



IMAGE: SUNKEN SHERMAN TANK OFF THE COAST OF SAIPAN.

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THE PACIFIC CAMPAIGN:

Guam, Tinian, Saipan, and Iwo Jima

March 23-31, 2025

Featuring expert historians
Jonathan Parshall &
James M. Scott



STEPHEN J. WATSON



Dear World Traveler,

The Pacific theater introduced our troops to new environments and cultures completely unfamiliar to most Americans. Tropical islands previously untouched by the outside world became war-damaged landscapes inundated by military personnel and equipment. Pristine beaches with cobalt blue waters hosted invasions that would lead to irreversible societal and infrastructural changes that forever impacted the Pacific Islanders who call these places home.

The National WWII Museum is honored to offer a travel program that provides the unique opportunity to explore Pacific Island battlefields and landing beaches in the company of expert historians and local guides to offer a perspective that is personal and unable to be replicated.

The Pacific Campaign journeys to the islands of Saipan, Tinian, Guam, and Iwo Jima. With exclusive access to the most intriguing battle sites, breathtaking memorials, and immersive environments, our guests gain a richer context from our expert local guides. Paired with seldomly seen archival materials from the Museum's digital collections and hand-selected oral histories from the servicemembers who fought in these places, this tour promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Expert historians James M. Scott and Jonathan Parshall, two of the foremost international authorities on World War II in the Pacific, join you on daily touring and deliver a signature lecture series throughout the itinerary.

After learning about key actions in Saipan, viewing the atomic bomb pits on Tinian, and overlooking the ocean from the rolling mountains on Guam, the tour culminates with a rare visit to the island of Iwo Jima. Iwo Jima is open to civilian visitors just once per year, and guests must travel with an authorized tour company to gain access to the island. Each year, an official Reunion of Honor ceremony is held for veterans from both sides of the conflict, honoring their service and sacrifice and fostering peace as American and Japanese servicemembers meet near the landing beaches.

Along the way, enjoy five-star accommodations, group flights, a comprehensive meal package, and exclusive touring. I invite you to review all the details in this brochure and learn more about creating an even more comprehensive itinerary with our post-tour extension The Battle for Peleliu.

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steve'.

Stephen J. Watson,
President & CEO, The National WWII Museum

BACKGROUND IMAGE: LANDING BEACH ON GUAM

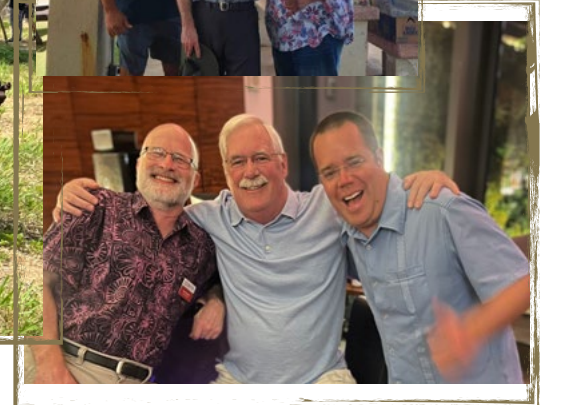
Our Featured Historians

World-renowned experts on the war in the Pacific



James M. Scott
Author & Historian

A Pulitzer Prize finalist and former Nieman Fellow at Harvard, James M. Scott is the author of *Black Snow*, *Rampage*, *Target Tokyo*, *The War Below*, and *The Attack on the Liberty*, and co-author, with Jack Carr, of *Targeted: Beirut*. In addition, Scott is a sought-after public speaker, who leads battlefield tours and lectures at institutions around the world. He lives with his wife and two children in Charleston, South Carolina, where he is the Scholar in Residence at The Citadel.

