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AUTHOR EXPLORES OMAHA'S ROLE IN BUILDING THE *ENOLA GAY* New Book, Ginny Cooper's War, Underscores Women's Part In World War II.

Omaha, Nebraska, April 23, 2015 – Offutt Air Force Base, just south of Omaha is a strategic military hub for thousands of dedicated service members protecting America.

Most people on base and in the surrounding area are surprised when they learn that the *Enola Gay*—the famous plane that dropped the first nuclear bomb—was built at Offutt in a plant that employed up to 14,000 civilians. For a time the Martin bomber plant was the largest employer in Nebraska. Few realize that Colonel Paul Tibbets personally selected his historic bomber right from the production line.

Now, in his new book, Ginny Cooper's War, author Lawson McDowell explores the short-lived, largely forgotten plant and its role in events leading to the *Enola Gay*. *He also suggests that the World War II's home front war had its own share of challenges.*

Based on three years' research, McDowell has released an historical fiction narrative filled with drama, intrigue, and love set in a time when America's survival was uncertain.

Real-life USAF Brigadier General Sally Eaves (Ret.) was so impressed after reading Ginny Cooper's War that she penned the book's foreword to encourage young women to learn from the values and work-ethic demonstrated by the book's fictional heroine, Ginny Cooper.

"Gender equality is a major focus of the story," McDowell acknowledges. "I tried to craft the story to educate as well as inspire. I believe I have succeeded in portraying women in proper light as well as casting historical heroes like Doolittle, Eisenhower, Tibbets, and Roosevelt in understandable terms."

A portion of the proceeds from Amazon paperback sales will go to USO to benefit active troops and disability programs.

Author Lawson McDowell lives in Omaha, Nebraska with his wife and family. This is his fourth historical fiction work.

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