

On par with history: New tour pairs WWII experts with golf pros

TOWSON, MD, USA, January 12, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The National WWII Museum is bringing history to life with a new addition to its travel tour program that brings guests to historic WWII sites in Europe, while playing on iconic golf courses in Scotland and France. Educational travel – especially trips exploring world history – is a growing trend for Americans. Reputable tour operators, like The National WWII Museum, are engaging renowned historians, best-selling authors and noted history experts as featured guests who travel along with participants.



This summer, the Museum has curated the Heroes & Legends: Golf and Glory trip (https://www.nationalww2museum.org/events-programs/educational-travel/heroes-legends) with renowned author and historian, Don Miller, Ph.D., combining historic cultural site tours with golf at some of the most well-known golf courses in Europe, where travelers will tee-off on historic links with golf pros Lanny Wadkins and John Mahaffey.



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Best-selling author Dr. Miller is a seasoned veteran of The National WWII Museum's travel program, having led sold-out tours in Normandy, Battle of the Bulge sites in Europe and through the Mediterranean. A sought-after expert, Miller's book "Masters of the Air: America's Bomber Boys Who Fought the Air War Against Nazi Germany" was selected to serve as the primary source for HBO's newest WWII miniseries. He has appeared in numerous PBS and History Channel programs and the author of eight best-selling books. Special featured guests, professional golfers Lanny Wadkins

and John Mahaffey, will play alongside guests in alternating foursomes, dine with the group and host talks about their careers in golf. Lanny Wadkins is a World Golf Hall of Fame inductee and won 22 PGA Tour tournaments; 10-time PGA Tour champ John Mahaffey's most memorable victory is known as the best comeback win in PGA history and the 1978 PGA Championship at Oakmont.

The Heroes & Legends: Golf and Glory trip includes poignant visits to museums, memorials and sites where Allied forces fought numerous battles. And for golf enthusiasts, it also includes coveted tee times on courses in the Normandy region of France and the lowlands of Scotland, as well as the option for entry to the final round of the 2018 Open Championship.

"This one-of-a-kind luxury golf and history trip through Europe gives us a rare opportunity to combine these two loved past-times," said Tom Markwell, associate vice president of travel & conference sales. "This is the first trip of its kind we have put together, and we are excited about the golf course line-up, as well as the cultural sites and tours we have curated along with Don Miller."

What makes this voyage most remarkable are the once-in-a-lifetime connections and interactions planned throughout the program. In addition to unprecedented access to items from Museum archives and visits to key sites, throughout their entire visit, guests will have full-time access to Dr. Miller, who personally guides the group through the locations on the itinerary, and will golf with pros Wadkins and Mahaffey. Guests will:

- •Tee off at Omaha Beach Golf Club's La Mer Courses and Barriere Deauville's The Red and White Course in France, and golf Edzell Golf Club's Edzell Old Course and Gleneagles Golf Club's The King's Course in Scotland.
- •Non-golfers will be offered exclusive access to premier cultural and educational landmarks including Mont Saint-Michel, Honfleur and St. Catherine's Church, and Perthshire and Dundee in Scotland.

For eight nights, July 17 – 25, 2018, the Golf & History tour is \$12,999 per person, based on double occupancy, and the Cultural and Educational Tour (for non-golfers) is \$9,999 per person, based on double occupancy. The 2018 Senior Open Championship at the Old Course at St. Andrews from July 25 – 28 is an additional \$2,999 per person. More information about Heroes & Legends: Golf and Glory can be found here.

If booked by March 16, 2018, guests will save \$2,000 per couple (https://www.nationalww2museum.org/events-programs/educational-travel/heroes-legends#guests).

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