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Naper Settlement announces Home Front 1940s Weekend, a commemoration to World War II

NAPERVILLE, IL — Swing back into the 1940s as Naper Settlement transforms into a one-of-a-kind commemoration to World War II at Home Front 1940s Weekend, featuring military displays, 1940s newsreels, a victory garden walk, food trucks, a beer tent, music, and more on September 25 from noon to 10 p.m. and September 26 from noon to 5 p.m. Dress up in vintage attire and step into the 1940s as the community commemorates Naperville's WWII story both home and abroad with a lively and historic look at the past.

Saturday's activities include military displays of antique and modern vehicles, victory garden canning demonstrations, a film screening of "The Best Years of Our Lives", and a Kroehler Manufacturing reunion. In the evening, attendees will dance the night away while listening to the energizing sounds of the swing and big band era as Andrew & His Two Sisters and Pete Ellman's Big Band take the stage. There will also be swing dancing lessons offered by the Arthur Murray Dance Center of Naperville to help attendees dance along to hits from the 1940s.

On Sunday, history buffs and families will enjoy listening to actors portray the past, including Rosie the Riveter interpreted by Lynn Rymarz. Rebecca Tulloch will lead a lecture about how the Rockford Peaches Baseball Team, who inspired the film "League of their Own", became the most successful All-American Girls Professional Baseball League in the country. After the lecture, guests can enjoy a Rockford Peaches baseball game. Sunday is also Gold Star Mother's Day, and there will be a Gold Star Memorial Victory Garden dedication ceremony with members of the US military to honor some of Naperville's heroes and their families. Naper Settlement encourages attendees to dress up in their best Rosie the Riveter attire (denim shirt and red polka-dot headband) and participate in a flash mob photo-op in the afternoon.

Both days will include food and drinks, music, a souvenir shop, living history demonstrations, letter writing with Operation Support our Troops, and entry into Naper Settlement's exhibit, "Answering the Call: Naperville at War 1941-1945."

"In conjunction with our World War II exhibit, this special event will bring Naperville's home front story to life with interactive activities," said Jeanne Schultz Angel, director of learning experiences and historical resources at Naper Settlement. "We're excited for everyone to gather together to experience a weekend filled with history and entertainment for all ages to enjoy."

Tickets are now on sale, with admission \$15 adults and \$10 youth ages 4-12. Naper Settlement members and children under 4 are free. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit NaperSettlement.org/HomeFrontWeekend.

About Naper Settlement

Naper Settlement is a nationally accredited, award-winning outdoor living history museum set on 13 magnificent acres in the heart of Naperville. Located 30 miles from Chicago, the museum is home to thirty-one historical structures dating back as early as the 1830s. Featuring exhibits, special events, educational programming and more, Naper Settlement is where history comes alive and the community comes to connect. For more information, visit www.napersettlement.org or call (630) 420-6010.