

# Okaloosa County News Release



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## **WWII Hero Sid Phillips Signs Books at NWF Regional Airport Friday** *Armed Forces Day Celebration Saturday at Fairgrounds*

Please join us in welcoming the World War II hero and author Sid Phillips, who played a key role in the mini-series “**The Pacific**.” Phillips will autograph his book, “You’ll Be Sor-ree! A Guadalcanal Marine Remembers the Pacific War,” from **2 until 4 PM** at **Hudson News & Gifts**. **One-hour of parking will be validated for all who purchase the book.**

Phillips enlisted in the USMC the day after Pearl Harbor because the Marines promised to put him “eyeball to eyeball” with the Japanese. Together Phillips and his brothers in the legendary **1st Marine Division** won the first epic victory of the war, saved Australia, and stopped the Japanese juggernaut in the Pacific.

Today, Sid Phillips and his sister, Katharine, have become internationally-known after their notable roles in **Ken Burns’** documentary, “**The War**,” and the **Tom Hanks/Steven Spielberg** miniseries, “**The Pacific**.”

Phillips, as well as many other WWII heroes from **The Pacific** and **Band of Brothers**, will be in town for **Armed Forces Appreciation Day** on **Saturday, August 28, 2010** at the “Bull Rigdon” **Fairgrounds** in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. Presented by the Fort Walton Beach Medical Center, military and civilians are all invited to join a celebration and tribute to the Armed Forces, and our diverse community. Experience grand entertainment, food, craft vendors, military displays, and cultural displays reflecting the diversity that makes up our armed forces. **Visit <http://www.fwbchamber.org/Armed-Forces-Appreciation-Day.afad.0.html> for more information.**

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