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Professor Sheffield to talk about Italian Campaign in online seminar



Professor Gary Sheffield of King's College London will be speaking about the Italian Campaign in an online seminar organised by Allies Museum Rome at 3pm CEST on Wednesday 1 April. One of Britain's leading military historians, Professor Sheffield will examine the role of British, Commonwealth

and Imperial forces in the Italian Campaign, with particular attention to their strategic importance, operational experience, and contribution to the Allied advance in Italy between 1943 and 1945.

Sheffield began his career teaching War Studies at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and later served as Land Warfare Historian on the UK's Higher Command and Staff Course at the Joint Services Command and Staff College. A prominent figure in the revisionist interpretation of Douglas Haig and the BEF, he is the author of influential works including *Forgotten Victory* and *The Chief*.

Register for the seminar here:

<https://lnkd.in/e4ZtAAwj>

Battle of Monte Marrone remembered

A documentary and photographic exhibition about the conquest of the 1,700-metre Monte Marrone by the reborn Italian army on 31 March 1944 has been opened at Rocchetta in Volturno. It is organised by Rocchetta's International Museum of World Wars. The exhibition was inaugurated by the Reserve Division General Potito Genova and the Mayor of Rocchetta in Volturno Domenico Gonnella.

The Battle of Monte Marrone involved the Italian Liberation Corps, commanded by General Umberto Utili, fighting to take high ground north of Venafro. Italian units supported by Moroccan troops in the French Expeditionary Corps forced the Germans to

abandon Monte Marrone and Monte Mare, two heights in the Mainarde mountain range, between Lazio and Molise.



News in brief

- The story of Tuskegee Nurses was shared in a Freedom for Italy online talk by Pia Marie Winters Jordan, author of *Memories of a Tuskegee Airmen Nurse and Her Military Sisters*. The talk can be seen here: <https://youtu.be/MXMshPQVPGO>
- WW2 Italian Campaign has launched a YouTube channel to supplement its Facebook Group. The first programme is an

interview involving Joshua Oswald of the Linea Volturno 1943 Association and Warren Stace, founder of WW2 Italian Campaign.

www.youtube.com/@ww2italiancampaign

- The second Monte Cassino to Rome Peace Walk starts at 10am on 7 April at the Pax Gate of the Abbey of Monte Cassino. It ends at the Basilica of St Paul's Outside the Walls in Rome at 1230pm on Wednesday 14 April.