You know them, the men and women of the World War II generation. Depending upon your age, they are your husbands, your wives, your parents, or your grandparents. They lived through the Great Depression, only to be tested once again by a war against totalitarianism both in Europe and in the Pacific.

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