This year’s Symposium will focus on the Nimitz Graybook—Chronicles of the Pacific War. It will be held on 22 September 2018 from 9am to 5pm at the Rockbox Theater in Fredericksburg, Texas.

The Nimitz Graybook is the Command Summary of Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz and was compiled by the War Plans Section of the Pacific Command Headquarters in Hawaii during World War II. It contains daily estimates of the situation, Command decisions, and running summaries of communications from 7 December 1941 to 31 August 1945. Thus, it was the daily record of the combat situation that Nimitz faced daily and presents what Nimitz knew and what the basis and reasons for his daily decisions were. Naval war historians have called the Graybook “a national treasure” as “it is the most authoritative source on the Pacific War available anywhere.”

The Graybook, which has been digitized and is in the public domain, is often used by naval historians as a major resource. The Symposium will present a number of highly qualified naval scholars very familiar with the Graybook. Historian Kelly Crager will serve as Moderator. The tentative list of speakers (subject to change) and their topics include:

-- *Introduction to the Graybook:* Speaker to be announced.

-- *Early Months of Nimitz’s Command and Struggle with Admiral King:* John Lundstrom, historian and author of books on the Pacific War, including *The First South Pacific Campaign—Pacific Fleet Strategy, 1941-June 1942.*

-- *Battle of Midway Through the Lens of the Graybook:* Craig Symonds, Distinguished Visiting Ernest J. King Professor of Maritime History at the U.S. Naval Academy, author of naval history books, including *The Battle of Midway.*

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-- Battle of Guadalcanal Through the Lens of the Graybook: Richard Frank, military historian and frequent Symposium speaker. Author of many military history books, including *Guadalcanal, the Definitive Account of the Landmark Battle*.

-- Admirals Nimitz and Halsey: Walter Borneman, military historian who wrote *The Admirals (Nimitz, Halsey, Leahy and King)*.

-- End Game — 1944-1945: James Hornfischer, award winning author of naval history books, including *The Fleet at Flood Tide— America at Total War in the Pacific, 1944-1945*.

-- The Graybook Today: Speaker to be announced.

The program also includes a Meet and Greet the Presenters, Book Signings and a Round Table Discussion with speakers and the audience. The latter will be moderated by Richard Frank and Kelly Crager.

Welcome Reception for All Attendees:

On Friday evening, 21 September, there will be a Welcome Reception, free to all attendees, in the George H.W. Bush Gallery Lobby from 6 to 8pm. This will be an opportunity to meet the speakers and other attendees. Refreshments will be served. As a special treat, artifacts pertinent to the Graybook will be on display. They will present a visual chronicle of Nimitz's command decisions through maps, Guam headquarters blueprints, letters, reports and photos. All of these are in the Museum's own collection. Attendees will also have the opportunity to learn how to take advantage of the resources offered by the Nimitz Education and Research Center for their own research projects.

Registration, and Sign-in for Pre-Registered Attendees:

Sign-in and packet pick up for pre-registered attendees will be available in the George H.W. Bush Gallery all day Friday, September 21, starting at 10am. Registration will also be available at that time, and at 8am on Saturday, the 22nd, if tickets are still available. Attendees will receive a digital copy of the entire Graybook on a USB stick. In addition, attendees will have free admission to the Museum from Friday to Sunday. Symposium name tags will serve as admission.

Saturday evening after the symposium, Treat Yourself to Dinner & Wine at Das Peach Haus

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Saturday evening, 22 September, the Messina Hof Hill Country Winery is teaming up with Fischer & Wieser's Das Peach Haus to present a three-course dinner paired with wines from the Nimitz Museum collection, Chardonnay, Cabernet and the Admiral Nimitz Port.

Each purchase of Messina Hof Nimitz wine directly supports the Admiral Nimitz Foundation and helps to ensure the mission of the Museum is carried out.

The dinner, which will begin at 6:30pm, is open to the public and seating is limited. We suggest Symposium attendees make their reservations early. For tickets or more information, please call 830-990-4653 or email: hillcountry@messinahof.com.

Basic Symposium Information:

The Symposium is open to the public and will be held at the Rockbox Theater, “*New Location,” located at 109 N. Llano St., in Fredericksburg. Seating is limited so please reserve your space as soon as possible. Doors open at 8am, and the hours are 9am to 5pm.

