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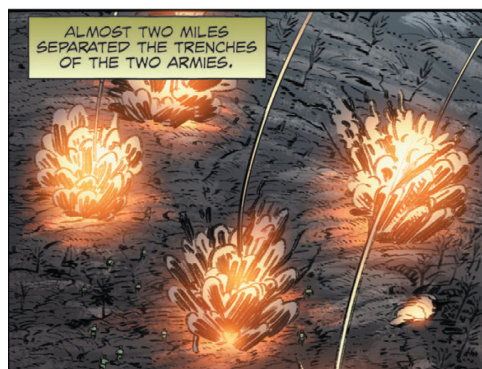


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The latest AUSA graphic novel features Lt. Col. William 'Wild Bill' Donovan, the World War I hero who went on to lead the agency that would become the CIA. (AUSA GRAPHIC)

New graphic novel highlights WWI hero

Lt. Col. William "Wild Bill" Donovan, the World War I hero who went on to lead the agency that would become the CIA, is featured in the latest graphic novel in the Association of the U.S. Army's series on Medal of Honor recipients.

Donovan, the only American to have received the nation's four highest awards, the Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal and the National Security Medal, is well known for founding the Office of Strategic Services, the precursor to the CIA.

But before traveling across Europe and Asia to gather intelligence, Donovan was a lawyer who went on

to serve in the Army, deploying to France during World War I with the 165th Infantry Regiment, 42nd Division.

"Many people associate 'Wild Bill' Donovan with the Office of Strategic Services, the World War II intelligence group that famously called itself 'PhDs that can win a bar fight.' This new graphic novel focuses on his amazing military exploits in World War I, where he was decorated—and wounded—many times over," said Joseph Craig, AUSA's Book Program director. "Our talented team of artists will help bring this part of Donovan's life to a new generation."

Medal of Honor: Wild Bill Donovan is available here.

AUSA launched its Medal of Honor graphic novel series in October 2018.

This is the 11th novel in the series. The digital graphic novels are available here.

Donovan began his military service in the New York National Guard, including deploying to the U.S.-Mexico border to support Gen. John Pershing's expedition to find the bandit and revolutionary Pancho Villa, before deploying to France with the 165th Infantry Regiment.

He would earn his nickname, "Wild Bill," from his soldiers, when he regularly put himself in the line of fire and persisted in the name of his mission.

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Soldiers to compete in upcoming Paralympic Games

Three soldier-athletes will represent the U.S. and the Army in the upcoming Paralympic Games in Tokyo.

Sgt. 1st Class Elizabeth Marks, a swimmer who won gold and bronze at the 2016 Paralympic Games, and Staff Sgt. John Wayne Joss III and Staff Sgt. Kevin Nguyen, who will both compete in shooting, are members of the Army's World Class Athlete Program.

At least 541 soldiers have been selected for the Summer or Winter Olympic teams since the World Class Athlete Program was founded in 1948. In that time, soldier-athletes have amassed at least 131 Olympic medals in various sports, according to DoD.

The Paralympic Games in Tokyo will begin Aug. 24 and run through Sept. 5, with more than 4,400 athletes from 160 countries.

In addition to the three Paralympians, 14 soldier-athletes from across the Army represented the U.S. in the Tokyo Olympics, which ended Aug. 8.

Of those, 1st Lt. Amber English, who competed in women's shotgun skeet, won the gold medal and broke an Olympic record after she hit 56 out of 60 targets.

Marks, Joss and Nguyen were all wounded while serving overseas, but



Sgt. 1st Class Elizabeth Marks is a decorated Paralympic swimmer, Pat Tillman ESPY award winner and a 2017 Army Woman's Foundation Hall of Fame inductee. (COURTESY PHOTO)

they have fought hard to recover and compete at an elite level.

Nguyen, an infantryman who lost a leg in a bomb blast in 2013 while deployed to Afghanistan, was assigned to the Army Marksman-ship Unit after he recovered from his wounds.

"I love the self-satisfaction that my hard work is paying off and that I am properly training and preparing to succeed when I perform at the Tokyo Olympics," Nguyen said, according to the Army.

Joss, who was also an infantry-

man, was wounded by a roadside bomb in 2007 in Iraq, resulting in a lower right leg amputation.

In 2011, while attending the Warrior Leader Course at Fort Benning, Georgia, he was asked to join the Army shooting team.

"Start young, be dedicated, surround yourself with the best," Joss said, according to the Army. "In doing this, you will become the best."

Marks, the Army's first Paralympic swimmer who earned a gold and a bronze in the 2016 Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro, was wounded in Iraq in 2010.

Much of her rehabilitation took place in the pool, and just two years later, she was accepted into the World Class Athlete Program.

In Tokyo, she will compete in the 100-meter backstroke, 50-meter butterfly, 200-meter individual medley and the 50-meter freestyle events.

"I am honored to represent my country and the U.S. Army," Marks said, according to the Army. "None of this would be possible without my brothers and sisters in the military. I never thought I could [pursue] something like this, and they pushed me to try."

