

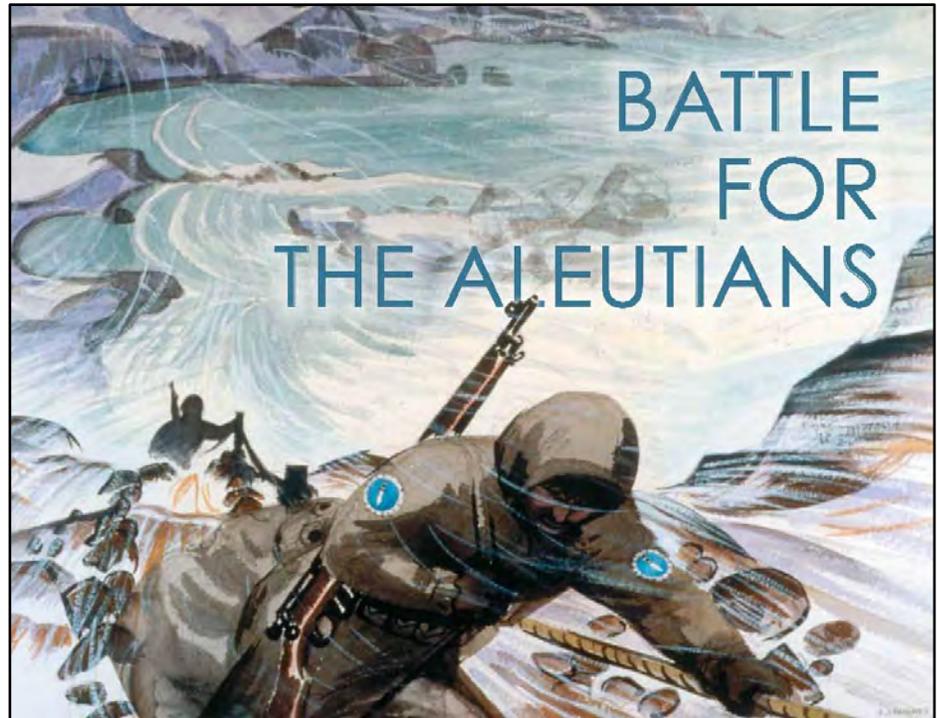


Park Hosts Battle for the Aleutians Exhibit

Imagine a group of bitterly cold islands cloaked in perpetual fog where unrelenting winds howl through snowcapped mountains spread across 1,200 miles of the world's most treacherous seas. This harsh environment describes the Aleutians, a chain of more than 300 U.S. islands of southwest Alaska and home to the Unangan people. Many mistakenly believe that Guam was the only U.S. territory captured by Japan. In 1942, however, Japan invaded the Aleutians and for over a year these islands became brutal battlefields where thousands perished.

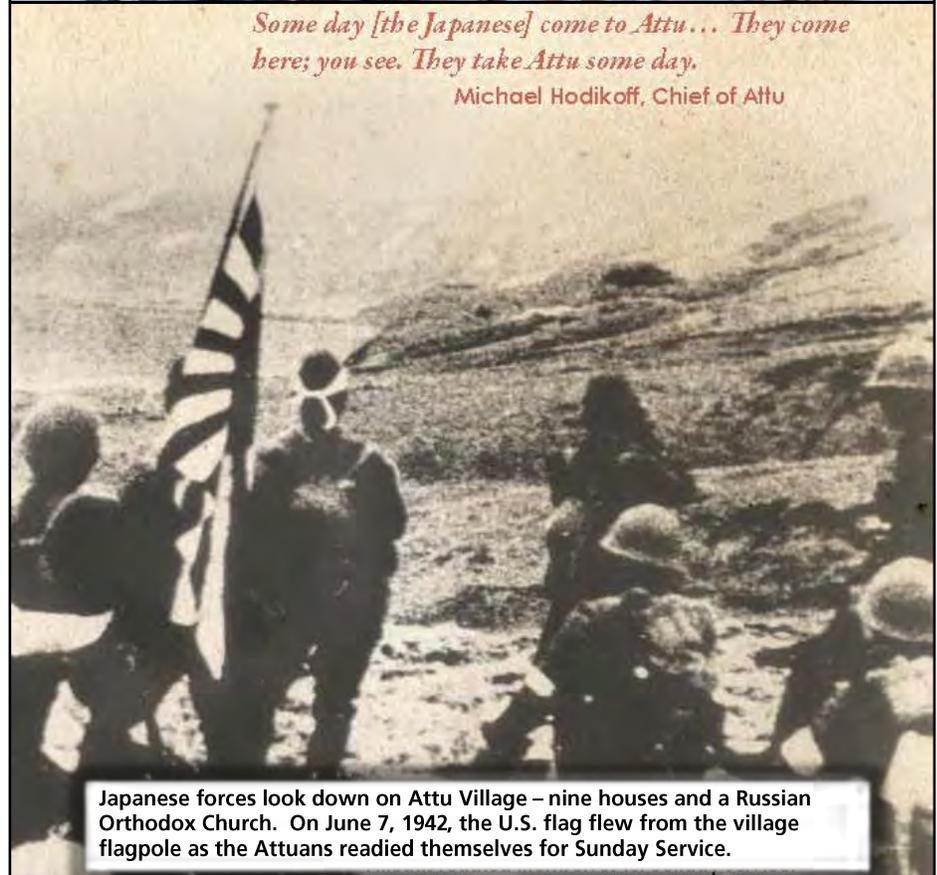
You can explore this fascinating story in a special exhibit on display at the T. Stell Newman Visitor Center beginning in August. The exhibit includes dozens of photographs, vivid pictures, and the heartbreaking saga of Unangan people who lost their island homes forever.

