

Angels of mercy



The Nurse POWs of WWII

Almost 100 U.S. military Nurses were taken prisoner of war in WWII in the Philippines and Guam. More than 30 Australian nurses were taken prisoner on the island of Sumatra. All of the nurses heroically provided care for other inmates until their liberation. This inspirational lecture focuses on the chief nurses who encouraged their nurses to maintain rank and provide tireless care to ailing and helpless inmates.

About the speaker: Emilie Le Beau Lucchesi, PhD is an author and journalist in Illinois. Her work has appeared in The New York Times, The Atlantic, Discover Magazine, and the country's top newspapers. She is the author of "Ugly Prey: An Innocent Woman and the Death Sentence that Scandalized Jazz Age Chicago" (Chicago Review, 2017) and "This is Really War" (Chicago Review, 2019). Both books have been featured in the New York Times, WGN-TV, and Good Day Chicago. She is a regular speaker at museums, universities, and public libraries.