Tickets are $50 for Admiral Nimitz Foundation members and $60 for non-members. Lunch will be on attendees’ own so they may choose among the town’s excellent restaurants.

Fredricksburg is located 70 miles from San Antonio on IH 10N and 75 miles from Austin on 290W. Air service is available to San Antonio and Austin on major carriers. For information, please contact the Fredericksburg Convention and Visitor’s Bureau on (888) 997-3600. Its website is visitfredericksburgtx.com. The Inn on Barons Creek, one block from the Museum, will have a block of rooms with special rates for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights for all attendees. Please make reservations before 14 August to guarantee a room. Its phone number is (830) 990-9202, and its address is 308 S. Washington. Please check our website: PacificWarMuseum.org under "Events" for updated details and on line registration. A registration form is also provided on Page 3 for your convenience.
Symposium Registration Form
22 September 2018 -- Rockbox Theater, Fredericksburg

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Suggestion: The Theater venue can be chilly. A jacket or sweater may be helpful.

Dress Code: Casual Dress

Please note: Cancellations must be received by 31 August 2018. Otherwise, a $10 fee will be charged.
Seating at the Symposium is limited. If available, all tickets at the door will be $60.
New Education Department Activities:

Robotics Contest:

The Museum’s Education Department has entered the world of robotics! This is in line with the Department’s goal of developing programs which will connect STEM courses (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) to historical aspects of the war in the Pacific. Education Director Bryan Degner, assisted by the Gillespie County 4-H Robotic Club and sponsored by Keith and Carly Jenkins, put together a highly successful contest, Operation Pacific Assault Robotic Challenge. It called upon students to build and program LEGO robots to complete certain missions using a WWII-inspired map. All the missions were related to the Island Hopping Strategy used by Admiral Chester Nimitz during the Pacific War. They included clearing the jungle on Guadalcanal prior to building the Henderson Field Airport; throwing a satchel charge into a Japanese bunker on Tarawa; raising the American flag on Iwo Jima; sending supplies to Okinawa; and transporting Atomic Bomb components to Tinian.

Both the students and visitors enjoyed the event which was a learning experience for all involved. “It’s a blast watching the students do the programming and coding, as well as strategize,” said Keith Jenkins, a coach for the Gillespie 4-H Robotics Project. Degner agreed and added that the contest was so popular that team members were already talking about “next year.”

Texas History Day:

For over 30 years, thousands of students from across the state have been participating in the National History Day (NHD) contest. Texas History Day is an affiliate of NHD, which is a highly regarded project based academic program for G-12 grade students. According to the Texas State Historical Association (TSHA), over 65,000 students from Texas join the more than 500,000 students from across the United States for a chance to compete at the national contest held at the University of Maryland.

This year, for the first time, our Museum partnered with the TSHA to award students whose projects are connected to WWII in the Pacific or on the Home Front. After reviewing numerous submissions, Education Director Bryan Degner selected one Junior and one Senior project to receive the special award.

Kate Nethery, a 6th grade student from Fort Worth, produced a documentary on Rosie the Riveter and the overall role women played to win the war. Katie was influenced in her selection because her Great Uncle served in the Army during the Pacific War, and her Great Grandmother worked in an aviation factory. When asked what she hopes people take away from her documentary, she said “it wasn’t just one Rosie, but millions of women working in the factories doing their part to win the war.”

The senior award went to Ruth Patino, a 10th grade student from Baytown, Texas. Her exhibit was on the controversy surrounding the internment of Japanese Americans during WWII. Ruth first heard about the plight of the Japanese Americans in her dual credit American History class. Ruth spent countless hours doing research, including interviewing those who were interned. All the hard work paid off. Not only did she receive the award from our Museum, but she won first place in the senior individual category and will be competing in the National History Day contest in June.
Museum Director Joe Cavanaugh Retires

Joe Cavanaugh, who has been the Museum’s Director and Historic Site Manager since June 2000, retired in late May. During his tenure, almost every facet of the Museum’s grounds and buildings were renovated or constructed. Some of his specific roles included overseeing the recent renovation and redesign of the Pacific Combat Zone, the 2007 renovation of the Admiral Nimitz Museum, the 2009 expansion of the 64,000 square foot George H.W. Bush Gallery and the recent renovation of the Japanese Peace Garden. In 2017, he led the effort to develop a new Strategic Plan for the Museum, thus setting the stage for future growth.

