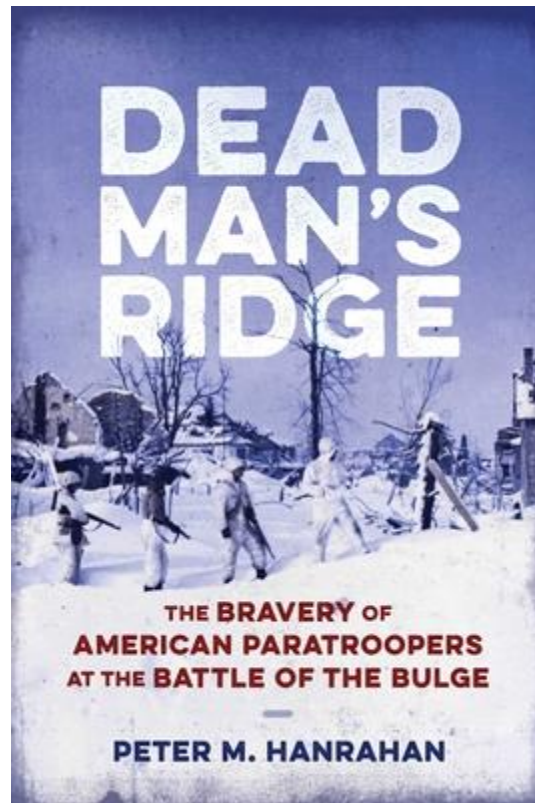


Presentation and Book signing, Saturday, October 10, 1:00 p. m. – 2:00 p.m.
Topsham Public Library, 25 Foreside Road. Topsham author Peter M. Hanrahan will make a presentation on his newly released book, *“Dead Man’s Ridge: The Bravery of American Paratroopers at the Battle of the Bulge,”* which will followed by a question-and-answer session and book signing. Copies of the book will be sold by Gulf of Maine Books of Brunswick at the event.



“Peter M. Hanrahan talked for hours with his wife’s uncle about the old veteran’s experience in World War II, when his untested platoon was virtually wiped out in the Battle of the Bulge. This led Hanrahan on a deeper search for other personal accounts of soldiers from the 17th Airborne Division, whose first action came in that bloody and decisive campaign. And what a treasure trove he discovered. Through their letters and reminiscences, *Dead Man’s Ridge* brings the reader to the bitterly cold days in Belgium when young American men got introduced to the horrors and heroism, the chaos and camaraderie of desperate combat against a seasoned enemy. Day-by-day accounts of major figures, from Patton to Eisenhower and even Hitler, provide the larger context of the epic battle, but it is the granular testimony of the men who did the fighting and dying that gives this book its power—and its heart.”

Dayton Duncan, Author/Filmmaker

Dayton Duncan spent 32 years co-producing PBS Documentaries with Ken Burns