

## Land, Sea & Air Pavilion



### **Executive Summary:**

No learning experience about the Second World War would be complete without examining up close the selected planes, boats and vehicles that were used during the conflict and key to interpretation of the story. In order to better appreciate the things that were accomplished in the war, visitors need to see what the tools the men used looked like. The Land, Sea and Air Pavilion will be an area where visitors can examine and learn about planes, tanks, trucks, jeeps and other artifacts that have been meticulously restored to their condition during the war.

There will be several other important components of the Land Sea and Air Pavilion. The Atrium, where some of the largest of the Museum's artifacts will be kept, soars five stories. Several airplanes will be frozen in flight so that we can all imagine what it was like to see them fly. The ground level will have a number of vehicles with detailed descriptions of their use and significance in the war effort. On the third floor, as people get a closer look at the planes, there will be exhibits about living the Pilot's Life during World War II.

The Submarine Experience is designed to take visitors on a journey to the war beneath the sea. The Silent Service made a tremendous contribution to the war effort, sinking thousands of Axis

ships and disrupting the enemy's supply routes. The extreme danger of submarine warfare and threats of the Nazi U-Boats to Allied shipping and American coastal defenses will be highlighted. Stories of everyday life aboard cramped and uncomfortable subs will be told by the men who served on them. This recreated environment will provide numerous hands-on activities, descriptions of the different jobs on a sub, and how important the submarines were to victory.

A second level will contain the Services Gallery. This area will educate the public who may be unfamiliar with the different branches of service during the war. There they will see what the uniforms looked like, learn individual rank names, the many places all over the world where branches operated, and how each branch was organized. The information found in the Services Gallery will help provide needed context for visitors to continue on their journey to learn more about where Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Coast Guard, Army Air Corps and Merchant Marines served during World War II, at home and abroad.