



Between Fences

Park Visitor Center Undergoes Fresh Changes

Fences, dominant features in our lives and in our history, are more than functional objects; they are powerful symbols of security, industry, agriculture, and land ownership. Built of hedge, concrete, wood and metal, the fence skirts our properties and is central to the American landscape. War in the Pacific National Historical Park is proud to partner with the Guam Humanities Council (GHC) to host *Between Fences*, an exhibition from the Smithsonian Institution Museum on Main Street program.

“The Guam Humanities Council is very excited to bring the Smithsonian’s *Between Fences* exhibition to Guam and to present a local component that critically examines Guam’s colonial history as told through fences in our local landscape,” said Dr. Kimberlee Kihleng, Executive Director.

The Council has been working with historian Christine Taitano DeLisle, PhD to develop a Guam-focused companion exhibition entitled *I Kelat The Fence: Historical Perspectives on*



Guam’s Changing Landscape. The local exhibit explores the relations between Chamorros and fences from historical, political, and cultural perspectives.

War in the Pacific National Historical Park is the first venue for the *Between Fences* exhibition tour of Guam. The exhibit will be on display at the visitor center from March 29 through May 10 before moving to other locations. To learn more about Museum on Main Street and *Between Fences* check out museumonmainstreet.org. To learn more about the *I Kelat* exhibit and its associated programs please visit guamhumanitiescouncil.org.



Above: The *Between Fences* exhibit’s first stop on Guam is the park visitor center.
Top right: Guam’s changing landscape is examined in *I Kelat The Fence*.

Permanent Exhibit Coming

For some time now, visitors at the T. Stell Newman Visitor Center have been asking, “When are we going to see the new exhibits?” The park is happy to announce that the public will get their first glimpse of the new

exhibits during this year’s Liberation Festivities. Stay tuned for updates!

The public is further advised that our non-profit partner, the Pacific Historic Parks bookstore, will continue to provide an assortment of books, videos, maps, and gifts relating to the Pacific

War and Guam’s natural environment. Admission to the visitor center will remain free for the public. Please watch for updated news on temporary closures as we install new museum components, but remember the museum is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

A Message from the Superintendent:



In today's fast moving world, national parks give people a chance to slow down and take time to understand the past, connect with nature, and enjoy our nation's cultural and natural heritage. But did you know that national parks have a tremendous economic impact on surrounding areas? A new National Park Service report shows that nearly 220,000 park visitors in 2010 spent over \$7.6 million at War in the Pacific National Historical Park and on Guam. That spending supported 91 jobs in our island community.

War in the Pacific National Historical Park is clean, green fuel for the engine that drives our local economy. The figures are based on \$12 billion of direct spending by 281 million visitors in 394 national parks and nearby communities and are included in an annual, peer-reviewed, visitor spending analysis conducted by Dr. Daniel Stynes of Michigan State University for the National Park Service.

Across the United States, local visitor spending added a total of \$31 billion to the national economy and supported more than 258,000 jobs, an increase of \$689 million and 11,500 jobs over 2009. Not only does War in the Pacific protect some of Guam's most important natural and cultural resources, it supports Guam's economy.

Thanks for visiting!

Sinceramente,

Barbara Alberti
Superintendent

Explore the Ocean with Reef Ranger Camp

Looking for something fun to do outdoors this summer? Interested in learning about our precious coral reefs? Then be a part of the War in the Pacific National Historical Park's summer camp!

The park will host the annual Reef Ranger Summer Camp at the Asan Beach Unit in the month of June. This dynamic program introduces a fun, safe, and exciting way to explore the island's coasts and learn about marine science. Best of all, participants will develop skills to become stewards of our island's park and our environment! Curious and eager youth who want to learn about our fascinating marine resources are encouraged to apply.

The first session of the Reef Ranger Summer Camp is open to high school freshmen and sophomores and it exclusively focuses on the Reef Ranger Conservation Corps. During this week of leadership training, participants will gain a greater awareness of the importance of conservation for our community. Through learning about our natural re-

sources they will develop a higher sense of responsibility for the environment. The training will prepare them to serve as mentors and leaders for the duration of the summer camp program.

In the next two sessions, Reef Rangers will engage in an exciting array of hands-on activities geared towards understanding the benefits of our coral reefs. They will learn about the different threats to the health of reefs and solutions to those issues. Daily fun filled experiences like puzzles, games, snorkeling, experiments, discussions, and field trips will encourage campers to make connections between their everyday actions and its impact on the environment.

