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Brief Synopsis

If we define a “world war” as an armed conflict that involves a majority of the world’s nation-states, then the Second World War clearly fits this criterion, since more than 100 countries were involved and very few remained neutral throughout the war. For those that were involved, the conflict was total, insofar as it involved not just the government and the armed forces, but their entire population and their economy as well. Factories that had been making cars or household appliances were now being used to make weapons, and everyone was called to do their part for the war effort. In World War II civilians were also involved more directly because cities and the civilian populations therein were often targeted. Of the principal nations involved in World War II, only the United States was spared the large-scale bombing of its cities. Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia, China, Japan and Italy all experienced bombing of heavily populated cities. World War II was also the deadliest War ever, with somewhere between 70 and 85 million people killed, mostly civilians in Russia and China. World War II is of course also infamous for the attempted genocide of European Jewry by the Nazis—the Holocaust—which killed an estimated 6 million Jews. World War II is also the only war where atomic weapons were used (by the United States against Japan). World War II is the last major war in which large areas of land belonging to particular nation-states were annexed or taken over by other

nation-states. At the conclusion of World War II, and for some years thereafter, there was much border-drawing to be done in order to partition the world’s nation-states. The consequences of World War II are significant and can hardly be over-emphasized. The United Nations was formed shortly after World War II in order to prevent war on this scale from ever happening again. World War II made painfully evident both that human beings have destructive impulses which must be checked and also that we have the technological means to annihilate ourselves. On a more hopeful note, since the end of World War II we have not seen the kind of wholesale “land grabs” by nations such as occurred with Japan and Germany during the War, despite the occasional small acquisition of territory as we saw with Russia in Ukraine (in 2014) and with Iraq in Kuwait (in 1990). These relatively small attempts to acquire contested territory have generally been met with international sanctions, if not outright war. One other consequence of World War II is that the world has been largely decolonized. This is partly a result of a general consensus that all nations have the right of self-determination, a right which is explicitly listed in the United Nation’s charter. While there was incredible death and destruction as a result of World War II, there were also many great acts of heroism and sacrifice, and it is not for nothing that the generation which fought and won this war is often referred to as the “Greatest Generation.”

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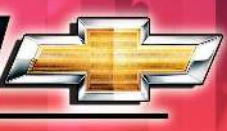
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The Beginnings of the Great War

Historians generally agree that World War II started on September 1, 1939, when Germany invaded Poland. As a consequence of this invasion, France and the United Kingdom declared war on Germany two days later. However, there was at this time already a war going on in the Pacific between Japan and China, which started in July 1937 (the Second Sino-Japanese War). The British historian A. J. P. Taylor argues that the Second Sino-Japanese War and the European war were being waged simultaneously and independently, and then merged in 1941. It should also be remembered that Italy had invaded Abyssinia (Ethiopia) in 1935, and when all of these theatres of war merged in 1941, we have a fairly clear demarcation of sides into the Allies and the Axis powers and a clear sense that this is a “world war.” The United States was one of only a few world powers that maintained neutrality until 1941, when it was attacked by Japan at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. This brought the United States into the War on the side

of the Allies (Great Britain, France, and the Soviet Union, among others), and against the Axis (composed primarily of Germany, Italy and Japan). Why did the Japanese attack Pearl Harbor? Given the military might of the United States at this time, and Japan’s already being involved in full-scale war with both China and the Soviet Union, one might wonder what the Japanese were thinking. There are several things which make Japan’s attack on the U.S. fleet understandable. First, Japan had aspirations to be an empire and believed that it should rule Asia and the Pacific region. Secondly, many of Japan’s victories in Asia and the Pacific were seen as liberations. The people of Burma, for instance, initially welcomed the Japanese as liberators from their British colonial overlords. And thirdly, the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor was seen as a strategic way to destroy U.S. naval power in the Pacific and to ensure that Japan’s hegemony there would be unchallenged. Perhaps what Japan did not count on was America’s resolve and its industrial capacity to wage war.

