Great Admirals and Generals of WW II

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The political leaders of the 1930s and 1940s had great influence on the events leading to the causes of World War II and the alliances during the war. However, the military leaders had greater effect on the outcome of war itself. Each session will feature different military leaders of both the allies and the axis to examine their unique effect on their campaigns and the outcome of war. Some discussion of the context in which their campaigns occurred and the lasting results from these campaigns will be encouraged. Recognition of the leadership and strategy of generals and admirals for both sides of the world conflict will be presented.

Syllabus

Session 1. General Georgy Zhukov Russian Army Chief of Staff
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Session 2. General Heinz Guderland, Panzer Commander
Adms. Chester Nimitz, Ray Spurance - Operation Hailstone
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Session 4. Adm. Chester Nimitz Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet
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Session 6. Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto Commander in Chief Japanese Fleet
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Session 7. Gen. “Vinegar Joe” Stillwell Commander US Forces China, Burma, and India
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Session 8. Gen. George Patton Commander of 7th Army in Middle East and 3rd Army in Europe
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