



Every Veteran Has a Story. What's Yours?[®]

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Happy New Year!

2011 marks the third year of the Veterans Breakfast Club, and we have our most robust schedule yet: 26 breakfasts in four locations and four trips, ranging from a day in Akron-Canton for Air Force enthusiasts and two days in New Orleans at the National WWII Museum. In addition, we're also working with Dr. Edward Tick, a renowned expert on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, to host a veterans retreat for healing from war.

You'll notice a few changes this year as you look over our schedule. We have two new locations. After a long search, we've settled on a new breakfast spot in the North Hills: Grazie Restaurant in the Oxford Athletic Club (100 Village Club Drive Wexford, PA 15090). Manager Ryan Bechtold is eager and honored to host us. Our airport location has moved to the 911th Air Base Club (911th Air Base, 2475 Defense Ave, Building 110, Pittsburgh, Coraopolis, PA 15108), which is looking forward to being a part of our events.

If you haven't yet joined us, please consider doing so. The Veterans Breakfast Club is a non-profit founded by Dan Cavanaugh and Todd DePastino who believe storytelling connects us all. There are no membership dues or requirements, and you don't have to be a veteran to attend.

If you have any questions or want more information, please call us at 412-623-9029. Dan or Todd will call you back.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Veterans Breakfast Club is to create communities of listening around veterans and their stories. We accomplish this through regular breakfasts and other events, such as outreach sessions and bus trips to historic sites, designed to promote reflection, fellowship, and storytelling. Our current initiative focuses on veterans of World War II and Korea, but our mission is to reach veterans of every generation.

We believe that telling and listening to stories can nourish us and help build a more compassionate nation. Veterans' stories--whether they be entertaining, instructive, commemorative, or healing--remind us that history is built one story at a time.

Our 2011 Schedule

All breakfasts begin at 8:30am
Full Breakfast \$10 • Coffee/Danish \$6

Except Moon - see pricing below.

Just to attend is FREE!

If you'd like to have breakfast, but think it's too expensive, let us know. The Veterans Breakfast Fund will cover it!

Please RSVP at 412-623-9029

South Hills

Crowne Plaza • 164 Fort Couch Rd
All breakfasts on Tuesday unless indicated.

Feb 22 • March 29 • May 10
June 28 • July 26 • August 30
October 11 • November 19 (Sat.)
December 20

Penn Hills

Comfort Inn • 699 Rodi Rd
All breakfasts are on Friday.

March 11 • April 15 • June 17
July 15 • August 26 • October 7
November 4 • December 9

North Hills

The Grazie Restaurant & Event Ctr
in Oxford Athletic Club
All breakfasts are on Wednesday.

March 2 • May 4 • July 6 •
September 7 • November 30

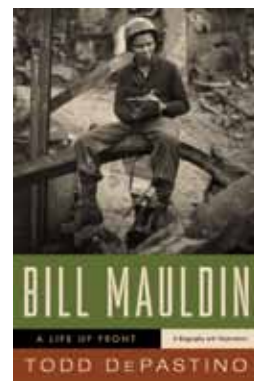
Moon

911th Air Base Club Cargo Bay,
2475 Defense Ave, Building 110
All breakfasts are on Thursday.

February 24 • March 31 • June 2
August 11 • December 15
Full Breakfast \$13 • Coffee/Danish \$8

VeteransBreakfastClub.org

Here's a way to Support the VBC - 100% of *Bill Mauldin: A Life Up Front* - book sales donated to us!



You can support our efforts to keep the Veterans Breakfast Club going by purchasing discounted copies of Todd's award-winning biography, *Bill Mauldin: A Life Up Front*. All proceeds go to the Veterans Breakfast Club. Todd will autograph a deluxe hardback edition, provide a custom inscription, and will even ship gift orders. The cost is \$20 (over 25% off retail price), plus \$4 shipping. Buy the book at a breakfast or order by calling 412-623-9029. Make checks payable to the Veterans Breakfast Club, 200 Magnolia Place, Pgh, PA 15228.