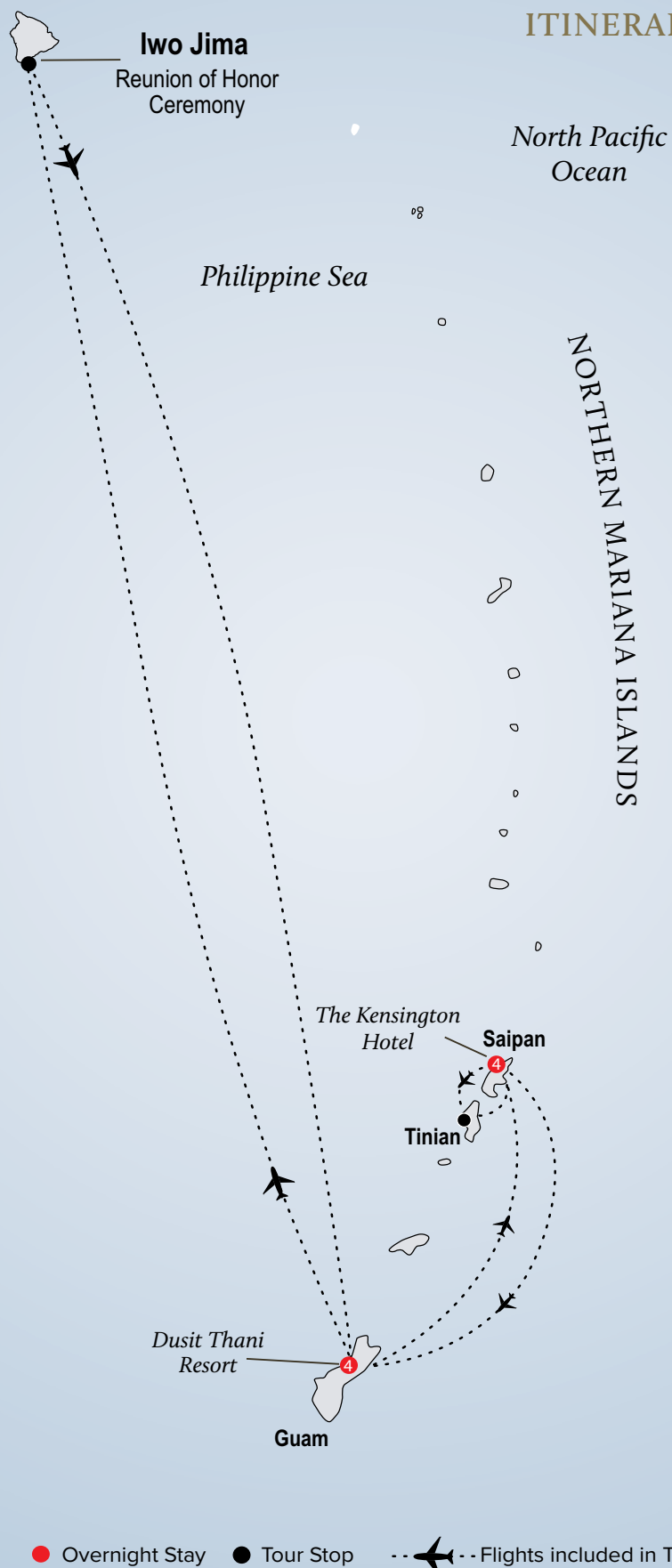


Jonathan Parshall
Author & Historian

Jonathan Parshall's interest in the Imperial Japanese Navy develop early in his childhood. As an adult, that passion led him to create the foremost website devoted to the Imperial Navy, combinedfleet.com, which he founded in 1995. Parshall's book *Shattered Sword: The Untold Story of the Battle of Midway*, which he co-authored with Anthony Tully, is the definitive account of that pivotal battle in the Pacific. He has written for the Naval War College Review, the US Naval Institute's *Proceedings* and *Naval History*, *World War II* magazine, *Wartime* (the journal of the Australian War Memorial), *Flypast*, the *Sankei Shimbun*, and several overseas aviation publications. He has also

illustrated numerous books on the Pacific War (including his friend Richard Frank's *MacArthur*). Parshall is an adjunct lecturer for the US Naval War College and has appeared on the History Channel, Discovery Channel, and the BBC. A graduate of Carleton College and the Carlson School of Management, he is currently working on a history of the year 1942, focusing on how the Allies transformed themselves to meet their respective challenges during that year.

