*Peter Schifferle, SAMS/Fort Leavenworth, "*The Management Of Men: Leavenworth and World War II* "

*Theodore A. Wilson, KU, "*The '90 Day Wonders': Assessing OCS* "

*Timothy Nenninger, NARA, "*Did the 'Old Army' Win World War II? Reflections on the U.S. Army, 1920-1940* "

10:45 Session #5 "Why They Fought"

CHAIR: Hal Wert, Kansas City Art Institute

PANELISTS:

*Thomas Bruscano, Ohio University, "The Analogue of Work, Memory And Motivation for World War II American Soldiers"

Bradley Carter, KU, "'Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition': The Testimony of Chaplains* "

*Peter Kindsvatter, US Army Ordnance Center, "*Fighting for Comrade or Country?: Looking Again at Small Unit Cohesion*"

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Democracy

In Arms:

**The American
Soldier in
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2005

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“DEMOCRACY IN ARMS: THE AMERICAN SOLDIER IN WORLD WAR II”

INTRODUCTION

Democracy in Arms is a free scholarly symposium to examine the experiences of the 15,000,000 men and women who served in the U.S. forces in World War II. Bringing together invited scholars, KU faculty and students, veterans of World War II, and members of the Lawrence and Kansas City metropolitan communities, the symposium will confront significant aspects of America's participation in World War II, perceived through the eyes of individual soldiers and via focus on such themes as the effects of rapid expansion of the armed forces on families, the selective service system, training and assignment, unit cohesion, deployment, weapons and doctrine, military medicine, and the cauldron of combat. *Democracy in Arms* acknowledges the 60th anniversary of the World War II's end. This two-day program will be one of the final commemorations involving the veterans themselves of the service and sacrifice of the World War II generation.

TENTATIVE SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE:

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2005

7:30 p.m. Humanities Lecture:

“The GI Generation: Sending Americans into Combat in World War II”
Theodore A. Wilson, KU

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2005

8:00 - 9:30 a.m. Registration at the Dole Institute

9:30 Opening Remarks

10:00 Session #1 “Who Fought?”

CHAIR: Bill Tuttle, KU

PANELISTS:

*J.Garry Clifford, University of Connecticut, *“The Draft and Politics”*

*Robert Blackstone, KU, *“Conscription as Policy and Process: The View from the Barracks”*

*James Leiker, Johnson County Community College, *“Building a Multiracial Military in World War II”*

12:15 Lunch Address: “Those Who Chose Not to Fight”

Rachel Goossen, Washburn University (Reservation required for lunch — please call the Dole Institute for information.)

1:45 Session #2 “Citizens Become Soldiers”

CHAIR: LTC Brian DeToy, CGSC/Fort Leavenworth

PANELISTS:

*Daniel Fullerton, KU, *“The National Guard's Difficult Transition”*

*Jerry Morelock, Editor, Armchair General, *“Replacements, Fillers, Waifs”*

*Robert Rush, U.S. Army Center for Military History, *“The Experience of Basic Training”*

3:45 Session #3 “The Schoolhouse of War”

CHAIR: Robert Berlin, CGSC

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