

2024

Nebraska History

Lunch Series

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Tuesday, July 16

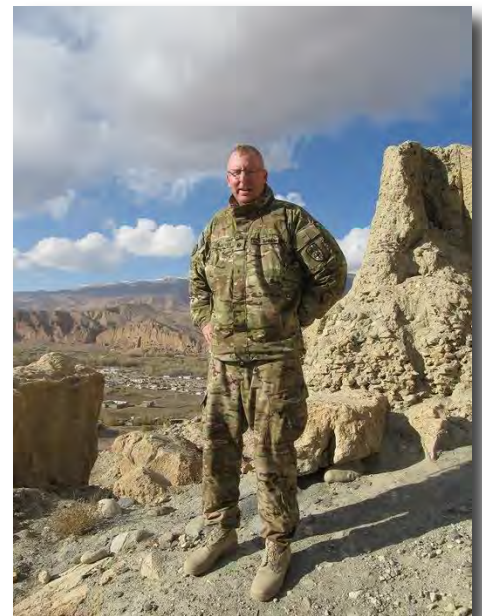
Nebraska POW Camps, presented by Melissa Amateis

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.

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.

Call 402-441-7158 to make your lunch reservations.