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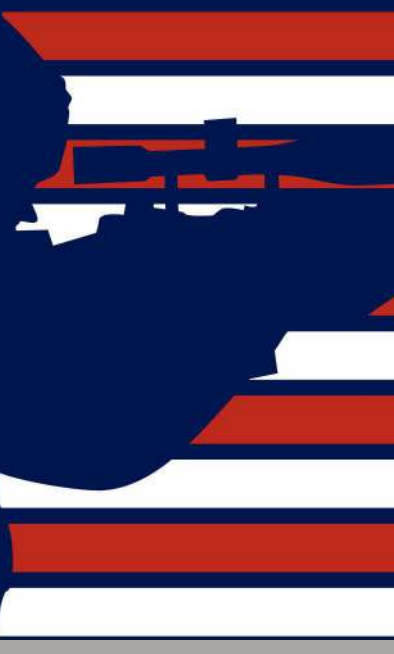
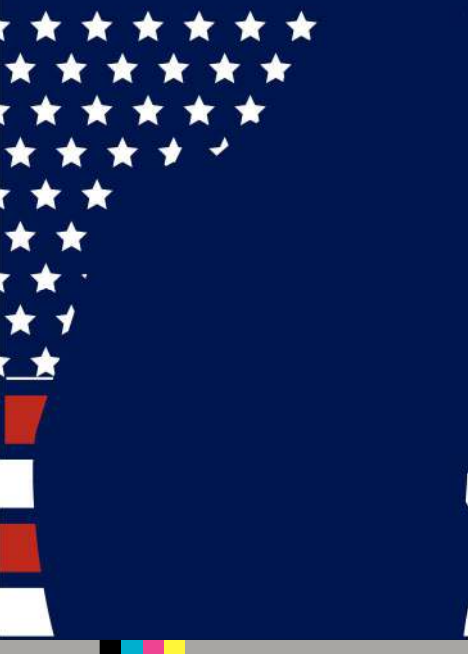
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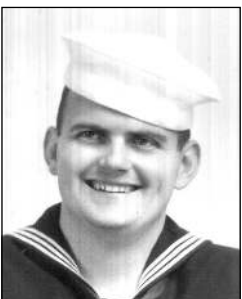
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Can the U.S. Maintain its Neutrality?

With the memory of the first World War still fresh in many American’s minds, there was understandably a reluctance on the part of Americans to get involved in another war in Europe, or anywhere else, for that matter. Woodrow Wilson persuaded Americans to support the first World War at least in part by advocating that they were “making the world safe for democracy.” But many Americans were convinced that bankers and weapons manufacturers were the ones who benefitted most from America’s involvement in war. Congress passed three separate neutrality acts during the 1930s, the first being the Neutrality Act of 1935, which prohibited selling arms to foreign nations at war. A second and a third Neutrality Act were passed in 1937 and 1939, both of which prohibited the direct sale of arms to “belligerent” nations, but which allowed the

sale of other goods, as long as it was done on a “cash-and-carry” basis, meaning they had to pay cash up front. These neutrality acts allowed the U.S. to have an official position of neutrality while still doing business with its allies who might be involved in conflicts. And America was indeed doing business with the Allies, that is, selling them weapons and raw materials. Franklin D. Roosevelt had advocated publicly for the U.S. to become the “great arsenal of democracy” in a radio address to the American people on December 29, 1940. This was part of what impelled Japan to attack Pearl Harbor almost a year later. Despite America’s claim of neutrality, it was clearly on the side of the Allies, as it was selling them arms and raw materials, and refused to sell them to Japan and the other Axis powers. After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor it was impossible for America to maintain even a semblance of neutrality. And thus, on December 7, 1941 the United States declared war on Japan.

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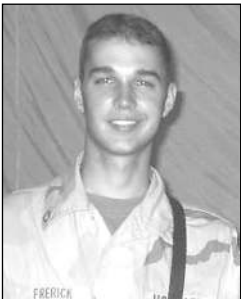
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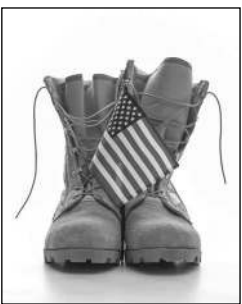
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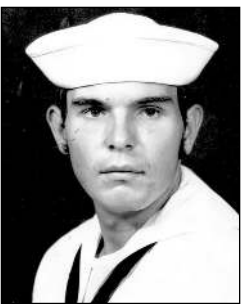
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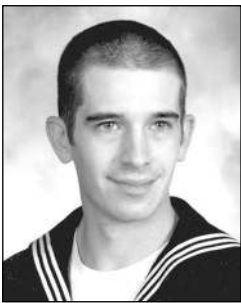
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The Tide Turns in the Pacific