SOLDIER'S *heart* Veteran Return Retreat March 24-27, 2011

This retreat provides veterans, family members, helping professionals and caring community members an opportunity to learn and practice ways of successful homecoming and healing from war. The retreat will be led by Dr. Edward Tick, author of *WAR AND THE SOUL*.

WHERE: Franciscan Spirit & Life Center – Castle Shannon

CONTACT: info@soldiersheart.net • 518-274-0501

www.soldiersheart.net or Dan at 412-334-2044.



Congratulations to Dan Cavanaugh for his Jefferson Award in recognition of his work with the Veterans Breakfast Club! Dan will accept the award in March on behalf of himself and Todd DePastino - his partner and co-founder of the VBC.

Congratulations to VBC member Frank Kravetz for the publication of his war memoir *Eleven Two: One WWII Airman's Story of Capture, Survival and Freedom!* You can purchase Frank's book for \$19.95 plus shipping at http://www.silverbeargraphics.com/Frank_A_Kravetz.html



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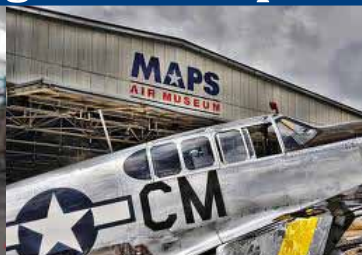


L-R Bud Banker, Ernie Williams, Sam Goldberg, Walt Butkovich, Bob Daley, Ruth D'Hert, Bob Horne, George Herwig

Breakfasts and Trips are open to all - You do not have to be a veteran to attend!



Tuesday, April 5, 2011 • Akron/Canton, OH MAPS Museum and 356th Fighter Group Restaurant



WHERE: Military Aviation Preservation Society (MAPS) Museum & 356th Fighter Group Restaurant
WHEN: Tuesday, April 5 (depart morning, return early evening). **HOW MUCH:** \$109 per person
WHAT'S INCLUDED: Motorcoach transportation, continental breakfast, museum and tour fees, banquet luncheon, and onboard entertainment and presentations. Call: 412-623-9029 to reserve your seat!



May 18-19, 2011 • Eldred, PA/Buffalo, NY Eldred WWII Museum & Buffalo Naval & Military Park



WHERE: Eldred WWII Museum & Buffalo Naval & Military Park & Museum in Eldred & Buffalo
WHEN: Tuesday, May 24-Wednesday, May 25. **HOW MUCH:** \$269 per person.
WHAT'S INCLUDED: motorcoach transportation, overnight accommodations, all museum/tour fees, all meals (including lunch aboard the USS Little Rock!) and onboard entertainment. Call: 412-623-9029.



August 19-20, 2011 • Conneaut, OH America's Largest D-Day Re-Enactment



WHERE: America's Largest D-Day Re-enactment in Conneaut, OH
WHEN: Friday, August 19-Saturday, August 20. **HOW MUCH:** \$249 per person
WHAT'S INCLUDED: Motorcoach transportation, overnight accommodations, continental breakfast, museum and tour fees, banquet luncheon, and onboard entertainment/presentations. Call: 412-623-9029!



September 27-29, 2011 • New Orleans, LA National World War II Museum



WHERE: National World War II Museum in New Orleans, LA.
WHEN: Tuesday, September 27-Thursday, September 29. **HOW MUCH:** \$649 per person.
WHAT'S INCLUDED: Round-trip airfare, two nights hotel accommodations, transportation, admission to museum, two continental breakfasts. Call 412-623-9029 to reserve your seat.

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Do you know these people? They're some of our regulars!



Top L-R: Al Stuever, Al Zimmerman, Bill Henry, Roscoe Mulvey, Frank & Ann Kravetz, Norman Walman, Bob Loftus, Harold Stein
Chuck Utz, Frank & Goldie Niklas, Bob Blair, George Ault, George Donges, Harry Kirsch, Jack Brawdy, Jack Morrow
Jim Hurst, Jim Sheder, Joe Sas, John McCormick, John Opeka, Paul Collier, Rose Clayton, Lefty and Betty Dornburg