

JOURNEY BACK TO WORLD WAR II

with the Italian American Veterans Museum



BIRD'S EYE VIEW

1 PM • SUNDAY, NOV. 10, 2019

While growing up in the Taylor Street neighborhood, Ralph Triggiano dreamed of becoming a photographer. That dream became a reality during World War II, when the Navy trained him to be their eye in the sky over the Pacific.

For two years, he took reconnaissance photos of enemy positions from 10,000 feet in the air, helping to turn the tide in the war against Japan. Along the way, he captured vivid, close-up images of life on deck and on shore, as well as chilling long-range shots of Nagasaki after the atomic blast.

Now 96 years young, Triggiano will be the guest of honor at the opening of an exhibition of his photographs. Doors will open at noon, and at 1 p.m., museum curator Steve Corbo will introduce Triggiano and engage him in a lively interview about his wartime experience.



HEROES ON DECK

3 P.M. • SATURDAY, DEC. 7, 2019

Just off Chicago's shoreline during World War II, the U.S. Navy trained more than 15,000 carrier pilots on a pair of coal-fired, side-wheel passenger steamers transformed into "flattops."

Not every pilot landed successfully on the pitching decks of the USS Wolverine and USS Sable, and many aircraft plunged into the watery depths. Today, more than 100 WWII aircraft rest at the bottom of the lake.

The acclaimed PBS documentary "Heroes on Deck: World War II on Lake Michigan" tells the story of the recovery of those rare war birds and the ingenious training program that changed the course of the war in the Pacific.

Doors will open at 2 p.m., and the film will be screened at 3. Museum board member Joseph Troiani, a retired Navy commander and consultant for the film, will give a PowerPoint presentation and field questions before the screening.



SEATING IS EXTREMELY LIMITED, AND RESERVATIONS ARE AN ABSOLUTE MUST!
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*Light refreshments will be served before each event. Admission is free, but donations are welcome.
The museum is located on the third floor of the Office Center at Casa Italia, 3800 Division St., Stone Park.*

