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## **Heritage Center Presents *Oberlin Serves in World War II***

Oberlin Heritage Center Trustee and community historian **Steve Johnson** continues his discussion of World War II's local impact in a free public program on **Tuesday, May 9, at 7:15 p.m.** at Kendal at Oberlin's Heiser Auditorium (600 Kendal Drive). This is the second in a two-part series on Oberlin townspeople's participation in the war. Johnson has done months of original research using newspaper archives, oral histories and other resources. The program series is being sponsored by Northwest Savings Bank.

Johnson's presentation focuses on Oberlinians' service in the military – on the frontlines as pilots, infantrymen and medical personnel, as well as behind-the-scenes in research, intelligence and logistics. The program also includes a special salute to those who lost their lives in the war.

Stephen Johnson III is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University receiving both Bachelor and Master of Music Education degrees. He was a band director for 29 years, 25 of them in the Oberlin schools, prior to retiring from active teaching in 2002. He served in the armed forces as a member of the U.S. Army's 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Association and has been a long-time student of World War II history. Johnson also has been a Trustee of the Oberlin Heritage Center since 2011.

For more information about the Oberlin Heritage Center and its calendar of guided tours and community programs, visit [www.oberlinheritagecenter.org](http://www.oberlinheritagecenter.org) or call (440) 774-1700.

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