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Dog Tags

A Free Lecture, "The Dog Tag, A Silent Statement of Commitment" to be presented at the Army Heritage and Education Center

Not simply an identification tool for Soldiers serving in combat, the dog tag is a meaningful token signifying commitment, resolve, and duty to one's country and fellows.



At noon, Saturday, Apr. 5, the Army Heritage and Education Center in Carlisle is proud to present a special lecture by Mrs. Ginger Cucolo based on her recently published book, *Dog Tags: The History, Personal Stories, Cultural Impact, and Future of Military Identification*.

Each dog tag carries its own human interest story--receiving it, hanging it around the neck, and feeling it upon one's chest is at once a silent statement of commitment. The tag itself individualizes the human being who wears it in an environment which demands obedience, commitment, and duty to a higher cause.

Mrs. Cucolo, through this presentation, will share the history of dog tags and the Soldiers who wore them. She will draw from personal accounts, cover the cultural impact of dog tags over the years, and discuss the future of dog tags within our Armed Services.

Mrs. Ginger Cucolo is married to a career Infantryman in the U.S. Army with thirty-four years of active duty service. She is the daughter, daughter-in-law, niece, and sister of servicemen, but her years as the spouse of an Army Soldier have involved her in the lives of other servicemen and women whose families have needed information and support.

She was chosen as a Botkin Series Lecturer at the Library of Congress for 2012, and was an expert for the History Channel on dog tags for the production, "101 Objects that Changed the World." Mrs. Cucolo holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from The University of Texas at Austin, TX, a Master of Science in Community Health Administration and Wellness Promotion from California College for Health Sciences, and continues work on a PhD in Military History.

All USAHEC special lectures are open to the public and FREE to attend. Doors to the Visitor and Education Center will open at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 5, and the lecture will begin at noon. Parking is free, and the Museum Store and Café Cumberland will be open.

For directions, information, and a complete schedule of USAHEC events, please visit:

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