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'FIELD OF SPEARS' BOOK SIGNING AT AVIATION AND MILITARY MUSEUM OF LOUISIANA

Secretary of State Jay Dardenne welcomes Gregory Hadley, author of "Field of Spears," to the Aviation and Military Museum of Louisiana on Saturday, March 8 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The book explores the account of an American B-29 crew under the direction of West Monroe native Gordon "Porky" Jordan during World War II and of the villagers near the Japanese city of Niigata.

"Field of Spears" documents the fall of the Jordan-led mission as he and his crew were captured and held as prisoners of war by the villagers near Niigata after their plane was shot down on July 20, 1945. Hadley weaves a gripping tale drawn from recently declassified historical documents, never-before-seen photographs and interviews with both Japanese eyewitnesses and survivors of the B-29 crew.

Hadley resides in Japan and currently serves as the coordinator of the Communicative English Program (CEP) at Niigata University of International and Information Studies.

The Aviation and Military Museum of Louisiana is located at 701 Kansas Lane. Museum hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday through Sunday, 1 to 4:30 p.m. Admission is free and the building is wheelchair accessible. For more information about the Aviation and Military Museum of Louisiana, or the Secretary of State's Museums Division, visit our Web site at <http://www.sos.louisiana.gov/museums>.

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