

Past Events and Future Plans

Alongside our biannual lectures, the Institute has proudly hosted visiting scholars, open houses, and conferences that help scholars and the general public find our resources and contribute to the discussion on the Second World War.

In March and April of this year, the Institute hosted the 84th Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, bringing over 600 military historians from around the world to Jacksonville, Florida. The meeting was almost entirely run by our undergraduate assistants.

This upcoming year, the Institute will participate in a Tallahassee-based conference on letter writing in Austria during the Second World War, host several visiting scholars, hold a lecture on chaplaincy in the Twentieth Century, and expand our finding aid database and programs for students at Florida State University.

The Institute on World War II and the Human Experience is celebrating our 20th anniversary in preserving the legacy of the Second World War. To learn more about our work, our students, our collections, and how you can help support our mission, please visit ww2.fsu.edu, and contact our Director, Dr. G. Kurt Piehler at kpiehler@fsu.edu.



The Institute on World War II and the Human Experience

Department of History
Florida State University

presents

**“A Son Discovers His Father’s War”:
Before They Were the Black Sheep
with Peter Dunbar**

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Peter Dunbar is the managing attorney of the Tallahassee office of Dean, Mead & Dunbar law firm. He is an honors graduate from the College of Law at Florida State University. Prior to returning to private practice, he served as General Counsel and Director of Legislative Affairs for the Office of the Governor and later as the Governor's Chief of Staff during the transition period between the administrations of Governors Martinez and Chiles.

Mr. Dunbar served as a member of the Florida House of Representatives for ten years; and he served two terms as a member of the Florida House of Representatives for ten years; and he served two terms as a member of the Florida Commission on Ethics, and was the Commission's Chair in 1999 and 2000.

He is the author of five books on community association housing, including *The Condominium Concept*, *The Law of Florida Homeowners Associations*, and *The Resident-Owned Community Guide for Florida Cooperatives*. His most recent book, *Before They Were the Black Sheep*, is a historical account of a Marine Corps fighter squadron in the Battle for the Solomon Islands in 1943.



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Before They Were the Black Sheep

An Introduction to the Institute

The Institute on World War II and the Human Experience is dedicated to preserving the history and promoting the study of the Second World War. Founded in 1997, the Institute maintains one of the largest archives at an American University. The Institute has almost 7,000 individual collections, including the materials behind Tom Brokaw's award-winning *The Greatest Generation*. Housed in the FSU History Department, the Institute serves as a resource for scholars, teachers, students, journalists, and the general public.

The past year has been a time of tremendous momentum. With the addition of new collections related to nearly every theater of the war and the continuation of digitization, the Institute aims to continually expand its scope and impact in research, teaching, programming, and outreach.

The Institute strives to serve the needs of scholars and to make our facilities a living history laboratory for students at Florida State University. Our student assistants have succeeded in cataloging over 200 collections to better help the public find our valuable resources. These students gain practical skills in archival processes, administration, public relations, and research that will help them through school and in their future careers.