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Noted Author and Historian to Speak

Real to Reel: Hollywood's Presentation of World War II
Noted Author and Fulbright Scholar, Tom Doherty, Ph.D, to Speak at the
National Museum of the Pacific War

The National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, TX will welcome Tom Doherty, Ph.D, on Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 4:30 pm for a fun evening of cultural history, movies and dinner. Dr. Doherty, a professor of Film Studies at Brandeis University in Waltham, MA is the author of *Projections of War: Hollywood, American Culture, and WWII* (Columbia University Press, 1993). Dr. Doherty has been recognized by the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences as an Academy Film Scholar.

The evening will begin with a presentation from Dr. Doherty which will include his research, as well as supporting clips from World War-II era films. Following the presentation, there will be an opportunity for questions and answers, as well as, to purchase books by Dr. Doherty. Also, after the presentation there will be a screening of the 1945 classic, *They Were Expendable*, starring Robert Montgomery, John Wayne and Donna Reed. *They Were Expendable* is based on the true life story of Medal of Honor award recipient John D. Bulkeley, a PT boat squadron commander during the fall of the Philippines in 1941-42. Dr. Doherty will be available for discussion after the movie screening. Pizza and beverages will be served during the evening.

Admission tickets for the evening are \$20 for adults and \$12 for youths under 21. World War - II veterans are free. Tickets are available at the door but interested guests are encouraged to call ahead for reservations to 830-997-8600. The evening's activities and film are appropriate for all ages so the Museum encourages you to please bring the entire family!

The lecture and film will be presented in the historic Admiral Nimitz Museum Ballroom at the National Museum of the Pacific War which is located at 340 East Main in Fredericksburg, TX.

Please contact Dolores Young, 830-456-6997 to make coverage and/or interview arrangements. Ms. Young's e-mail address is young@nimitz-museum.org. The Museum's website is www.Nimitz-Museum.org.

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