Suggested Readings
(This is a partial list. Please help us by adding books, articles or videos on World War II or U.S. Latinos and Latinas. Recommendations below are from volunteers.)

On World War II

HISTORY OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR, by Liddell B. Hart
(Publisher: Cassell, 1970)

WITNESS TO HISTORY, 1929-1969 (Chapters 4-11), by Charles E. Bohlen (Publisher W.W. Norton & Company, Inc., 1973)

CRUSADE IN EUROPE by D.D. Eisenhower (Publisher: Heinemann, 1948)

A SOLDIER’S STORY by Omar N. Bradley (Rand McNally & Company, 1951. Also available in paperback under Modern Library publisher, 1999.)

PATTON: Ordeal and Triumph by Ladislas Farago (Dell Publishing Co., Inc., 1963)


COMBAT: Pacific Theater, World War II (Dell Publishing Co., Inc., 1958)

THE SILENT SERVICE by William C. Chambliss (A Signet Book, 1959)

HEROES OF WWII by Edward F. Murphy (Ballantine Books, 1990)


WORLD WAR II by Loyd E. Lee (Greenwood Press, Westport, Conn., 1999)
This is an excellent primer for background and understanding of the War. There is liberal interpretation of certain events, but at least Lee’s interpretations are clearly interpretations and provide some context. (Annotation by Maggie Rivas-Rodriguez)

READER’S DIGEST ILLUSTRATED STORY OF WORLD WAR II—(Reader’s Digest Association, 1969). This is another good reference book. There are some
historical disagreements with other accounts, but again, there is the matter of interpretation. Great photographs. (Annotation by Maggie Rivas-Rodriguez)

AMERICAN HERITAGE PICTURE HISTORY OF WORLD WAR II—By C.L. Sulzberger (Crown Publishers Inc., 1966) – A 1990 edition also, that was edited by Stephen Ambrose. Yet another good reference. And some excellent photographs, including some in color. (Annotation by Maggie Rivas-Rodriguez)


ROSIE THE RIVETER REVISTED By Sherna Berger Gluck (Boston: Twayne, 1987.)

On U.S. Latinos and Latinas

ARE WE GOOD NEIGHBORS? By Alfonso S. Perales (Publisher Artes Graficas, San Antonio, 1948)
This book includes testimony by several people about the discrimination in Texas before and in the years after the war. It’s a good eye-opener about the anger in the middle and late 1940s about the racial climate of the times.

AMONG THE VALIANT: MEXICAN-AMERICANS IN WW II AND KOREA
By Raul Morin (Borden Publishing Co., Alhambra, Ca., 1963)
This is an indication of the long-time frustration by some U.S. Latinos about the lack of recognition and appreciation of Latino military contributions of the war.
Morin used newspaper articles and interviews to tell the stories of Mexican Americans who distinguished themselves in key World War II battles.

ANGLOS AND MEXICANS IN THE MAKING OF TEXAS, 1836-1986 By David Montejano (University of Texas Press, Austin, 1987) This is an excellent reference for Mexican Americans in Texas. Particularly Chapter 12, and its introduction (pages 257-287) will provide a good grounding in life before and after the war.