"I am honored to represent my country and the U.S. Army." —Sgt. 1st Class Elizabeth Marks

From AUSA staffer to Army officer

2nd Lt. Jeremiah Rozman

Jeremiah Rozman was a national security analyst with AUSA for two and a half years, completing his doctoral dissertation during that time. He previously served in the Israel Defense Forces. On July 23, he commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army and is currently stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, with his wife, Danielle.



Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to mark 100 years of service, sacrifice



Sentinels from the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) present arms during a changing of the guard ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia. (AUSA/LUC DUNN)

Several national and local events will mark the 100th anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia.

The cemetery will host a ceremony at the tomb on Nov. 11, and the public will be able to participate in person and virtually.

Additionally, an official commemorative publication from the Army Center of Military History about the creation of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier will be released in October.

A resource guide for the centennial commemoration is available [here](#).

“The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier stands, physically and symbolically, at the heart of the cemetery—and the heart of the nation,” Karen Durham-Aguilera, executive director of Army National Military Cemeteries and Arlington National Cemetery, said in a statement. “Every day at Arlington National Cemetery, we are aware of the special place that we hold in the national conscience.”

A group of nonprofit organizations led by the Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Foundation is working to or-

ganize local commemorations of the centennial.

For a list of events, [click here](#).

“Coming up on the 100th anniversary puts in perspective of how many people have come together to honor the Unknowns,” Sgt. Gabriel Silva, a Tomb Sentinel, said in an interview with the Association of the U.S. Army.

On March 4, 1921, Congress approved the burial of an unidentified American soldier from World War I in the plaza of Arlington National Cemetery, according to the cemetery’s website.

Sgt. Edward Younger, a World War I veteran who was wounded in combat, chose the Unknown Soldier from among four identical caskets.

The tomb has since come to symbolize the sacrifices of all U.S. service members.

The Army has maintained a 24-hour guard over the tomb since July 2, 1937. Sentinels from the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) assumed those duties on April 6, 1948, and they have maintained a constant vigil ever since.

For more information, visit www.arlingtoncemetery.mil.

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Graphic novel

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Donovan and his battalion entered the fighting in France for the first time in February 1918. In a letter to his wife, Ruth, Donovan wrote that he felt thrilled by the danger of combat like a “youngster at Halloween.” He could often be found leading his troops from the front.

On Oct. 14, 1918, during the Meuse-Argonne offensive, Donovan and his soldiers found themselves in a fierce fight, according to an account by U.S. Special Operations Command, which describes Donovan as a special operations pioneer.

Pinned down by enfilade fire from his right, the soldiers’ advance stalled, resulting in horrifying casualties, according to SOCOM.

Donovan “personally led the assaulting wave in an attack upon a very strongly organized position,

and when our troops were suffering heavy casualties, he encouraged all near him by his example, moving among his men in exposed positions, reorganizing decimated platoons, and accompanying them forward in attacks,” according to his Medal of Honor citation.

When he was wounded in the leg by three machine-gun bullets, Donovan refused to be evacuated and stayed with his unit until it withdrew to a less exposed position.

Donovan would be wounded three times during the war, according to SOCOM, but his service didn’t end when he left the Army.

He became a U.S. attorney and was an adviser to President Franklin Roosevelt, and he spent the 1930s visiting countries across Europe and Asia gathering intelligence.

He founded a spy agency that would become the Office of Strategic

Services, and in 1944 landed with allied troops at Normandy, France, and directed espionage and sabotage missions across Europe during World War II.

Each AUSA graphic novel is created by a team of professional comic book veterans. The script for the graphic novel on Donovan was written by Chuck Dixon, whose previous work includes *Batman*, *The Punisher* and *The ‘Nam*.

Pencils, inks and the cover were by Andrew Paquette, who has worked on *Avengers*, *Daredevil* and *Hellraiser*; the colors were by Peter Pantazis, who has worked on *Black Panther*, *Superman* and *Justice League*; and the lettering was by Troy Peteri, who previously worked on *Spider-Man*, *Iron Man* and *X-Men*.

One more graphic novel is planned for this year, along with a paperback collection in the fall.

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Learn about back-to-school resources for Army families

By Holly Dailey

As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, we also continue to navigate our options and resources as we gear up for the new school year.

Whether you are going to school for the first time, transitioning to a new school or furthering your education, it can be both exciting and scary.

To learn about back-to-school programs and services for Army families, look for our upcoming podcast with Maria McConville, spouse of the Army chief of staff; Alexandra Grinston, spouse of the

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sergeant major of the Army; and Shannon George, spouse of retired Maj. Gen. John George, who is a trainer with the Military Child Education Coalition and a National Training Seminar CONNECT coordinator.

Tune in to our “Army Matters” podcast, available Sept. 1, for tips, resources and organizations available for your military child and for military spouses who are going back to school.

Learn about resources such as tutor.com; DoD’s Expanded Eligibility Pilot Program; Military OneSource education consultants; Spouse Education and Career Opportunities coaches; Udemy, a self-paced online learning platform offering courses taught by leading experts; and the My Career Advancement Account Scholarship and other scholarship opportunities.

Also, did you know that the Association of the U.S. Army offers scholarships for military dependents?

