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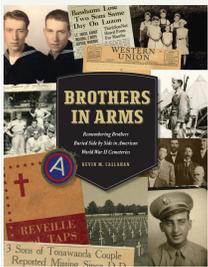
IN HONOR OF OUR VETERANS

November 12 | 6:30pm | Zoom

Moderator Wendy Bodden will talk with Kevin M. Callahan, Norwalk resident and author of *Brothers in Arms: Remembering Brothers Buried Side by Side in American World War II Cemeteries* and Jeffrey DeWitt who is a 26-year United States Air Force veteran who retired in the rank of Chief Master Sergeant, the top 1% of all enlisted grades. Born and raised in Norwalk, Connecticut, he has researched countless veterans and their stories, focusing on those who died during wartime service.



Kevin M. Callahan grew up in Elgin, Illinois. He received a B.A. in History from Yale University, where he also played football. After graduation, Kevin visited the American cemetery at Normandy and was struck by both the beauty of the grounds and the sacrifice of so many. Ten years ago, Kevin visited the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery in Italy with his wife and three young sons. Walking among the gravestones, they came across a pair of brothers buried side by side. He found the sight of the two brothers resting together to be especially poignant. It inspired him to find and tell the stories of all brothers buried side by side in American World War II cemeteries. Kevin also has an MBA from the MIT Sloan School and a Master's in International Affairs from the Columbia School of International and Public Affairs. He lives in Rowayton, Connecticut with his wife, three sons, and two dogs.



Featuring over 700 historic photographs and other original artifacts, *Brothers in Arms* tells the stories of brothers buried side by side in American World War II cemeteries overseas. Fourteen of these noble American cemeteries are spread around the world, holding the remains of over 90,000 fallen Americans and listing another 80,000 missing. These sacred burial grounds are kept in meticulous care by the American Battle Monuments Commission. Walking among the gravestones, it is especially heart-rending to come across two burial markers with the same last name, two brothers—in one case three—buried side by side. With memories and materials collected from the families who lost these brave brothers, *Brothers in Arms* puts a face and a story to those names carved in white marble. From North Africa to Europe to the Philippines, *Brothers in Arms* takes the reader on a journey—of the war, of America in the first half of the 20th century, and of these solemn resting places—all through the stories of these heroic brothers.

Jeffrey DeWitt is a 26-year United States Air Force veteran who retired in the rank of Chief Master Sergeant, the top 1% of all enlisted grades. He is a life member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He has served various positions at the post and district level and was named a National Aide-de-Camp of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for 2019-2020. Born and raised in Norwalk, Connecticut, he has researched countless veterans and their stories, focusing on those who died during wartime service. He holds Masters degrees in Administration from Central Michigan University and Business Administration from the University of Bridgeport.



Wendy Bromley Bodden has lived in Norwalk for nearly 20 years, and is active in the film and arts community. She is a media and strategic partnerships consultant, a writer and composer. She comes from a family who has served our country - most recently a nephew who served in Afghanistan. She had the privilege of working with *Going to War*, a 2018 PBS documentary, developed by Sebastian Junger and Karl Marlantes, designed to give Americans a better understanding of our soldiers' experience; to help bridge the civilian/military divide.

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