



War in the Pacific National Historical Park

New Exhibit “Powers of Persuasion” Showcases World War II Poster Art

Beginning in December, War in the Pacific National Historical Park will host an exhibit of World War II era posters at the T. Stell Newman Visitor Center. The exhibit, entitled “Powers of Persuasion: Poster Art from World War II,” contains dozens of propaganda posters representing the constant battle for the hearts and minds of the American people. Part of the National Archives (Washington, DC) exhibit, the posters help people understand how persuading the American public became a wartime industry, almost as important as the manufacturing of bullets and planes.

Quotes from official manuals and public leaders articulate how the Government sought to rally public opinion in support of the war’s aims; quotes from popular songs and sayings attest to the success of the campaign that helped sustain the war effort throughout the nation-shaking events of this global conflict. Many of the posters, such as “Rosie the Riveter,” became iconic images, forever associated with World War II.



Two posters included in the National Archives’ “Powers of Persuasion: Poster Art From World War II” exhibit opening in December at the T. Stell Newman Visitor Center.

The National Park Service invites the public to explore this fascinating exhibit beginning in December at the T. Stell Newman Visitor Center. “Powers of Persuasion” will be displayed through May 2011.

The visitor center is located in Sumay, just outside the Naval Station main gate next to the Pass and I.D. building.

The visitor center is open every day 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day. There is no entrance fee. We hope to see you soon!

For information, contact park rangers at 671-333-4050 or visit the park’s website at www.nps.gov/wapa.

Where is the T. Stell Newman Visitor Center?



Since opening in 2007, the T. Stell Newman Visitor Center has served as the National Park Service visitor contact station for War in the Pacific National Historical Park.

The visitor center is named in honor the park's first superintendent, who worked tirelessly to foster the public's understanding of Guam's World War II resources. Today, visitors can view museum exhibits, watch the award-winning film presentation, "Liberating Guam: The U.S. Comes Back," and find out how to explore the park.

The visitor center is also home to the Pacific Historic Parks Bookstore, where you will find the best World War II book selection on Guam.

In 2012, the visitor center will undergo significant changes with new, permanent, state-of-the-art museum exhibits.



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Phone: 671-333-4050

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Attention Teachers

New "Traveling Trunk" Hits the Road!

War in the Pacific National Historical Park is proud to announce the beginning of a new educational outreach program. The "Traveling Trunk" is a mini-museum designed to bring Guam's national park into the classroom.

The trunk contains both authentic World War II artifacts and reproduction uniforms, helmets, pictures, and equipment that help make history come alive for students of all ages. The trunk even comes with a real park ranger!

The Traveling Trunk outreach program is part of the National Park Service's commitment to interpret and share knowledge of the park's natural and cultural resources and to help teachers and students learn about the mission and resources of the park. The presentation usually runs about one hour but can be customized to meet the needs of educators.

Once reservations for the "Traveling Trunk" are confirmed, a park ranger

will bring the trunk to the classroom and provide a unique opportunity for students to learn about life on Guam during World War II through hands-on activities.

§ Examine and touch real World War II artifacts and reproduction equipment.

§ Learn about the people who experienced World War II and imagine what it might have been like to live through the war.

§ Learn about national parks and what it's like to be a park ranger.

Educators have a unique opportunity to help youths understand the values of conservation, preservation, and protection of our island and our nation's cultural heritage. Together we can help our youths become stewards of their national park on Guam.

To schedule a visit from the "Traveling Trunk," contact a park ranger at the visitor center or call 671-333-4050.



Examples of the World War II artifacts included in the "Traveling Trunk." Unlike many museum artifacts, these are meant to be touched!

“Movie in the Park” on Veterans Day

In honor of the service and sacrifices of veterans, national parks across the nation will waive entrance fees on Veterans Day, November 11, 2010.

On Veterans Day on Guam, War in the Pacific National Historical Park will host another popular “Movie in the Park” evening program.

The park will show an award-winning classic feature film about World War II. The film dramatically portrays events

Join us for a “Movie in the Park” evening program on Veterans Day.



of the Pacific Theater and experiences of soldiers during the war. Due to copyright restrictions, we are unable to advertise the title of the film. The film is not rated but due to scenes of warfare, parental guidance is suggested.

