



Speaker Erik Berg

Erik Berg is an award-winning historian and writer. He wrote a traveler's guide to World War II historic sites for the book *Arizona Goes to War: The Home Front and the Front Lines* during World War Two. His works have appeared in the *Journal of Arizona History*, *Arizona Highways*, *Astronomy*, the *Journal of the Society of Commercial Archaeology*, and *Sedona Magazine*, and he is a past-president of the Grand Canyon Historical Society.

When America entered the Second World War, Arizona's open spaces, sparse population, and mild weather made it an ideal location for a wide range of military operations. By the time the war ended, more American military pilots had earned their wings in Arizona than in any other state. Erik uses historic and personal photographs of the many military facilities located in Arizona that still have significant features, foundations, or remains from the war period and describes the original purpose of remaining features at the sites and their significance to the war effort.