

# 2024 Nebraska History *Lunch Series*

(in collaboration with Gere Library)



These free programs spotlight Nebraska's role in World War II. Programs are the third Tuesday of each month from noon to 1:30 p.m. A sack lunch is available for \$5 (whole turkey or ham sandwich, chips, fruit, cookie, and bottled water). Seating is limited, so reservations are required even if you don't eat lunch. Reservation and payment deadline for sack lunch is the Wednesday before the event by noon. **Call 402-441-7158 to make your lunch reservations.**



**Tuesday, April 16**

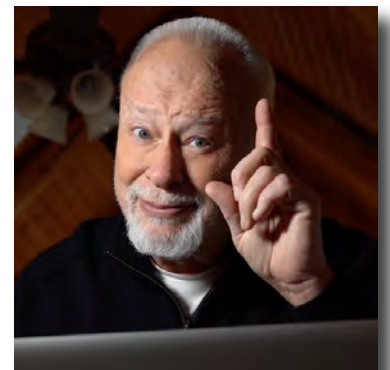
**WWII in Nebraska, presented by Melissa Amateis**

From the army airfields to the ordnance plants to the scrap drives, the remarkable story of the Cornhusker State's home front during WWII.

**Tuesday, May 21**

**All Hell Can't Stop Us, presented by Joel Geyer**

Before the United States entered WWII, more than a dozen Nebraska Boys from Beatrice signed up for the National Guard knowing that small town enlistments were often kept together in one company. Little did they know they would be called up for active duty and lose more than 50% of their friends in their first battle in France.



**Tuesday, June 18**

**The Japanese/Japanese American-Nebraska Experience during WWII, presented by Vickie Sakurada Schaepler**

Hear the impact of war on the lives of Japanese Immigrants and their families, including those who served with distinction during WWII. Learn how Nebraskans brought Japanese/Japanese Americans out of the incarceration camps and their impact in Nebraska.

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**Tuesday, July 16**

**Nebraska POW Camps, presented by Melissa Amateis**

During World War II, thousands of Axis prisoners of war were held throughout Nebraska. Drawing on first-person accounts from soldiers, former POWs and Nebraska residents, as well as archival research, Melissa Amateis delves into the neglected history of Nebraska's POW camps.

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**Tuesday, Aug. 20**

**Andrew Jackson Higgins and the Boats That Won the War, presented by Gerald D. "Jerry" Meyer**

Andrew Jackson Higgins was born in Columbus and served in the Nebraska National Guard. His boats were credited with helping the Allies win World War II.



**Tuesday, Sept 17**

**The North Platte Canteen, presented by Annie Mumgaard**

The World War II North Platte Canteen, which made history when residents of 125 communities from across the state greeted millions of soldiers over a nearly five-year period, as their trains made a ten-minute stop at the North Platte depot. Canteen workers provided sandwiches, cakes, cookies, hard-boiled eggs, doughnuts, beverages, cigarettes, magazines—never once running out of provisions in its years of operation.

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