Applicants must register in advance at go.nps.gov/reefranger or by calling Education Specialist Jaelyn Zapanta at 477-7278, ext 1015. See the table below for more information on camp sessions. Come be a part of this free, exciting program that encourages youth to tune their senses to the awesome underwater world and explore nature at their national park!

Dates	Activity	Participants
June 12 - 16	Reef Ranger Conservation Corps	Entering 9th and 10th graders
June 19 - 23	Reef Ranger Camp	Entering 5th and 6th graders
June 26 - 30	Reef Ranger Camp	Entering 5th and 6th graders



Employee Spotlight

War in the Pacific National Historical Park is excited to welcome its newest employee, Moñeka De Oro. For years Moñeka has admired park rangers and their commitment of caring for the environment, revitalizing communities, fostering stewardship, and preserving history. Moñeka has fond memories of visiting several national parks including the Grand Canyon, Haleakala, Redwood, and Colonial National Parks and is ecstatic to join the National Park Service team on Guam.

From an early age Moñeka fell in love with our island's beauty, people, and story. After graduating with a degree in Anthropology at the University of Guam, Moñeka is now pursuing a master of arts in Micronesian Studies.

Here at our park she is excited for the opportunity to develop interpretive programs that highlight the perspectives of the Chamorro people. As a Chamorro cultural enthusiast she hopes to celebrate indigenous knowledge and connect people to the significance of the park's resources. "I'm very excited to work alongside amazing people who are passionate about what they do," Moñeka said. With her enthusiasm for historic preservation and concern for the island's environment she sees her time at War in the Pacific as a valuable learning experience.



Honoring the Veterans of Iwo Jima

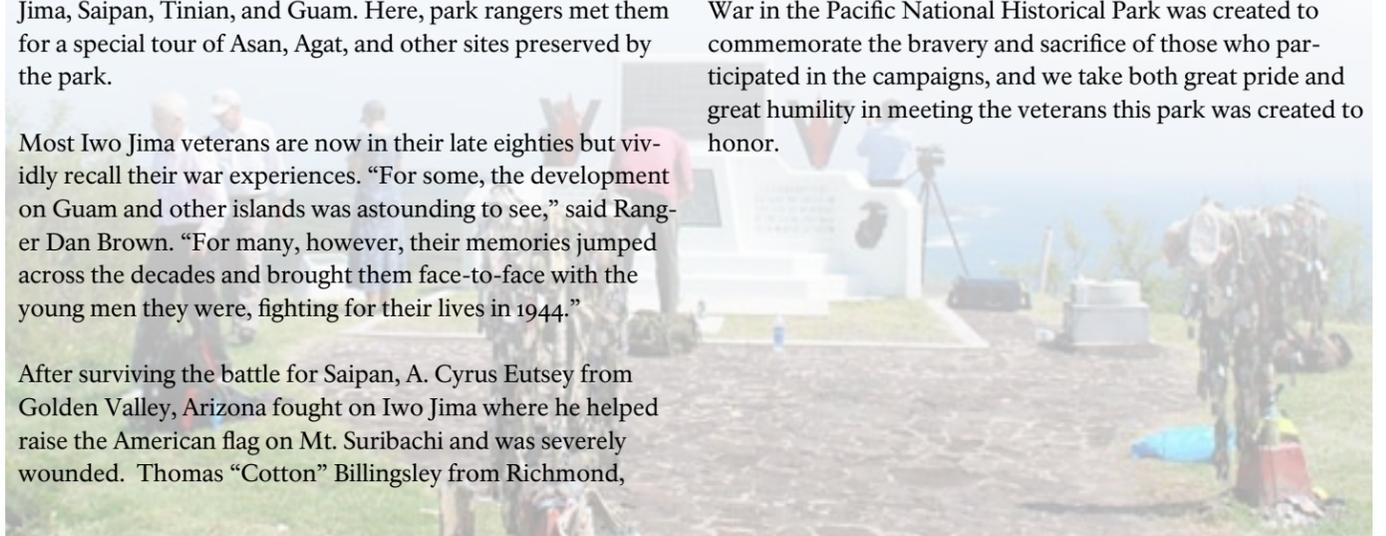
For thirty-six days in 1945, thousands of young Americans, many still teenagers, struggled through a battle so bloody and catastrophic that it shocked the world. Nearly 7,000 Americans died to capture an island of only eight square miles. Although Iwo Jima is a small island, the epic images it brings to mind are seared into the memory of American veterans who fought this battle. Sixty-seven years later twenty-five Iwo Jima veterans returned to the island they can never forget. They traveled across the vast Pacific Ocean, from every region of the United States and toured the former battlefields of Iwo Jima, Saipan, Tinian, and Guam. Here, park rangers met them for a special tour of Asan, Agat, and other sites preserved by the park.