During 1941 and early 1942, Japan had a string of victories in the Pacific, starting with their attack on Pearl Harbor and Wake Island in December of 1941. Simultaneous with these attacks, the Japanese attacked the Philippines. The Philippines had been a U.S. colony until 1936, when it became a U.S. Commonwealth, much like Puerto Rico is today, and so there were U.S. troops stationed there, who fought alongside Filipino nationals against the Japanese. The battle of the Philippines lasted until May of 1942, and is generally considered one of America's worst defeats, with an estimated 23,000 U.S. soldiers killed or captured, and an estimated 100,000 Filipinos killed or captured. Despite Japan's initial victory in the Philippines, the Japanese were continuously harassed by Filipino guerillas for the next few years, allowing the Japanese to control only a small portion of the Philippines. The Japanese were finally driven out of the Philippines in 1944 when General MacArthur returned, though some Japanese troops continued to occupy and fight in parts of the Philippines until the end of the war. (In fact, the last of the "Japanese holdouts" was a soldier named Hiroo Onoda, who hid in the jungles of the Philippines until 1974!)

In April of 1942 things started to turn for the Allies. The Doolittle Raid on April 18, 1942 was an air raid on Tokyo and Honshu province, and served several purposes. It served as retaliation for Pearl Harbor, it showed that the Japanese mainland was vulnerable to U.S. attacks, and it was a boost to morale for

the Allies. Following up on this were two strategic victories for the Allies: the Battle of the Coral Sea (May 4-8, 1942) and the Battle of Midway (June 4-7, 1942). Japan lost four aircraft carriers in the Battle of Midway, and after this battle, the loss of both materiel and manpower was too great for Japan to keep up with replacement needs, whereas the industrial power of the United States could readily do so. While there were many other battles in the Pacific theater, the tide had definitively turned by 1943, despite there being two more years of fighting in various parts of the Pacific. One of the more disturbing facts about the war in the Pacific is that the Japanese code of honor considered defeat to be a terrible humiliation, and they would rather die than surrender or be captured. This led to Japan using Kamikazes towards the end of the war, that is, pilots who would fly their planes (loaded with explosives and fuel) into aircraft carriers. Another unfortunate consequence of the Japanese code of honor were Japanese soldiers, so-called "Japanese holdouts," who hid in caves or deep in the jungles of islands in the Pacific. Many of these were found during the 1940s, -50s and -60s, and the last of these Japanese holdouts were not found until the 1970s, almost 30 years after the end of the war. One of the last was Shoichi Yokoi, who was found on Guam on January 24, 1972 by local fishermen, who he attacked, thinking that his life was in danger. Upon his return to Japan, he is quoted as saying "It is with much embarrassment that I return." Despite having known since 1952 that the war was over, he explained his reasons for staying hidden by saying "We Japanese soldiers were told to prefer death to the disgrace of getting captured alive."

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The End of Fascist Italy

Italy was the first of the Axis powers to be defeated and forced to surrender, although it should be noted that Italy's involvement in the war was limited mostly to North Africa and some limited involvement in the south of France. Italy occupied part of southern France and Corsica from November of 1942 until September of 1943, at which time it surrendered. In July 1943 British and American troops landed in Sicily and rapidly gained the upper hand. On July 19, 1943 Allied forces bombed Rome, and popular support for the war among Italians rapidly diminished. On September 3, 1943 British troops crossed over from Sicily to the “toe” of Italy’s boot. Allied forces landed at Salerno and Taranto on September 9, unopposed by Italian troops, since an armistice had been signed the day before. At this point Mussolini was removed from power and there was something of a scramble for Italian territory between the Germans, who took most of northern Italy, and the Allies, who held onto Sicily and southern Italy. Italy was at this point essentially involved in a civil war, and Mussolini, who was initially imprisoned (some would say put in protective custody) by the Germans for switching sides, fell into the hands of Italian partisans, who executed him by firing squad on April 28, 1945. Mussolini was executed along with his mistress, Claretta Petacci, and then their corpses were taken to Milan where they were displayed in a public square and subjected to various forms of abuse prior to being hung upside down from a metal girder.

The End of Nazi Germany

By the end of 1944, the tide had turned in Europe. The war in Europe ended when Allied troops invaded Germany in February and March of 1945, culminating in the Soviet army taking Berlin. Hitler’s death came two days after Mussolini’s, by suicide on April 30, 1945. He committed suicide by shooting himself in the head, while his wife of one day, Eva Braun, committed suicide by taking cyanide. Hitler was apparently concerned that what happened to Mussolini’s body might also happen to him, and thus he gave orders that his body be burned following his death.



