

## More About Ron

Ron May has served as a Pastor and Navy Reserve Chaplain for over 20 years. He has ministered to the dying as a hospice chaplain and currently serves as chaplain at a retirement village.

Since 2012 Ron has worked as a freelance writer. He specializes in preserving veteran service stories and senior adult life stories. His stories have appeared in several local newspapers.

Ron is also a published author of a 2-volume set, *Our Service Our Stories*, a collection of World War 2 veteran service stories.

Ron is the founder & executive director of **Life Story Books, LLC** which helps families preserve the stories of veterans and other loved ones.



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## Praise for Ron's Performances:

*"A very professional performance, completely memorized with a good flow of the time and events. Ron has studied Ernie Pyle and understands the role of story telling. He delivers the message with both humor and human interest. I would recommend Ron for any group with his portrayal of Ernie Pyle."*

Gerald Maschino  
Executive Director  
Ernie Pyle Legacy Foundation

*"Ron does an outstanding job interpreting Ernie Pyle. It is very moving to see these photographs and hear the words of this man whose loyalty to his compatriots helped bring their stories to life on the home front."*

Rob Lawson  
Army Nurse Corps

*"My dad loved this performance, as did we. Ron has a real gift for bringing Ernie to life. We thoroughly enjoyed every aspect of the presentation."*

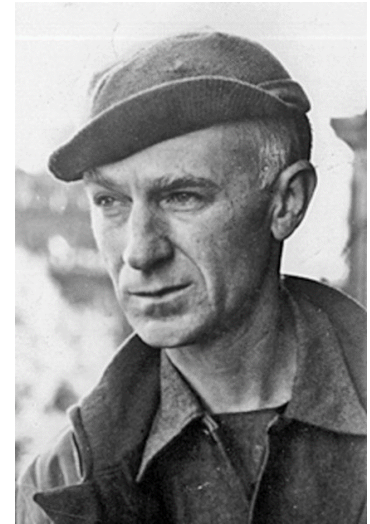
Lori Behrmann

*"Refresh your memory of World War II through the journalistic eyes of treasured Hoosier native, Ernie Pyle, who lost his life in this effort. Using the journalist's own words and projected photos, retired Navy Chaplain Ron May transforms himself into Pyle in his well-researched, thoughtfully written one-man show."*

Rev. Barbara Sloop  
Resident, Hoosier Village Retirement Center

# ERNIE PYLE

## "Stories From The War Front"



**A Performance By:  
Ronald P. May**  
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**Ernest Taylor Pyle  
1900 - 1945**

Ernie Pyle was the most famous and beloved correspondent during World War II. His articles from the war's front brought home to people in the United States the personal stories of the brave men who served in that war.

At the time of his death in April of 1945, his articles were appearing in 400 daily newspapers and 300 weekly ones. He won a Pulitzer Prize in 1944.

He accomplished this by getting close to his subjects, living with them, accepting their hardships, and exposing himself to their dangers.

On April 18, 1945 he was killed by a Japanese sniper on the island of Pacific island of Ie Shima. He was only 44.



**Ron May Portraying  
Ernie Pyle**

Through a first person dramatization, Ron May performs a one-hour act on Ernie Pyle's experiences as a war correspondent.

Beginning with Pyle's visit to England in 1940, Ron traces Ernie's long travels through North Africa, Italy, England, France and finally the Pacific Islands.

At each stop in the combat journey, Ron speaks of what Pyle experienced there and shares excerpts of his most famous articles from that theater of war.

Wearing an authentic uniform like Pyle's, Ron uses World War II era props and projects photos of Pyle and the places he visited to enhance the presentation.

## Program Options

Ron can customize his Pyle drama to fit the time constraints and the specific needs of any group.

Besides his main focus on Pyle's life and work during the war, Ron can also add other modules to his presentation including:

- Question & Answer Time
- Speaking of Ernie Pyle's Earlier Life Before the War
- Honoring Veterans in the Audience
- Sharing the stories of World War II Veterans from His Books
- Interviewing an actual World War II or Other Veteran as Part of the Program
- Providing an Historical Review of World War II
- Sharing the Important Role of War Correspondents

## Schedule a Performance

Contact Ron to learn more about his Pyle presentation or to schedule one of his performances. View video clips of past performances on his website.

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