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**2019 “WORLD WAR II IN GETTYSBURG” BUS TOUR SCHEDULE RELEASED
75th Anniversary of D-Day highlight’s Gettysburg’s rarely-explored WWII links
Saturday “WWII in Gettysburg” tours run April 6-November 9**

Gettysburg, PA (March 1)— “OK. Let’s go.” With that utterance, General Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the order to start the D-Day invasion to liberate Europe from Nazi Germany in June 1944. For most people, the Civil War dominates Gettysburg’s history. This year—D-Day’s 75th Anniversary—experience a different side of Gettysburg on a “World War II in Gettysburg” bus tour, plus a bonus walking tour of the Gettysburg National Cemetery.

A collaboration between Gettysburg Battlefield Bus Tours and Tigrett Leadership Academy, this year’s bus tour departs each Saturday at 2:00pm from the Gettysburg Tour Center at 778 Baltimore Street. The two-hour tour runs weekly from August 6 through November 9. This year, Gettysburg Tours and Tigrett have added a bonus 45-minute walking tour of the Gettysburg National Cemetery.

“We are excited to continue this multi-year partnership with the history experts at Tigrett Leadership Academy,” said Max Felty, president of Gettysburg Tours, Inc., operator of the battlefield bus tours. “This unique program provides our visitors with a look at Gettysburg’s intimate connection to World War II, a rarely-explored aspect of Gettysburg’s rich history.”

“Our ‘World War II in Gettysburg’ tour tells the inspiring stories of World War II leaders who came to Gettysburg, including President Franklin D. Roosevelt, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, and Prime Minister Winston Churchill,” says Antigoni Ladd, co-founder and curriculum director of Tigrett Leadership Academy. “Ride along and take a look at the people and places that played a part in the Allied victory in World War II.”

“World War II in Gettysburg” tour highlights include:

- Experience the moving stories of World War II veterans buried in the Gettysburg National Cemetery— including D-Day veteran Frank Materewicz and his brother Edward; from Pearl Harbor to the Battle of the Bulge to Guadalcanal, these wartime casualties encompass all theaters of the war and all branches of the military.
- Visit a prisoner-of-war camp and learn why an intelligence camp was located here, training specialized troops for psychological warfare.
- Hear stories of the Navy’s map-making operation that prepared for the invasion of Japan.
- Learn about the scrap drive that almost took some of the battlefield’s most famous monuments, and find out what sacrifices Gettysburg’s citizens made to help the war effort.
- Learn which wartime leaders journeyed to Gettysburg to pay their respects, including Eisenhower, who made Gettysburg his home in 1950.

Additional information about the “World War II in Gettysburg” bus tour, including the 2019 season schedule and links to online ticketing, is available at <https://www.gettysburgbattlefieldtours.com/bus->

[tours/wwii-bus-tour/](#). All veterans are eligible for a 10% discount, and World War II vets ride for free— contact Gettysburg Tours for more information. There will be no tours from June 29-August 3 to facilitate visitors' participation in events commemorating the Battle of Gettysburg.

About Tigrett Leadership Academy

Tigrett Leadership Academy uses leadership lessons from 19th and 20th Century giants such as Abraham Lincoln, Winston Churchill, Dwight Eisenhower, and Frederick Douglass to help organizational leaders navigate through turbulent times. Popular Tigrett programs include the World War II Leadership Series, Lessons from Gettysburg, and Lessons from Lincoln. Additional information is available at www.tigrettleadershipacademy.com. Tigrett Leadership Academy: Experience it. Learn it. Live it.

About Gettysburg Battlefield Bus Tours

Gettysburg Tours, Inc. runs battlefield tours in double decker buses and coach buses from our Gettysburg Tour Center, as well as battlefield tours in coach buses from the National Park Service Visitor Center, under a contract with the Gettysburg Foundation. We also operate the shuttle service to the Eisenhower Farm under a National Park Service concession contract and provide private charter services and airport shuttle services. Additional information about Gettysburg Battlefield Bus Tours is available at <https://www.gettysburgbattlefieldtours.com/about-us/history/>.

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