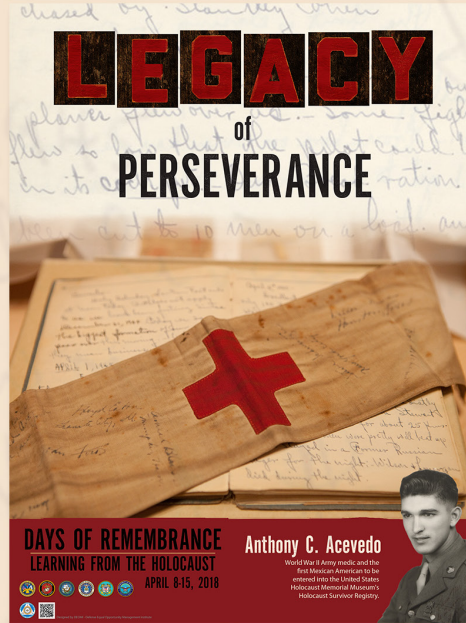


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FACTS

Each year, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum leads the nation in commemorating Days of Remembrance. The week of remembrance is set aside to honor and to remember the victims of the Holocaust and their liberators.

Days of Remembrance was established by the U.S. Congress to memorialize the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust—as well as the millions of non-Jewish victims of Nazi persecution.

This year we share the story of Anthony Acevedo, a World War II veteran and Holocaust survivor, and his *Legacy of Perseverance*.

Acevedo was a 20-year-old medic in the U.S. Army's 70th Infantry Division, when he—along with 350 U.S. soldiers—was captured by the Germans following the Battle of the Bulge, one of the bloodiest battles of World War II. They were transported to the Berga An Der Elster, a slave labor camp, and a subcamp of the Buchenwald concentration camp.

While a prisoner of war, Acevedo kept a diary of the soldiers' experiences. It was ingrained in him as a medic and a soldier to honor the Army Warrior Ethos: *I will always place the mission first. I will never accept defeat. I will never quit. I will never leave a fallen comrade.*

In 2010, Acevedo donated his diary to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum along with personal artifacts. Additionally, he became the first Mexican American to register with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's Holocaust survivor list.