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**70th Anniversary of the Final**

**Allied Offensive on Japan During World War II**

**April 4, 2015**

**Detroit Arsenal of Democracy Museum**

**St. Clair Shores, Michigan**

The Detroit Arsenal of Democracy Museum is holding a symposium Saturday, April 4 at 1:00 pm on the last great allied military offensive against Japan during World War II. The invasion of Okinawa, code named Operation Iceberg, began 70 years ago on April 1 and lasted 82 days. The battle included the largest amphibious assault of the Pacific war and is one of the bloodiest of the entire war with nearly 250,000 soldiers and civilians dying. The symposium will be led by the museum’s director, John Lind, and two veterans from the fighting in Okinawa.

The symposium will be held at the Detroit Arsenal of Democracy Museum, located at 22960 Industrial Dr. West in St. Clair Shores. Admission is $5.

The Detroit Arsenal of Democracy Museum is a Michigan non-profit organization dedicated to remembering the efforts of the Detroit auto industry, its employees and their efforts to defend the United States. It is the museum’s mission to preserve military items for future generations, to honor those who have served in the defense of our country, and to educate the youth and all people about the sacrifices of an entire generation of Americans.

The museum relies on cash donations, corporate sponsorships and donated or loaned memorabilia to expand, improve and maintain its exhibits for educational purposes.

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