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The Liberation of the Concentration Camps

One of the more horrific discoveries at the end of World War II came when Allied forces liberated the German concentration camps. The first of these to be liberated was Majdanek near Lublin, Poland in July of 1944. As the Soviets ad-

vanced from the east, the Nazis retreated, trying to dismantle the camps and hide evidence of what was being done, but at Majdanek, the gas chambers were still there. The Nazis also tried to move the concentration camp prisoners to other camps, often marching them long distances in frigid conditions, without adequate food, clothing, or in many cases, shoes. Many of them died along the way, or were shot if they could not keep up with the pace of these death marches. In January of 1945 Auschwitz was liberated by the Russian army, but not before nearly 60,000 prisoners were forced on a death march. When the Russians arrived at Auschwitz, they found some 7000 starving prisoners there, 600 corpses, as well as 370,000 men's suits, 837,000 articles of women's clothing, and over 7 tons of human hair. Auschwitz was the largest of Germany's concentration camps, with over a million people being murdered there. As the front moved west, the Nazis continued to move prisoners to other camps, such as Bergen-Belsen, Ravensbruck and Buchenwald. The overcrowded camps led to outbreaks of diseases such as typhus, the mortality rate of which was over 60 percent. When the British liberated Bergen-Belsen on April 15, 1945 they discovered literally thousands of corpses strewn around the prison, and over 60,000 starving prisoners, many of whom did not survive. The horrific conditions of the camps, and the scale of the horror is hard to imagine, and even more so when one realizes that there was a government behind this, a government which planned and carried out this holocaust with bureaucratic efficiency on a modern industrial scale.

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and try to stop the war immediately. Truman decided to use the bomb. On August 6, 1945 a B-29 bomber named “Enola Gay” dropped a single atom bomb over the industrial city of Hiroshima, killing an estimated 80,000 people and fatally wounding thousands more. Japan, however, did not surrender after the attack on Hiroshima, with a majority of their Supreme War Council voting against unconditional surrender, and so on August 9th a second atom bomb was dropped on the city of Nagasaki. Meanwhile, the Russians had invaded Manchuria and thus, on August 12, 1945 Emperor Hirohito decided that peace was preferable to destruction, and accepted the conditions of surrender, which included the provision that “the authority of the emperor and the Japanese government to rule the state shall be subject to the Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers.” And thus ended the deadliest conflict humanity has ever faced.

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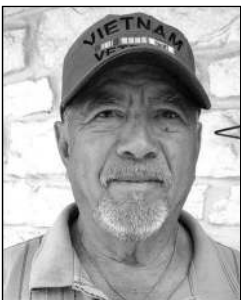
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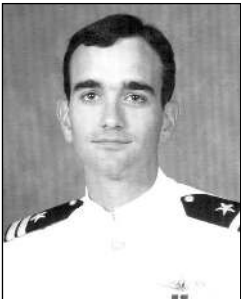
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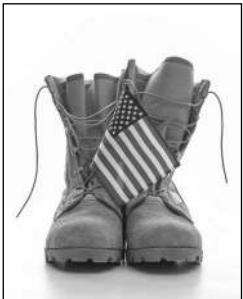
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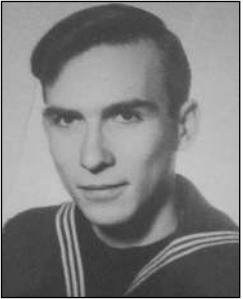
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Echoes of World War II?

The American philosopher George Santayana famously warned that “those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.” History doesn’t usually repeat itself verbatim, as it were, but it often rhymes. Social and political movements around the world resemble the past enough so that they do indeed seem to rhyme. Nationalism and a narrow populism are on the rise around the world today, as they were prior to World War II. Perhaps the one thing that differentiates our world from the pre-World War II one is that there is less tolerance for armed conflict and expansionist motives are almost universally condemned. Consider how quickly the U.S. and countries in the Middle East acted to push Saddam Hussein and the Iraqi army out of Kuwait in 1990. Russia’s annexation of Crimea in 2014 has been met with near-universal criticism, although the international community of nations has been less willing to join Ukraine in its attempt to remove the Russians. Even so, we do well to remember that nationalism and populism are often the tools of demagogues and tyrants.

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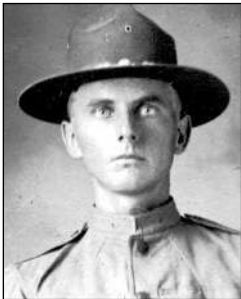
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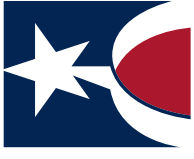
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