The story of the Aleutian Islands is a tragic but forgotten chapter of the Pacific War. See this free exhibit on display from August through December. The T. Stell Newman Visitor Center is located in Sumay and open daily 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 333-4050 or visit www.nps.gov/wapa.



Some day [the Japanese] come to Attu... They come here; you see. They take Attu some day.

Michael Hodikoff, Chief of Attu



Japanese forces look down on Attu Village – nine houses and a Russian Orthodox Church. On June 7, 1942, the U.S. flag flew from the village flagpole as the Attuans readied themselves for Sunday Service.

A Message from the Superintendent



We Want YOU! ...to become a "VIP"

Volunteers In Parks are Very Important People!

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Do you enjoy meeting new people? Do you want to know more about the water quality at our beaches? Do you speak other languages? Do you have artistic skills? Do you like to garden or grow native plants?

This summer we have been thrilled to have our "Junior Rangers" and "Reef Ranger Conservation Corps" volunteering as mentors during our Reef Ranger camps. The 9th and 10th graders in the Corps spent a week learning about coral reefs and honing their leadership skills. Now they are putting that training to use as they (and our Junior Rangers) help park biologists teach younger kids about the wonders of Guam's coral reefs.

We need volunteers to help us manage our natural and cultural resources and provide better service to our visitors. Whatever your age or interest, please consider donating some of your valuable time. You can make a difference!

Sinseramente,
Barbara Alberti

VIP: Volunteers In Parks

National Parks are some of the most special places of our nation. The transcendent beauty, natural wonders, and profound meanings of our national parks delight and inspire millions of people every year. Often, people want to get involved and give back to these extraordinary places. One of the best ways to get involved at War in the Pacific National Historical Park is to join the "Volunteers In Parks" (VIP) program.

Every year volunteers, or VIPs, contribute considerable support to national parks, including War in the Pacific. Last year over 200,000 people provided millions of hours of invaluable volunteer service to parks across the country. Volunteers range in age from young children to senior citizens and include individuals, couples, families, students, and groups. They come from all over the United States and the world, and bring different backgrounds, skills, and talents that enrich our

park programs. Volunteering is not only a way to give back, but more importantly, it's a fun and rewarding experience. War in the Pacific has a diverse array of enjoyable and interesting volunteer opportunities. As a VIP, you can explore your field of interest, learn from park professionals, and gain valuable career skills. Volunteer opportunities include welcoming park visitors, assisting scientists with field studies, performing research, helping with exciting archeological investigations, working in the park with our maintenance team, and many more.

We want to ensure that our volunteer program is rewarding and fulfilling to our volunteers. Whatever your skills or interests, we have a VIP opportunity for you. We invite you to become part of our team of dedicated individuals and experience your national park in a new and meaningful way. To learn how to become a VIP, call 333-4055 today.

Volunteers from the Navy Construction Battalion 133 Detachment, the Air Force 734th Air Mobility Squadron, veterans, families, and community members help place over 3,000 U.S. and Guam flags for this year's Memorial Day Flag Display at Asan Beach.



Be Part of National Public Lands Day in September



Asan Beach and the the Asan inland areas are your public lands.

