

WWII IN GETTYSBURG

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GETTYSBURG TOURS is offering WWII in Gettysburg tours this summer, highlighting this historic town's contributions to WWII.

Tour covers a secret intelligence camp on the battlefield, POW camps, the Navy's map-making facility, civilian life during the war, and the WWII veterans in the national cemetery.

Tickets for the August 19 & September 17 tours are available from Gettysburg Battlefield Tours.

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I attended the WWII Leaders and DISC Workshop. Awesome! Very interesting to learn how personality types really affect the decision-making process. Lots to take back and implement at the office. Speakers were engaging - no yawning in the seminar!!

—Steve Quinley

The Greatest Treasure Hunt In History

by Antigoni Ladd

Have you seen the George Clooney-directed movie, *The Monuments Men*? Released in 2014, it tells the story of an unlikely Allied unit that sets out to rescue art masterpieces stolen by the Nazis in WWII. The ensemble cast includes Matt Damon, Bill Murray, John Goodman, Hugh Bonneville, and Cate Blanchett. The movie is based on the true story from the book, *The Monuments Men: Allied Heroes, Nazi Thieves and the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History* by Robert M. Edsel and Bret Witter. If you like WWII thrillers, then you will enjoy this movie.

But we bring it to your attention in this leadership column, because it sheds new light on one of our role models of responsible leadership, Dwight Eisenhower. Prior to the D-Day invasion, Eisenhower wrote, "Shortly we will be fighting our way across the Continent of Europe in battles designed to preserve our civilization. Inevitably, in the path of our advance will be found historical monuments and cultural centers which symbolize to the world all that we are fighting to preserve. It is the responsibility of every commander to protect and respect these symbols whenever possible."



He had previously instructed soldiers that they were "bound to respect monuments so far as war allows." These were unprecedented orders in wartime.

Robert M. Edsel, President of the Monuments Men Foundation for the Preservation of Art, summed up this leadership model. "There are many lessons to be drawn from World War II, and no better instructor than General Eisenhower. We as a nation should honor his leadership and basic decency, by demonstrating in all future conflicts no less the concern and respect for the cultural heritage of others than in winning the peace we as a nation seek. I hope... the example set by General Eisenhower will inspire our current

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leaders...to do something no leader of the United States has done since World War II: restate our nation's commitment to respect the cultural and artistic heritage of all people in our increasingly global community.”

To learn more about the Monuments Men Foundation, check <https://www.monumentsmenfoundation.org/>, and treat yourself to an upbeat war movie.