ITINERARY MAP



Map is not to scale and has been altered in order to represent the entire itinerary.

INVASION LANDING ON IWO JIMA



Photo: American Marines advancing up beaches after landing on Iwo Jima. Courtesy of Louis R. Lowery/US Marine Corps/LIFE Picture Collection. Getty Images.

THE PACIFIC CAMPAIGN: *Guam, Tinian, Saipan, and Iwo Jima*

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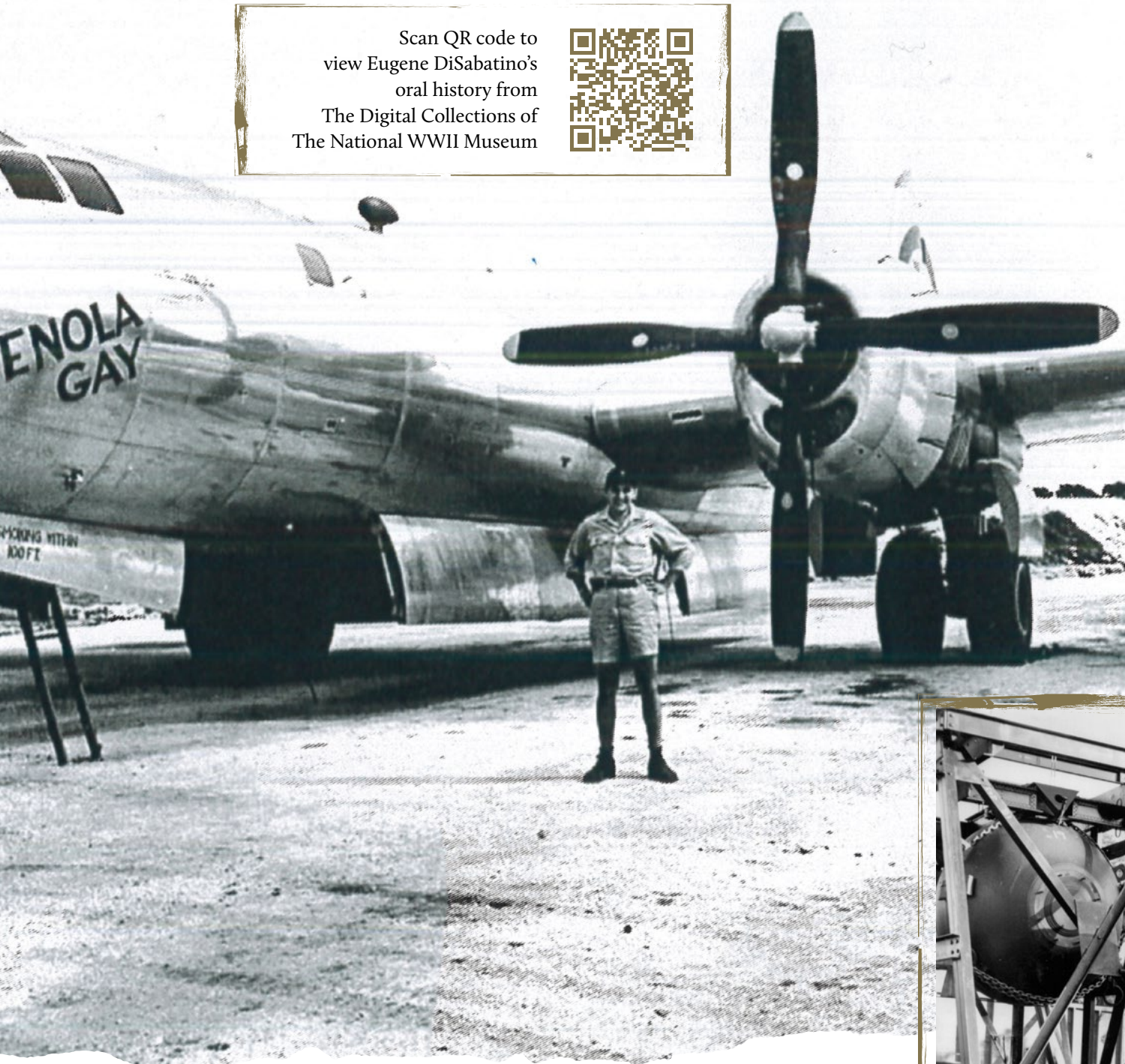
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- Personal listening devices on all included touring
- Entrance fees to all sites, museums, and attractions included in the itinerary
- Video oral history presentations from the Museum's collections
- Private, air-conditioned motor coach transportation, including bottled water on excursions
- All airport transportation throughout program itinerary, including arrival transfer (Guam / Saipan) and departure transfer (Guam) when arriving and departing on scheduled program dates*
- Gratuities to local guides, drivers, porters, and included meal service
- Informative map book, including battlefield maps and archival images to be used throughout your journey

