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Single Tickets
\$12 Adults
\$6 Ages 6-12

Combined Tickets
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\$2 Military discount with ID
Children under 6 and Society
members are admitted
free of charge.

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COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II

THE EPIC HUNT FOR A LOST WORLD WAR II AIRCRAFT CARRIER

*Annual Meeting and Lecture by award-winning
British journalist Ed Caesar*



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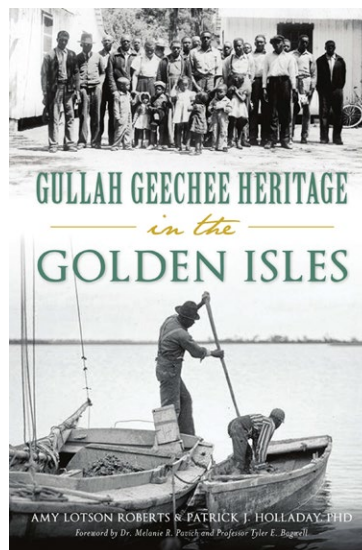
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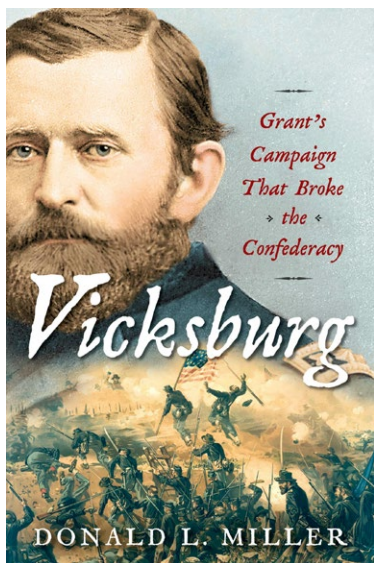
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The morning will begin with a tour of the newly reinterpreted Owens-Thomas House & Slave Quarters, part of the Telfair Museums. In November 2018, Telfair Museums concluded work on its award-winning "Slavery and Freedom in Savannah" project, which transformed the Owens-Thomas House & Slave Quarters' working cellar, carriage house, and slave quarters with new exhibits and narratives.

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Shannon Browning-Mullis, Curator of History & Decorative Arts, will also be on hand to display and

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Famed Savannah restaurant, The Grey, will be hosting a private lunch just for our group! Occupying a restored 1938 art deco Greyhound Bus Terminal, the Grey features Chef Mashama Bailey's personal take on Port City Southern food.

The tour will continue in the afternoon with a visit to the Pin Point Heritage Museum, located in the old A.S. Varn & Son Oyster and Crab Factory. The Museum is one of the region's best sites to encounter the unique creole culture of the lowcountry, Gullah/Geechee, first hand. For nearly 100 years, the community of Pin Point was quietly isolated on the banks of the Moon River just south of Savannah. Now, you can explore the refurbished museum complex and experience multimedia presentations, exciting exhibits and unparalleled views of the marsh! During the tour, participants will learn about Pin Point's history, its intimate relationship with the natural environment, and the challenges to retain the values and traditions of the community.

The Tour will depart from the A.W. Jones Heritage Center at 7 a.m. on Tuesday, February 25, and return at approximately 6 p.m. The cost of the tour is \$135 per person and includes guided tours of both museums, lunch, and transportation to, from, and within the city of Savannah. Once purchased, tickets are non-refundable, though they may be transferred to another Society Member. Absolutely no cancellations. Registration is required by visiting coastalgeorgiahistory.org.



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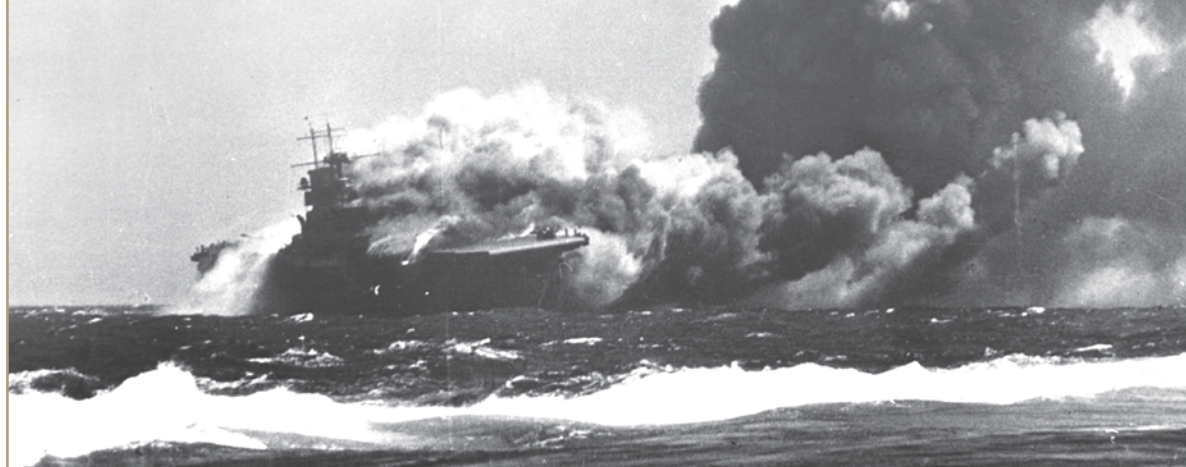
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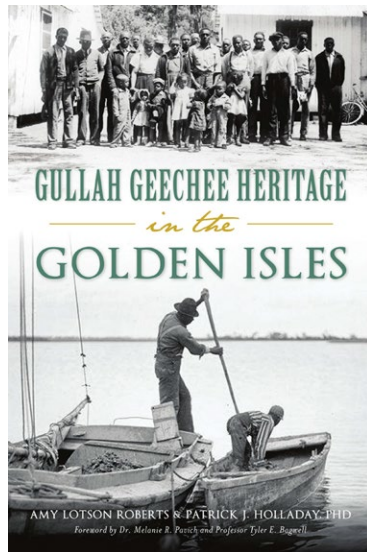
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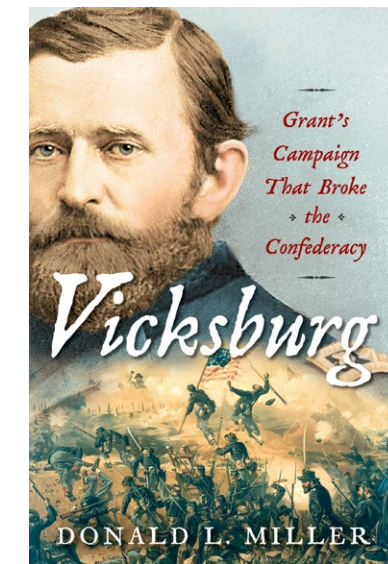
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Recollections and Book Signing February 6

Gullah Geechee Heritage in the Golden Isles
Amy Roberts and Patrick Holladay
6 p.m. • A.W. Jones Heritage Center
Free Admission

Super Museum Sunday February 9

12 – 5 p.m. • Free admission in celebration of the Georgia History Festival

Lecture and Book Signing February 16

Vicksburg: Grant's Campaign That Broke the Confederacy
Donald L. Miller
4 p.m. • A.W. Jones Heritage Center
Free Admission

Exploring African American History in Savannah, Georgia February 25

The Owens-Thomas House & Slave Quarters and Pin Point Heritage Museum
7 a.m. - 6 p.m. • Departing from the A.W. Jones Heritage Center
\$135 per person

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