Liberation Pavilion Fact Sheet

Liberation Pavilion Overview

The National WWII Museum's capstone exhibit hall, Liberation Pavilion, explores the end of World War II, the Holocaust, the immediate postwar years, and the war's continuing impact today. The three-story Pavilion, made possible through the generous support of private donors and the State of Louisiana, houses two floors of exhibit space featuring personal experiences, iconic imagery, impactful artifacts, and immersive settings, as well as a third-floor theater offering audiences a brand-new cinematic experience.

Liberation Pavilion reflects a key part of the Museum's mission—what World War II means today. The Pavilion helps visitors understand the relevance and significance of World War II by highlighting the costs of victory and the lasting legacies of the war in the United States and throughout the world. Designed to be the capstone experience for Museum visitors, Liberation Pavilion provides opportunities to contemplate the joys, costs, and meaning of liberation and freedom.

Opening Date

November 3, 2023 (Grand Opening) Opens to general public on November 4, 2023

Total Square Feet

33,610 square feet

First floor: 11,250 square feetSecond floor: 6,225 square feet

Exterior terrace: 2,485 square feet

• Third floor: 8,125 square feet

Additional spaces (lobbies, corridors, storage, etc.): 5,520 square feet

Project Cost

\$47 million

Project Contractors

Architect: Voorsanger Mathes LLC

General Contractor: MAPPConstruction Company: MAPP

• Exhibit and Design: Gallagher and Associates

Exhibit Fabrication: 1220 Exhibits

Exhibit Media Production: Gallagher and Associates, Donna Lawrence Productions

• Lighting Design: Available Light

• Lighting Installation: Solomon Group

AV Design: RomeAntics

• AV Installation: Solomon Group

• Priddy Family Foundation Freedom Theater Specifications and Key Developers: THG Creative

Priddy Family Foundation Freedom Theater Media Production: Mousetrappe

Galleries and Spaces

First Floor: In Honor of David W. Trott Finding Hope in a World Destroyed

- o 7 galleries + 1 chapel
 - Those Who Served
 - Liberation and Loss
 - The Cost of Victory
 - "And Then They Came for Me"
 - Pam and Mark Rubin Liberation Theater
 - Faith in Wartime
 - Frank and Paulette Stewart Interfaith Chapel
 - The Monuments Men and Women
- Second Floor: The Goldring Family Foundation and Woldenberg Foundation Forces of Freedom at Home and Abroad (1945–Present)
 - 6 galleries + 1 exterior terrace
 - Coming Home: New Opportunities, New Challenges
 - Restoring Justice
 - Great Responsibilities Theater
 - Prosperity and Change
 - The Fight for Freedom
 - What Does World War II Mean Today?
 - Judith W. and Louis M. Freeman Terrace
- Third Floor: Priddy Family Foundation Freedom Theater
 - o 1 multimedia experience + 1 bridge
 - Priddy Family Foundation Freedom Theater
 - Ann and John E. Koerner III Liberty Bridge

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- More than 300 artifacts
- 71 oral histories
 - o 52 at 5 listening stations
 - o 19 in Liberation Theater film
- 13 linear media pieces
- 4 interactives