*airport transfers are included with additional hotel nights if booked through the Educational Travel Program

Scan QR code to
view Eugene DiSabatino's
oral history from
The Digital Collections of
The National WWII Museum



Eugene DiSabatino joined the US Army in 1943. After completing basic training, he was assigned to attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) for civil engineer training and then was sent to New York University (NYU) for additional training. While at NYU, he was selected by Army officers for a special assignment at Los Alamos, New Mexico.

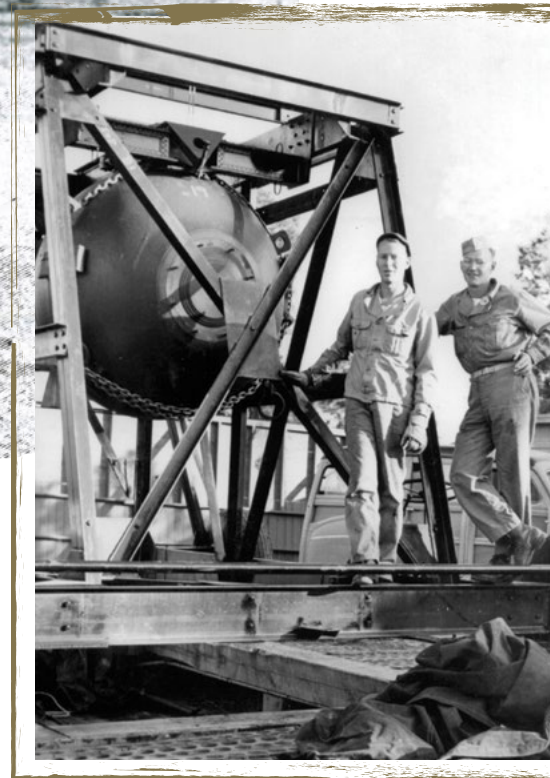
Upon arrival at Los Alamos, DiSabatino learned that he was part of the very secretive Manhattan Project. He was informed that he was restricted to that base, and that he would wear civilian clothes while living in officer's quarters. Having to disguise himself as a civilian caused tension with some soldiers who thought he was a draft dodger. He was told to not salute, ignore Army protocol, and pretend to be a civilian when around others who may be observing his actions. The projects that DiSabatino worked on were so secretive that he had people working under him who had no idea what they were working on.

While at Los Alamos, DiSabatino worked under Admiral Frederick Ashworth on two major projects. The first was to develop ballistic tables for use on the Norden bombsight at 30,000 feet by a B-29

Superfortress carrying a payload of five tons.

DiSabatino's second task was to develop an assembly process for loading an atomic bomb aboard a B-29, arming it in flight, and then deploying it over a target.