Most Iwo Jima veterans are now in their late eighties but vividly recall their war experiences. "For some, the development on Guam and other islands was astounding to see," said Ranger Dan Brown. "For many, however, their memories jumped across the decades and brought them face-to-face with the young men they were, fighting for their lives in 1944."

After surviving the battle for Saipan, A. Cyrus Eutsey from Golden Valley, Arizona fought on Iwo Jima where he helped raise the American flag on Mt. Suribachi and was severely wounded. Thomas "Cotton" Billingsley from Richmond,

Virginia also fought on Saipan and Tinian before experiencing thirty-six days of intense combat at Iwo Jima. "Iron" Mike Mervosh saw combat for the first time on Iwo Jima where he was awarded two Purple Hearts and the Navy Commendation Medal and later fought in the Korean and Vietnam Wars before retiring from the Marine Corps in 1977. For most veterans, the Pacific War was the seminal event of their lives. As one veteran remembered, the unforgettable war experiences are "tattooed on your soul."

War in the Pacific National Historical Park was created to commemorate the bravery and sacrifice of those who participated in the campaigns, and we take both great pride and great humility in meeting the veterans this park was created to honor.



Mark Your Calendar - Don't Miss These Park Events!



Did you know?

Park rangers offer a variety of hikes or talks each Saturday and Sunday. A detailed schedule is posted at www.nps.gov/wapa and is also available at the visitor center.

Honor the people of World War II. Show your appreciation of the land and water resources of Guam. Come to a free park program!

War in the Pacific National Historical Park 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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• April 2 - 6 - Junior Ranger Academy

Through a series of activities all week long, discover why history and science matter to your generation, make new friends, and earn an official Junior Ranger badge.

April 21 - 29 - National Park Week

• April 21 - Movie in the Park at Asan Beach, 6:30 p.m.

Kick off National Park Week with another popular film showing beneath the stars! We'll show "There Once Was An Island," the story of a community under the threat of a devastating flood and other effects of climate change.

• April 28 - "Get to Know Nature" Hike at Asan Bay Overlook, 9 a.m.

Here's your chance to hike with a park ranger to see the rivers and streams in the rarely-visited Asan Inland Unit. Register online at <http://epa.guam.gov/activities/earth-day-2012/> (Three hours)

• April 29 - Park Program at Apaca Point, 2 p.m.

We've all heard the terms global warming, sea level rise, and ocean acidification, but what does all that really mean? Come watch as a park ranger demonstrates some of the science behind climate change with experiments you could do in your own home.

• May 10 - "Between Fences Closing" at the Visitor Center, 6 p.m.

In one way or another, fences and boundaries affect all of us. The final exhibit program is a showing of the film "Families Under Siege" followed by a discussion of central themes of the exhibit.

• May 19 - Movie in the Park at Asan Beach, 6:30 p.m.

There's no better outdoor theater than your national park! Come down to Asan Beach for another movie with family and friends.

• May 26 - 28 - Memorial Day Flag Display at Asan Beach, 6 p.m.

Rediscover the earliest meanings of Memorial Day by participating in our large-scale flag display. This compelling event always speaks of bravery and sacrifice of our armed forces. To learn about volunteering, see a park ranger or call 333-4050.

• June 4 - 30 - Visitor Center Under Construction

New, permanent exhibits are only weeks away! Please excuse temporary closures during this time as installation and preparation are in progress.

• June 12 - 30 - Reef Ranger Camps

See the article inside this newsletter for more information on the best summer camp on island!

• June 17 - Hike to Tenjo from the Asan Bay Overlook, 9 a.m.

Meet at the Asan Bay Overlook and we'll caravan to a hiking trail that leads to the rarely-visited Mount Tenjo. Please be advised: this is an arduous hike over difficult terrain. Hikers will get dirty and possibly muddy and wet. Bring water, a snack, gloves, and sunscreen, and wear sturdy shoes, pants, a hat, and long sleeves. (Three hours)

Pictured behind text: Coconut grove at Asan Beach.