

LOST MAN BLUES

JON SCHUELER - ART AND WAR

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***Lost Man Blues: Jon Schueler -- Art and War* Exhibition Opening Night January 12 at the NVMM**

Art exhibition by U.S. Army Air Corps navigator kicks off year-long focus on World War II

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The National Veterans Memorial and Museum (NVMM) opens its first traveling exhibition of 2024 with *Lost Man Blues: Jon Schueler – Art and War* on Friday, January 12 at 6 p.m. Magda Salvesen, president, Jon Schueler Foundation, will provide opening remarks and insights into the story and art of Jon Schueler. Copies of Schueler’s memoir, “The Sound of Sleat: A Painter’s Life,” will be available for purchase at the museum. [Tickets for opening night may be purchased online.](#)

Lost Man Blues: Jon Schueler—Art & War transports viewers into the beauty that Schueler, an esteemed, prolific American abstract expressionist, experienced as he flew among the clouds as a World War II, B-17 navigator in the U.S. Army Air Corps. This exhibition of 26 oils on canvas, selected passages from “The Sound of Sleat: A Painter’s Life” and short films, showcase Schueler’s war-themed paintings as a collective group for the first time. His memories of the skies during combat and his undiagnosed PTSD haunted him and continually found expression in his post-war work.

The exhibition title is derived from a painting commemorating the disappearance of a plane belonging to Schueler’s squadron that did not return to England after a bombing mission over Germany.



St. Nazaire: *Sky Red Blues*, New York, 1982, 70 x 63 in

Lost Man Blues: Jon Schueler—Art and War was curated by Marissa Roth and was inspired by her on-going dedication to addressing the consequences of war. Roth feels Schueler’s breathtaking output as an artist, and his unyielding quest for truth, offer valuable insight into the way he came to terms with his lingering war trauma through his own creative powers.

The exhibition will be on display at the NVMM through May 12, 2024.

Editor’s Note: [Press Kit and photos are available online.](#) With the 80th anniversary of D-Day on June 6, 2024, *Lost Man Blues* is the first in a series of exhibitions and events at the NVMM that will focus on stories from World War II.

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About Jon Schueler

Jon Schueler was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1916 and was an acclaimed member of the New York School. After receiving a BA and MA from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, he joined the U.S. Army Air Corps in the fall of 1941, and was sent to Molesworth, England, in November 1942 as a B-17 navigator, 303rd Bomber Group, 427th Squadron. He flew missions over France and Germany and in the spring of 1943, became an Assistant Command Navigator, 8th Bomber Command, 1st Lieutenant. He was hospitalized and given medical retirement in 1944. Following World War II, he attended the California School of Fine Arts from 1948-51.



About the National Veterans Memorial and Museum

The National Veterans Memorial and Museum takes visitors on a narrative journey telling individual stories and sharing experiences of Veterans from all military branches throughout history. [The National Veterans Memorial and Museum](#) pays tribute to the sacrifices of men and women in service and their families. History is presented through a dynamic, participatory experience with photos, letters and personal effects, multi-media presentations, and interactive exhibits. Together, these elements link our national story of service to the larger context of the world.

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