After completing this work, he was sent to two top-secret Air Force test sites, one at Wendover, Utah, and the other at Salton Sea, California, with the 393rd Bombardment Squadron. After completing testing, DiSabatino was shipped immediately to Tinian for assisting with the loading of the atomic bomb "Fat Man" into the B-29 bomber nicknamed *Bockscar*. To his knowledge, he was the last person to lay hands on the bomb before it left Tinian, bound for Nagasaki on August 9, 1945.



THROUGH THEIR EYES

Eugene DiSabatino, 1922 - 2012

PHOTO PAGE 8: Manhattan Project Weapons Specialist Eugene DiSabatino stands in front of the B-29 *Enola Gay* on Tinian. PHOTO PAGE 9: "Fat Man" Shake test, Manhattan Project. *Courtesy of Science History Images/ Alamy Stock Photo.*

Saipan



Day 1: Journey to Saipan

Depart from your hometown airport, and fly to Guam International Airport (GUM)*, arriving by late afternoon. Board a flight for the short trip to Saipan, and settle in at the Kensington Hotel for your first night in the Northern Mariana Islands.

Accommodations: Kensington Hotel Saipan (D)

*Due to the long flight time from the continental US and crossing the International Date Line, it is strongly recommended to arrive in Guam early to overcome jet lag and to avoid flight delays or cancellations. Contact the Educational Travel Team for information on booking additional hotel nights, including airport transfers.

Day 2: Explore Saipan

Our tour takes you to Mount Tapochau, the island's highest peak, which was a critical location during the Battle of Saipan which began on June 15, 1944, as part of

Operation Forager. Standing at the summit, you'll see where American and Japanese forces fought for control of the island. During the battle, Mount Tapochau played a crucial role due to its commanding elevation and central location. At 1,554 feet, its panoramic views provided a strategic vantage point that allowed for extensive surveillance over the island. After American forces secured the southern third of the island along with the airfield, the Japanese continued their relentless defense. During a daylong tour of Saipan, explore the bomb magazine used to supply the planes attacking Guam on December 8, 1941, and participate in an incredibly moving visit to the cliffs where thousands of civilians and Japanese soldiers committed suicide in 1944 upon realizing that Saipan was lost. Tour stops also include American Memorial Park, the remains of Aslito Airfield, Last Command Post, and Hill 60. Travelers will also visit Kalabera Cave, which served as a hideout for Japanese soldiers during the battle.

Accommodations: Kensington Hotel Saipan (B, L, R, D)

Historical Perspective



MICHAEL “IRON MIKE” MERVOSH 1923–2017



Scan QR code to view Mike Mervosh's oral history from
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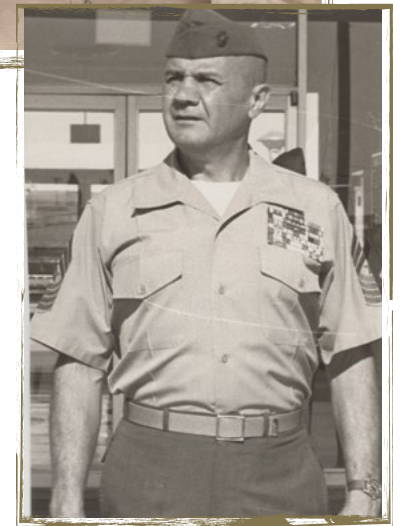
As soon as the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, Michael D. Mervosh decided to enlist in the Marine Corps to fight for his country. As soon as he turned 18 in September of 1942 and graduated high school, Mervosh entered boot camp training at Parris Island, South Carolina. Upon completing Marine Corps Boot Camp, Mervosh went to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, for infantry training and to learn how to operate a machine gun.



