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COMMEMORATING  
the landing of  
the U.S. Marines on  
**PELELIU**  
DURING WWII  
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October is

# TOM LEA MONTH

Commemorating the landing  
of the U.S. Marines on Peleliu during WWII



Tom Lea, *First Wave Going In, Peleliu, 1944*, oil on canvas, 27" x 42", LIFE Coll. of art WWII USACMH, Ft. Belvoir, VA.

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75 years ago, Lea was an eye-witness during WWII as an accredited artist-correspondent for LIFE magazine.

We've planned **ACTIVITIES, LECTURES, FAMILY EVENTS** and **EXHIBITIONS** for you. See inside for details

WWII came riding up in front of my studio door, dismounted, and put a foreshadowing finger on my easel in the spring of 1941, ten months before Pearl Harbor.

— TOM LEA: AN ORAL HISTORY

## WELCOME TO TOM LEA MONTH 2019

TRAVELING over 100,000 miles, Tom Lea provided an unparalleled eyewitness account of WWII. This year, we commemorate the 75th anniversary of Tom Lea's landing on Peleliu Island with the 7th Marine Division. Risking his life along with the Marines who suffered the highest casualty rate of an amphibious assault in American military history, Lea knew he would be a fraud if he didn't experience the front lines. From his landing at Peleliu came some of the most iconic depictions of WWII, which have reverberated throughout time. Lea's artwork *Marines Call It That 2,000 Yard Stare* communicates the devastation of PTSD; his impactful painting *The Price* hung in front of the offices of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon to remind military decision makers of the cost of war.

### EVENTS FOR ALL AGES

The Tom Lea Institute of El Paso, Texas, is committed to bringing the power of the artist, the musician, the filmmaker, the writer, and the scholar to bear witness to Lea's gifts and to honor our military. Activities of Tom Lea Month 2019 illuminate the history and sacrifice depicted so powerfully by Tom Lea. Presentations also highlight the seldom-acknowledged heroic contributions of Hispanic Americans and Mexican nationals who fought in WWII.

### SAVE THE DATE

Unique experiences are designed for children, teens, singles and families along the Tom Lea Trail in Texas, New Mexico, Ciudad Juárez and El Paso. We hope you will select a few events, invite friends and family and save the dates! If you are not a member, we invite you to become part of The Tom Lea Institute and enjoy its many benefits. We look forward to seeing you at Tom Lea Month events in October.



Tom Lea at work on *The Price*.

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