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“THE ALLIED RACE TO VICTORY: THE AIR, LAND, AND SEA CAMPAIGNS THAT ENDED WWII” EXPLORES THE FINAL PHASE OF THE ALLIED VICTORY IN WWII

Detailing the progression of the War in Europe and the Pacific, the exhibit will utilize individual stories to examine the greater narrative of the American path to victory.

CHICAGO, December 17, 2019 – Focusing on the air, land, and sea actions of the United States Army, Army Air Forces, Marine Corps, and Navy, the new exhibit from the Pritzker Military Museum & Library will provide an overview of the battles and actions that led to the Allied victory in Europe and the Pacific. Bringing together documents, oral histories, photos and video, “The Allied Race to Victory” will also employ collections donated to the Museum & Library by those who fought the battles on the ground, in the air, and at sea. These personal items lend an intimate and firsthand account to the efforts and sacrifices of millions of American servicemembers. “The Allied Race to Victory” exhibit officially opens on January 23, 2020.

The exhibit will detail the progression of the war on both fronts. In the Pacific from June 1944 through September 1945, Allied operations focused on seizing Japanese territory with the goal of ultimately attacking the Japanese mainland. The American push to take the Mariana islands, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa, coupled with the campaign to retake the Philippines and the allied bombing campaign against Japan all resulted in the Japanese being stripped of their hold in the Pacific and succeeded in forcing Japanese leaders to surrender. In Europe, Allied forces were fighting a resilient and deadly German Army as they fought to push on to the German capital. It was ultimately the Allied victory at the Battle of the Bulge that all but ensured the German surrender. With collection support from the Illinois Holocaust Museum, “The Allied Race to Victory” will also present the discovery and liberation of the concentration camps by American soldiers in the spring of 1945 as Allied forces made their way through Germany.

“We are excited to take the military history community onto the next phase of the Allied journey in the Pacific and Europe,” stated Dr. Rob Havers, President & CEO of the Pritzker Military Museum & Library. “While our last exhibit, *D-Day +75*, explored the impact of D-Day and the Allied push into Europe, this new exhibition continues the story while highlighting the often-overlooked battles in the Pacific and marking the 75th anniversary of the last year of the WWII.”

Learn more about “*The Allied Race to Victory: The Air, Land, and Sea Campaigns that Ended WWII*” by visiting www.pritzkermilitary.org/RacetoVictory.



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