Prior to the feature movie, the park will show a short historic news film clip that includes battle footage of the Americans landing on Guam in 1944.

The public is invited to join us under the stars at Asan Beach on Thursday, November 11, at 6 p.m. to help us honor our veterans.

The public is encouraged to bring chairs, blankets, flashlights, umbrellas, and insect repellent.

For more information on the feature film and “Movies in the Park,” contact park rangers at 671-333-4050.

Cool Coral Reefs

Did you know that over half of War in the Pacific National Historical Park is underwater? Because of its unique location in the Indo-Pacific region, the park contains natural resources that exist in no other national park. The park contains exceptional examples of coral reefs, tropical savanna, wetlands, and limestone and riverine forest. Park coral reefs are home to an estimated 3,500 species of plants and animals, including two threatened or endangered species of sea turtles.



A young participant in the park’s “Reef Rangers” summer program studies Guam’s diverse coral reefs.

Join us for a “Curator’s Corner” at the Visitor Center

What is a “Curator’s Corner”?

It’s an opportunity to learn about the efforts of War in the Pacific National Historical Park to preserve and protect over 11,000 items in the park’s museum collection. The collection houses World War II artifacts, archival documents, materials, and historic photographs in a secure, climate-controlled storage facility.

The “Curator’s Corner” program gives visitors a hands-on experience to view rarely seen World War II artifacts and learn about their significance to the Pacific War and Guam’s history and culture.

The presentations highlight unique stories, and more importantly, provide an extraordinary chance to explore World War II through historic artifacts and to learn about the experiences of the people associated with them. The park plans to host a regular series of “Curator’s Corner” programs at the T. Stell Newman Visitor Center throughout the year. For more information, please contact park rangers at 671-333-4050.



Museum objects such as photographs and diaries are available for visitors to examine at a recent “Curator’s Corner” program.

Opening Days of the Pacific War Saturday, November 20, 1-3 p.m.

Two emerging superpowers and their ambitions in Asia clashed violently in early December 1941. Japan, already at war for several years in China, opted to expand the war throughout the region. Militarists in charge of the Japanese government decided to attack simultaneously on many different fronts. We will examine these opening days within the Pacific Theater, locations and units involved, successes and failures, and world reactions.

World War II Propaganda Saturday, December 18, 1-3 p.m.

Altering the perceptions of the public on both sides was critical to the success of the war plans of Japan and the United States. Propaganda departments would involve the top producers of media, artists, writers, and even cartoonists as evidenced by a very political Dr. Seuss. This presentation will coincide with the opening of the new World War II propaganda poster exhibit at the visitor center (see article on page 1).



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was established by Congress in 1978 " to commemorate the bravery and sacrifice of those participating in the campaigns of the Pacific Theater of World War II and to conserve and interpret outstanding natural, scenic, and historic values and objects on the island of Guam for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations...."

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Guam Girl Scouts Celebrate 10 Years as Park Volunteers

On September 29, the Guam Girl Scouts celebrated their 10-year anniversary of volunteering for National Public Lands Day (NPLD).

Since 2000, the Guam Girl Scouts, along with park staff and the park's non-profit association, Pacific Historic Parks, have partnered to host an NPLD volunteer event each September.

The Guam Girl Scouts, Scout Leaders, and parents have volunteered their time to care for their national park on Guam.

Over the years, dozens of coconut trees were planted along with other native shrubs and trees to help restore the historic scene at Asan Beach. Parking lot barriers and bollards were painted, park areas were cleared of debris and litter, and scouts helped keep our

coastal beaches clean. Girl Scouts also joined Chamorro educators and park rangers in learning how to weave local arts and crafts. As volunteers, they became the caretakers of their national park on Guam and joined other Girl Scouts around the nation in caring for our public lands.

To learn more about National Public Lands Day visit:
www.publiclandsday.org



Working and learning. Guam Girl Scouts volunteer at Ga'an Point (September 2010).