During the last months of his tenure, he turned his attention to trying to better relations between Japan and the United States by escorting area high school students to Japan. They met with Japanese officials and fellow students and were introduced to various aspects of Japanese culture. During the April rededication of the Japanese Peace Garden, Yasuhide Nakayama, a member of the Japanese House of Representatives, commented that he hopes Joe will win the Nobel Peace Prize for his work to improve relations and educate youth about Japan.

We can’t think of a better accolade for Joe to “go out on.” We, too, would like to thank Joe for his contributions and wish him continued success in the coming years.

Join Us for Our First Virtual Victory Run
Celebrating VJ Day – On the Heels of Heroes

Join us on 2 September 2018 as we celebrate VJ Day with our inaugural virtual Victory Run supporting the National Museum of the Pacific War and the Sons and Daughters of WWII Veterans Society.

VJ Day commemorates the Allied victory over Japan in World War II. On 2 September 1945, the Japanese signed the formal surrender documents ending the war. On the same day, the Allied and Japanese delegations met aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay for the formal signing of the surrender documents. Representatives of Japan signed the two instruments of surrender, one each for the Allied and Japanese governments, followed by representatives of the United States, China, the United Kingdom, the Soviet Union, Australia, Canada, France, the Netherlands, and New Zealand. With the signing of the surrender, World War II had formally ended, and President Truman declared 2 September to be the official VJ Day.

What better way to reflect on the sacrifices of the brave men and women who participated in WWII than by getting out and experiencing the freedom that was preserved by walking or running through your community. The National Museum of the Pacific War’s Virtual Run also allows you to honor those heroes through your participation fee that helps preserve and present their stories for generations to come.

Virtual races are just like traditional races with a shirt, medal, bib, community and fun, but you can run, walk or hike your race wherever you want, with whomever you want — even on a treadmill! Racers report their time, and the Museum sends a medal to them for completing the race. What have you got to lose?

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Dear Members,

Summer has arrived in the Hill Country with a bang. Although we experienced a superb Memorial Day weekend, at the Museum, Living History shows, and our Memorial Day Program, the temperatures have been near record levels for this time of year.

Joe Cavanaugh, our Museum and Site Director for the past 18 years, retired on 31 May. Not only did he provide excellent stewardship during his tenure, but he was intimately involved in the expansions and renovations of the George H.W. Bush Gallery, the Pacific Combat Zone, the Japanese Garden of Peace and the Nimitz Museum. During his tenure, we have seen the Museum grow to a world-class and nationally-known Museum and destination. We wish him “fair winds and following seas.”

We have selected as his replacement Dr. Rorie Cartier. Rorie joined the Foundation from the WW-II Museum in New Orleans last year. He was Head of our Membership Department before his selection as the new Museum Director. A professional historian, we look for a smooth transition between Joe and him.

Our annual symposium on Saturday, 22 September, should be a special event. We have several well-known historians who will lead discussions on Nimitz’s Graybook, the detailed operational diary of his time in the Pacific from right after the attack on Pearl Harbor up to the signing of the surrender documents in Tokyo Bay. We look forward to seeing you there.

As a reminder, our website at www.pacificwarmuseum.org is the best way to get information on the Museum, Foundation and our activities.

As always, thank you for your strong and dedicated support. You are a critical part of our legacy and continued success. Best wishes for a great summer,

Best Wishes, Mike Hagee

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**Reminder:**

**2018 Nimitz Jr. Corps Program:**

21 July: Use it up; Wear it out; and Do without! For children 8-13, Free of charge. 1pm
Contact Barbara Ford at 830-997-8600, x225 to sign up.

**Audio Wands for Self-Guided Tours Now Available in Six Languages**

To enhance the experiences of our Museum visitors, we are pleased to announce that our Tour-Mate Audio Wands, used in self guided tours, are now available in six languages: English, Spanish, French, German, Japanese and Chinese Mandarin.
During the late April rededication of the Japanese Peace Garden, American and Japanese speakers echoed one another as they spoke the words of "war and peace," "enemies and allies," "reconciliation and respect," and "renewal and friendship." They stood in the Peace Garden, which was originally dedicated in May 1976 and restored to its full beauty in 2015. It was a gift from the Japanese people in memory of Admiral Chester Nimitz, who had honored Admiral Togo by working to preserve his battleship, the *Mikasa*.

