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MEDIA ADVISORY:



**EXCLUSIVE MEDIA PREVIEW OF *GHOST ARMY: THE COMBAT CON ARTISTS OF WORLD WAR II*:
A SPECIAL EXHIBITION FROM THE NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM**

WHAT:

Attend an exclusive media preview for interview and photo opportunities in advance of *Ghost Army: The Combat Con Artists of World War II* with remarks by the following presenters:

- David B. Walker, CEO, Nevada Museum of Art
- Raymond “Skip” Avansino, Chairman and CEO, E.L. Wiegand Foundation
- Philip Satre, Trustee, National World War II Museum
- Colonel (Ret.) Peter Crean, Vice President of Education and Access, National World War II Museum

Colonel Crean will highlight unique World War II era artifacts in a brief 5-minute preview tour of the exhibition.

Members of the Veteran community, including Veterans of Foreign Wars, Honor Flight, the representatives from the Department of Veterans Services, and others will be present as special guests.

WHERE & WHEN:

On Friday, March 3 at 10:30 am at the Nevada Museum of Art
160 West Liberty Street, Reno, NV 89501

Enter through the front doors and check-in with the Admissions + Membership Desk

ABOUT THE EXHIBITION:

Discover the story of the US Army’s 23rd Headquarters Special Troops, known as “Ghost Army,” whose soldiers elevated battlefield deception to an art form during World War II. The unit consisted of a carefully selected group of artists, engineers, professional soldiers, and draftees, including famed artists such as fashion designer Bill Blass, painter Ellsworth Kelly, and photographer Art Kane. The unit waged war with inflatable tanks and vehicles, fake radio traffic, sound effects, and even phony generals—using imagination and illusion to trick the enemy while saving thousands of lives.

For the duration of the exhibition, free admission to the Museum will be offered to Veterans, active military and their families.

For more information, [see the exhibition press kit](#).

Sponsor: Organized by The National WWII Museum, *Ghost Army: Combat Con Artists of World War II* is exclusively sponsored by the E. L. Wiegand Foundation.

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The Nevada Museum of Art is the only art museum in Nevada accredited by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM). A private, nonprofit organization founded in 1931, the statewide institution is supported by its membership as well as sponsorships, gifts and grants. Through its permanent collections, original exhibitions and programming, and E.L. Cord Museum School, the Nevada Museum of Art provides meaningful opportunities for people to engage with a range of art and education experiences. The Museum's *Center for Art + Environment* is an internationally-recognized research center dedicated to supporting the practice, study, and awareness of creative interactions between people and their environments. The Center houses unique archive materials from more than 1,000 artists working on all seven continents, including Cape Farewell, Michael Heizer, Walter de Maria, Lita Albuquerque, Burning Man, the Center for Land Use Interpretation, Great Basin Native Artists Archive, Ugo Rondinone's *Seven Magic Mountains*, and Trevor Paglen's *Orbital Reflector*. Learn more at nevadaart.org.

Land Acknowledgement

The Nevada Museum of Art acknowledges the traditional homelands of the *Wa She Shu* (Washoe), *Numu* (Northern Paiute), *Newe* (Western Shoshone), and *Nuwu* (Southern Paiute) people of the Great Basin. This includes the 28 tribal nations that exist as sovereign nations and continue as stewards of this land. We appreciate the opportunity to live and learn on these Indigenous homelands.

The National WWII Museum tells the story of the American experience in *the war that changed the world*—why it was fought, how it was won, and what it means today—so that all generations will understand the price of freedom and be inspired by what they learn. Dedicated in 2000 as The National D-Day Museum and now designated by Congress as America's National WWII Museum, the institution celebrates the American spirit, teamwork, optimism, courage and sacrifices of the men and women who fought on the battlefield and served on the Home Front. For more information on TripAdvisor's #1 New Orleans attraction, call 877-813-3329 or 504-528-1944 or visit nationalww2museum.org.