For military-connected children, the Military Child Education Coalition offers a variety of programs such as Military Student Consultants, Student 2 Student, and Parent to Parent.

When I was a young Army spouse, I attended my first Parent to Parent event hosted by the Military Child



Maria McConville, spouse of the Army chief of staff, speaks during a family forum at the 2019 AUSA Annual Meeting and Exposition. (AUSA PHOTO)

Education Coalition, and I learned how to set up a portfolio designed to maintain important documents throughout my child’s academic career.

Our son used it to apply for scholarships, colleges and jobs. His certificates, awards, report cards, test scores, letters of reference and extra-curricular activities were all in one binder. It was very helpful, especially when we made permanent change-of-station moves.

This concept is now online under SchoolQuest, which can help parents track their child’s academic journey.

“SchoolQuest is an interactive tool with five parts to it: Academic Tracker, Student Profile, Reminders and Notifications, Personalized

End to End Checklists, and School Search Capabilities,” George said in our podcast. “MCEC’s mission is to support all military connected children by educating, advocating, and collaborating to resolve educational challenges associated with the military lifestyle.”

The DoD Education Activity also has a wealth of resources for military-connected students, including educational options for the upcoming school year for full-time in-person schools and virtual learning. The options are listed on the website.

Army school liaison officers are also available to assist military families with issues like registration, connecting to local schools, helping with graduation requirements and providing information before you move to a new community. To locate a school liaison officer, click here.

Other resources include Sesame Street for Military Families, Operation Homefront’s Back to School Brigade, and United Through Reading.

These are just a few back-to-school programs and resources available for our military children and spouses.

Hopefully they will help make for an easier educational journey. Your adventure awaits—happy learning!



Many options are available to military families seeking assistance for their children’s education. (U.S. ARMY PHOTO)

Holly Dailey is AUSA’s Family Readiness Director.

AUSA members join Sunset March in the Netherlands

Three dozen members of the Association of the U.S. Army, led by retired Chief Warrant Officer 3 Anthony Williams, president of AUSA's European region, recently participated in the nightly Sunset March in Nijmegen in the Netherlands.

The march is held in honor of the 48 American paratroopers who died while crossing the Waal River during Operation Market Garden in World War II. To mark their sacrifice, every day since Oct. 19, 2014, a veteran has walked the Oversteek Bridge that spans the river.

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On Aug. 13, the 2,491st time the Sunset March has taken place, Williams was that designated veteran.

When the Oversteek Bridge was built in 2013, local officials incorporated 96 streetlights in the design—48 pairs, one for each soldier who died during the river crossing.

The lights are lit in succession during the Sunset March every evening, according to *Stars and Stripes*.

During the silent walk, participants “think about the 48 young Americans who gave their lives for our freedom during the crossing,” said retired Lt.



U.S. charge d'affaires to the Netherlands, Marja Verloop, front left, walks alongside retired Chief Warrant Officer 3 Anthony Williams, AUSA's European region president, on the Oversteek Bridge in Nijmegen, the Netherlands, Aug. 13 during the Sunset March. (KARIN ZEITVOGEL/COURTESY OF STARS AND STRIPES, ALL RIGHTS RESERVED)

Col. Sir Tim Ruijling of the Royal Dutch Air Force, as reported by *Stars and Stripes*.

Williams and the AUSA members were joined in the march by Ruijling; Marja Verloop, U.S. charge d'affaires and acting ambassador to the Netherlands; and Dutch civilians and military members.

Verloop said she was moved to know that the Dutch people remember the sacrifice of the young Americans every evening, according to *Stars and Stripes*.

The original crossing took place Sept. 20, 1944, and even though Operation Market Garden was unsuccessful, American and British troops were able to liberate Nijmegen.

The young American soldiers “probably didn’t know anything about Europe when they came here, but they came and fought for us and were killed in action in Nijmegen,” Ruijling said, as reported by *Stars and Stripes*. “They gave their lives to give us the way of life we have now. We have our freedom because of those 48 young men.”

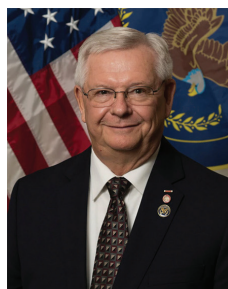
Former region president recognized for ESGR support

A longtime member of the Association of the U.S. Army and a former president of the association's Sixth region was recently honored as a recipient of the 2021 James M. Roche Spirit of Volunteerism Award in recognition of his service to the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

Retired Col. Phil Stage “has served as a California ESGR committee volunteer for nearly 12 years in every key assignment within the committee including Area Chair and Area Vice Chair,” accord-

ing to a press release.

“His ability to inspire and influence has been and remains an important component to our success and reflected in the fact that he was selected as a national volunteer of the year twice, once for employer outreach and the other for training,” the release said.



Retired Col. Phil Stage.
(U.S. ARMY PHOTO)

AUSA's Sixth region includes Northern California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon and Washington.

The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve is a DoD program that promotes supportive work environments for reserve component service members.

The Spirit of Volunteerism Award is presented to volunteers nominated by their respective ESGR state committee chairs for exceptional contributions. Sixteen recipients were selected in 2021.

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