One of the honored guests was Muneko Hosaka, the great granddaughter of Admiral Togo who stated: "This garden shows the strong spirit and importance of peace, and it was given with prayers for everlasting peace. We Japanese appreciate and respect Admiral Nimitz who cared so much for the Japanese people." Yasuhide Nakayama, a member of the Japanese House of Representatives added "This is a reconciliation ceremony. Reconciliation starts with respect. Seventy-three years ago, we fought against and killed each other. But now we help each other and fight against enemies and raise our kids together."

Former U.S. Ambassador to Japan Tom Schieffer also spoke. "A Japanese garden is a sacred place... When you talk about Admiral Nimitz and Admiral Togo, you have two men who had a monumental impact in military affairs. And yet above all else, they were men who respected each other -- respected the ability to defend one's nation, respected the ability to defend humanity. Recently appointed Ambassador to the U.S. Shinsuke Sugiyama said that he couldn't think of a better beginning to his service than being present and added that the Japanese Government wanted to express its appreciation for everything that is done to maintain the tranquil garden in the midst of a war museum. "We are friends bonded in spirit." Other dignitaries present included Vice Admiral Doug Crowder, Commander of the Seventh Fleet from 2006-2008.

The program represented a merging of cultures with the gifts of cowboy hats to the Japanese, a tea ceremony with the Urasenke Tanko Kai Association of Houston, which is dedicated to the spiritual concept of tea focusing on harmony, respect, purity and tranquility. The Kaminari Taiko Drum group performed traditional percussion numbers in the Garden's background. A Mountain Laurel was also planted in a tree planting ceremony. It was a wonderful day, filled with harmony and friendship.
Heroes are Standing By: The Pacific Medals of Honor
“Above & Beyond” on Attu in the Aleutians: Army Private Joe T. Martinez

by Kent Knudson

The successful 18 April 1942 bombing raid on the Japanese home islands by Lieutenant Colonel Jimmy Doolittle and his 16 B-25B Mitchell aircraft and their crews prompted an embarrassed Imperial High Command, charged with Japan’s home defense, to begin training for the expansion of her eastern central and northern Pacific defensive perimeters. This protective boundary would have its northern anchor in the Aleutian Islands of Alaska and its eastern anchor on Midway Atoll in the central Pacific.

Through the efforts of his codebreakers, Admiral Chester Nimitz was informed of Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto’s intent to attack both locations. He correctly deduced that the primary concentration of Japanese naval forces was headed toward Midway and focused most of his U.S. Pacific Fleet forces there, sending a smaller task force to defend the Aleutians. The 4–7 June 1942 Battle of Midway denied Japan this extension of her eastern defensive perimeter. Its attack on the American naval station at Unalaska’s Dutch Harbor on 3 June 1942 and unopposed invasion of Attu and Kiska four days later secured her northern defensive flank in the Aleutians for the time being.

Aleutian operations were heavily influenced by extreme distance, as well as the brutal Arctic weather and rough seas. Historian Samuel Eliot Morison described campaign efforts there as the “Theater of Military Frustration.” Despite occasional skirmishes and a sea battle, a stalemate existed for the next nine months in the Aleutians as the Allies concentrated their efforts in the Solomon Islands and New Guinea.

By 1 April 1943, the Joint Chiefs of Staff had approved the invasion of Attu—the westernmost Aleutian island. The 7th Infantry Division at Fort Ord, CA, was selected to lead the assault. The unit was in a high state of readiness after training in the Mojave Desert to support the North Africa campaign. It undertook amphibious training on the California coast before embarking in transport vessels for Alaska on 24 April. They would soon be spending four miserable days anchored in windswept Cold Bay, AK.

Among the GIs on those crowded ships was Private Joe P. Martinez, U.S. Army, attached to Company K, 3rd Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment within the 7th Division. A native of Taos, NM, he was born on 27 July 1920 to Jose Manuel Martinez and Maria Eduvigen Romo. Jose was an agricultural laborer and, by 1927, the couple and their seven children had moved to Ault, CO, where Joe completed his primary and secondary education and enlisted in the Army. He was sent to Camp Roberts in central California for his 17 weeks of basic training before reporting to Company K.

