



Grenades and other artifacts (above) from John McDermott's collection of World War II memorabilia are on display at the Handy House, Center Ave and 13th St. A uniform (left) worn by a member of the U.S. Army Women's Army Corps, also is from McDermott's collection.  
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## Handy House has war display, one of several in Goodland area

While the "Produce for Victory" traveling Smithsonian exhibit is on display at the Carnegie Arts Center, World War II memorabilia is on display at several places in Goodland. Some items are on display at the Handy House, 13th and Center, which will also be the site for "Dear Diary: A Mother's Reflections" by Kansas Humanities Council speaker Lloyd Sponholtz at 3 p.m. Among the items on display are World War II equipment from the collection of John McDermott, son-in-law of Delores Corke, manager

of the Butterfly Cafe.

The items include a signal light, a portable shower, two styles of collapsible buckets, a telephone and weapons. McDermott also loaned a WAC (Women's Army Corps) uniform and some pillow covers.

Other uniforms on display include a nurse's summer uniform, provided by Curtis McKenrick of Edson, and Navy uniforms loaned by Marge Rogers of Goodland.

McKenrick's sister, Margretta (McKenrick) Covert, wore the nurse's uniform. Another of her

uniforms also is on display. The summer uniform and McDermott's WAC uniform are displayed on mannequins.

The Navy uniforms belonged to Rogers' husband Robert.

There are also ration coupons, censored letters and photos from the era on display.

World War II memorabilia is on display at a few businesses in Goodland as well, stories and photos to come.

## Films, displays, events recall life at home during World War II

While the "Produce for Victory" traveling Smithsonian exhibit is on display at Carnegie Arts Center and "Kansas Goes to War: Life on the Home Front During World War II" is on display at the High Plains Museum, several events centering on World War II are scheduled in Goodland.

Here is a list:

**Today:** "Best Year of Our Lives," a movie about soldiers returning from World War II, will be shown at 6 p.m. at the Goodland Public Library. Popcorn will be served.

**Wednesday:** Knitting workshop 3:30-5 p.m. at the arts center.

**Saturday:** "Dear Diary: A

Mother's Reflections," a presentation by Kansas Humanities Council speaker Lloyd Sponholtz, will be at 3 p.m. at the Handy House.

**Next Tuesday:** "Buck Privates," an Abbot and Costello film, will be shown at 6 p.m. at the library. Popcorn will be served.

**Wednesday, April 21:** Knitting workshop 3:30-5 p.m. at the Carnegie Arts Center.

**Saturday, April 24:** A patriotic celebration will be at 11 a.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Lunch will be served, and there will be a panel discussion, a Jitterbug demonstration, an apple pie bake-off and a Rosie the Riveter look-a-like

contest. Everyone is invited to bring World War II memorabilia to show.

**Tuesday, April 27:** "Casablanca" will be shown at 6 p.m. at the library.

**Wednesday, April 28:** Knitting workshop 3:30-5 p.m. at the Carnegie Arts Center.

**Sunday, May 2:** A musical tribute will be at 11 a.m. at Wheat Ridge Acres. Singers and musicians will perform songs from the World War II era.

**Wednesday, May 5:** Knitting workshop 3:30-5 p.m. at the Carnegie Arts Center.

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