

SPEAKER ANNOUNCEMENT
NATIONAL WORLD WAR TWO GLIDER PILOTS ASSOCIATION
53rd Reunion – Tucson, AZ – Oct. 2-5, 2025

We have an exciting line up of speakers for the 53rd Glider Pilot Reunion/Symposium in Tucson, Az. being held October 3rd, and 4th, 2025. The speakers represent a wide range of expertise on the WWII Glider Pilot, their missions, and their legacy. Join us as we continue to research and tell the story of those brave men who gave all, asked little in return and played a major part in the Allied victory of WWII.

Glider Combat Control Teams: Don Abbe Ph.D. History, Author and NWWII Silent Wings Museum Liaison.

The CG-13A and the CG-15A: Rob Beahan, NWWIIGPA Member at Large, son of WWII Glider Pilot 1st Lt. Robert H. Beahan Project Ground Control Officer - CG-13A.

A Museum of Their Own: Preserving the Legacy of the WWII Military Glider Program and the American Glider Pilot: Sharon McCullar Silent Wings Museum Curator.

A WWII Glider Pilot's Story From the Eyes of Great - Grandchildren: Gary Stripling NWWIIGPA Research Team Lead.

Glider Pilots and the China-Burma-India Theater of War: Major Trevor Shimulunas, NWWIIGPA Member at Large, Research Focus - 1st Air Commando Group and the 319th TCG.

Tracking a Glider in Operation Normandy: M/Sgt. Courtney Werth, Air Reserve Technician, Vice Wing Historian of the 434th ARW.

Detroit Chalks #19 and #38: A Matter of Timing, or Is It? An Examination of Two Chalks Turning Over Landing Zone "O" and the Misinformed Escape of the Gooney Birds: Gregory Withrow WWII Historian, Ph.D. History Candidate.

WWII Glider Pilots: Pioneers in Vertical Envelopment: Monique Taylor M.A., J.D., Author, and Member of the NWWIIGPA Research Team.

Keynote Speaker: Jack Talley Ph.D. Psychology specializing in PTSD, co-author of Never Give Up the Jump and son-in law of Lt. George L. Gurwell, WWII Paratrooper 508th PIR.

For more information and to register please follow the link: <https://www.ww2gp.org/reunion/>