The invasion ships left for Attu on 4 May; however, due to storms and dense fog, invasion of the island by the first of 12,500 soldiers on the northern and southern coasts did not occur until 11 May. Company K landed on Beach RED two days later as part of the Northern Landing Force. Over the next two weeks, GIs fought in muck, ice, snow, and over difficult tundra terrain that prohibited large scale maneuvering. Severe weather conditions minimized air and sea support and restricted visibility of the entrenched enemy. The turning point of the battle occurred on 18 May, when contact with the Southern Landing Force as part of a semicircular pincer movement was achieved. Japanese forces were forced into an eastward fighting retreat with their backs toward Chichagof Harbor for their last stand.

In pursuit, Company K led the second attempt to secure the snow-covered Holtz Bay–Chichagof Harbor Pass. Earlier attempts had failed to drive the Japanese from their precipitous defensive positions 150 feet below the pass along the northwestern razorback slopes of Fish Hook Ridge.

On 26 May 1943, the second attempt was started…and stalled. The fighting was from foxhole to foxhole among the rocks and snow drifts. Private Martinez rose and resumed his advance amidst severe enemy artillery and arms fire, urging and inspiring his fellow soldiers on. After a difficult climbing assault, Martinez effectively utilized his Browning Automatic Rifle (BAR) and hand grenades to neutralize part of the enemy position, allowing his comrades to advance as well. He then again led the soldiers onward and upward towards the pass despite enemy fire on his flanks from the rocky ridges and tiers of snow trenches ahead. He continued to silence enemy trenches with his BAR, while fighting to reach the rim of the pass. There was a final trench. As he engaged with it, Martinez was mortally wounded with a head wound and died the next day. The pass was taken. Two days later, Attu was secure. The cost in men to capture the island (in proportion to opposing troop numbers) would be exceeded only by Iwo Jima in the Pacific War. Two weeks later, the Allies landed on Kiska unopposed. The Aleutians were back in American hands.

In 2013, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service placed a monument on Attu to commemorate the heroism of Private Joe P. Martinez—the lone Medal of Honor recipient of the Battle of Attu. In a poignant reminder of his sacrifice, its last sentence asks, “As you read these words, please remember that your view to the east is the same as the last view seen by this brave and courageous infantryman on May 26, 1943.”
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On 25 March, White Sands’s Missile Range hosted the 29th Annual Bataan Memorial Death March. A record number of nearly 8,500 marchers participated. Categories included military or civilian, individual or team, and heavy or light. There was also an individual only category for the 14.2 mile honorary March.

The Bataan Memorial Death March commemorated the original Bataan Death March of April 1942 in which approximately 75,000 American and Filipino troops who surrendered to the Japanese were forced to march 65 miles to a prison camp. During that March, the prisoners were given little food or water and were subjected to extremely brutal treatment. Approximately, 10,000 prisoners died during the March.

Seven Bataan Death March survivors were present at this year’s commemorative march. The National Museum of the Pacific War was represented by Reagan Grau, Archivist, and Rich and Nan Koone, both Volunteers (above right). They all completed the Honorary March.

LEFT: A drawing by Ben Steele, depicting death marchers drinking water from mud holes.

TEMPORARY EXHIBIT: Prisoners of War Under the Rising Sun

A new special exhibit, entitled Prisoners of War Under the Rising Sun, began on 15 June in the Temporary Gallery. It features a look at the experiences of Benjamin Steele who was imprisoned after the Bataan death march and endured a confinement of unparalleled cruelty. He documented his prison life through a series of drawings during the 1244 days he was a captive. This exhibit consists of material from the Museum’s collection and pieces of artwork borrowed from the Montana Museum of Art and Culture at the Museum of Montana.

This exhibit is free to the public and does not require a Museum ticket.

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Distinguished Speaker Series:

U.S. Secretary of Defense James Mattis was the guest of honor at the Annual Nimitz Dinner, one of the events in the Foundation’s Distinguished Speaker Series. The dinner was held on March 17th at the Hangar Hotel Conference Center. Secretary Mattis was introduced by the Foundation’s President and CEO, General Michael Hagee, USMC (Ret), who is a close friend, having served with General Mattis over many years. In his keynote address, General Mattis gave his appraisal of the threats the U.S. currently faces around the world and also answered questions from the audience.