Get ready for National Public Lands Day! This special day has been celebrated annually for almost twenty years. Thousands of volunteers across the country take time to recognize the importance of the areas they can proudly call "theirs." Places like national forests, wildlife refuges, nature preserves, and national parks – such as War in the Pacific. It's a chance to get some fresh air and exercise, to spend time learning about the park's resources, and to make a visible difference with a committed team.

This year, National Public Lands Day is celebrated on September 24, and there is quite a bit to do. In addition to the popular clean-up within heavily visited park sites, the national park is seeking volunteers to help with vegetation control in its remote areas. Think about your skills, interests, and time commitment, and consider lending a hand.

Our most faithful participants, the Guam Girl Scouts, have helped out for over ten years. They've kept the park units looking great by planting bushes and trees, painting, and cleaning up along the beach. But don't let these formidable champions prevent you from challenging their volunteer record! Find out how you can help care for your public lands by calling park rangers at 671-333-4050.

Guam Girl Scouts celebrate 10 years of volunteering at the park's National Public Lands Day events.



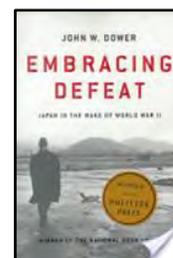
Ranger Reviews: *Embracing Defeat*

By James Oelke-Farley

Embracing Defeat: Japan in the Wake of World War II by John Dower examines the remarkable transformation of Japan and her people following the defeat of World War II. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize, *Embracing Defeat* is a fascinating book that allows the reader to forget they are learning history with each page turn.

Dower tackles complex issues such as General Douglas MacArthur's "super government" and occupation forces, the guilt or complicity of Emperor Hirohito, the war crimes trials of Japan's leaders, state-run prostitution to service American G.I.'s, the threat of Communism, Japan's new Constitution, the dismantling of Shintoism, and the sudden reversal of many policies when war erupted in Korea.

The author handles these difficult topics with an ease borne of meticulous preparation and understanding that seems to have eluded other writers. His passion for the subject is apparent from the first page. For students, historians, or those interested in Japan, this book is a must read.



Embracing Defeat is available at the Pacific Historic Parks bookstore in the Visitor Center in Sumay.



Members of the Youth Conservation Corps participate in the 2010 Liberation Day Parade.

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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"Our Man'amko, Our Legacy"

It always starts early: by the time the sun is up, thousands and thousands have already lined up along Marine Corps Drive. This is a day like no other day on Guam. If there is ever an event for commemoration and remembering, this is it. War in the Pacific National Historical Park takes great pride in participating again in this year's 67th Liberation Day parade. This year's theme, "Our Man'amko, Our Legacy," honors the island's elderly who lived through the years of World War II.

The park remembers the bitter sacrifices they made, but we also remember their sweet joys of liberation. This year, we join with the Asan/Maina Mayor's Office in the construction of an inspiring parade float and recognition in the island's biggest event of the summer. With this year's parade, let us all remember our Man'amko and the real meanings of Liberation. If you want to learn more about our Man'amko, stop by War in the Pacific National Historical Park's visitor center.

Mark Your 2011 Calendar - Upcoming Park Events

Ranger Talks Each Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. Explore the resources and stories of your park with a ranger. Call 333-4050.

July:

- **Real People. Real Stories.** Guam War Survivors Exhibit – this July at the visitor center from the office of Senator Frank Blas, Jr.
- **Armed Forces Recognition Day** – July 9 – Asan Beach – 10 a.m.
- **Curator's Corner** – July 16 – Visitor Center – 1 p.m.
We investigate the battle for Guam.
- **Liberation Day** – July 21 – Look for the float designed by the Village of Asan/Maina and National Park Service in the parade!

August:

- **Movie in the Park** – August 6 – 6 p.m.
Join us for another movie under the stars at Asan Beach!
- **Curator's Corner** – August 20 – Visitor Center – 1 p.m.
An exciting presentation on the Battle of Guadalcanal.

September:

- **International Coastal Cleanup** – September 17 – Join volunteers from around the world to help clean our beaches. Call 333-4055 for details.
- **Curator's Corner** – September 17 – Visitor Center – 1 p.m.
An up-close look at artifacts and a talk on the Battle for Peleliu.
- **Movie in the Park** – September 17 – 6 p.m.
Join us for another movie under the stars at Asan Beach!
- **National Public Lands Day** – September 25
See the article in this newsletter or call 333-4050 for details!