Mervosh and his training battalion eventually made it to Camp Pendleton just north of San Diego, California, where he was assigned to Charlie Company, 24th Marines, 4th Marine Division. His division would be the first in the Marine Corps to go straight

from training in the United States directly into combat. Mervosh entered combat in the Marshall Islands, fighting on the islands of Roi and Namur. Following the battle, the 4th Marine Division then went to Maui for rest and resupply before heading into combat again.

On June 15, 1944, Mervosh made his way ashore on the island of Saipan under intense enemy fire. Within the first few hours of the fighting, Mervosh and his fellow Marines received a blow to their morale when their battalion commander was killed, but they kept up the fight. Faced with little drinkable water and fighting disease on the island, casualties began to mount. Unlike any of the previous battles they had fought, the Marines also encountered a number of civilians on Saipan. Upon reaching the northern side of the island at Marpi Point, now known as Suicide Cliff, Mervosh witnessed men, women, and children jumping to their deaths terrified by Japanese propaganda that warned they would be tortured and killed by US troops. That moment was one that would be etched forever in his memory.



Mervosh's combat was not over. He took part in conquering the neighboring island of Tinian, enabling the B-29 Superfortress bombers to utilize its airfields to bomb mainland Japan. After his fighting at Saipan and Tinian, Mervosh began to see himself as a true combat veteran.

Little did he know that in February 1945 he would face the most intense combat that he would see during his 35-year career on Iwo Jima. “Iron Mike” Mervosh saw combat in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. During his time in the Marines, he served in every enlisted rank from Private to Sergeant Major. He served in five different Marine Divisions; spent time as a drill instructor at Parris Island, South Carolina; did two tours of recruiting duty, and two tours on the drill field. His final assignment was the Fleet Marine Force, Pacific Sergeant Major.

Upon his retirement on September 1, 1977, Mervosh was the most senior enlisted man in all of the Armed Forces.

PHOTO PAGE 12: A Marine encounters a Japanese family hiding in a hillside cave on Saipan. June 21, 1944. Courtesy of American Photo Archive / Alamy Stock Photo. PHOTOS PAGE 13: Mike Mervosh in uniform.

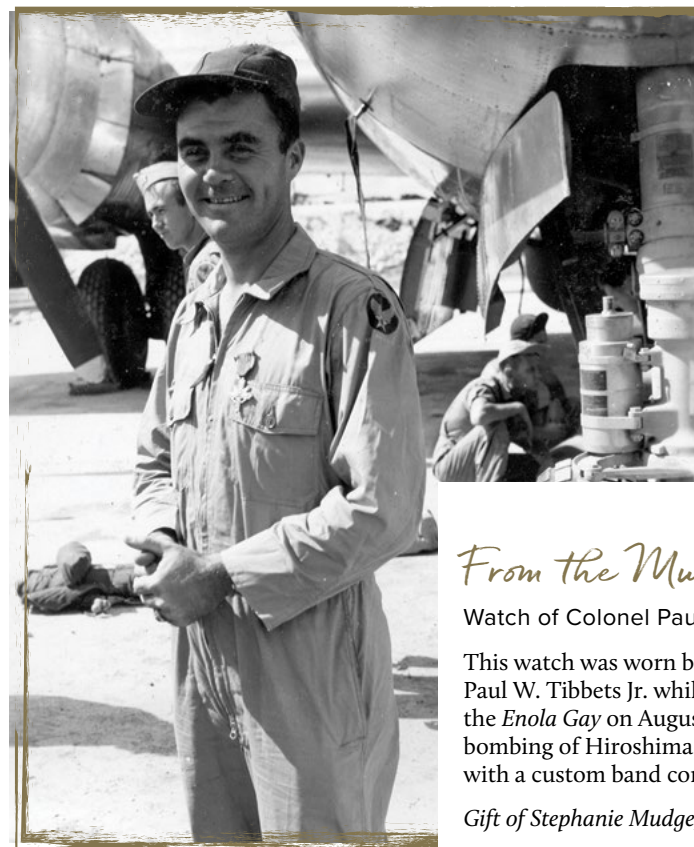
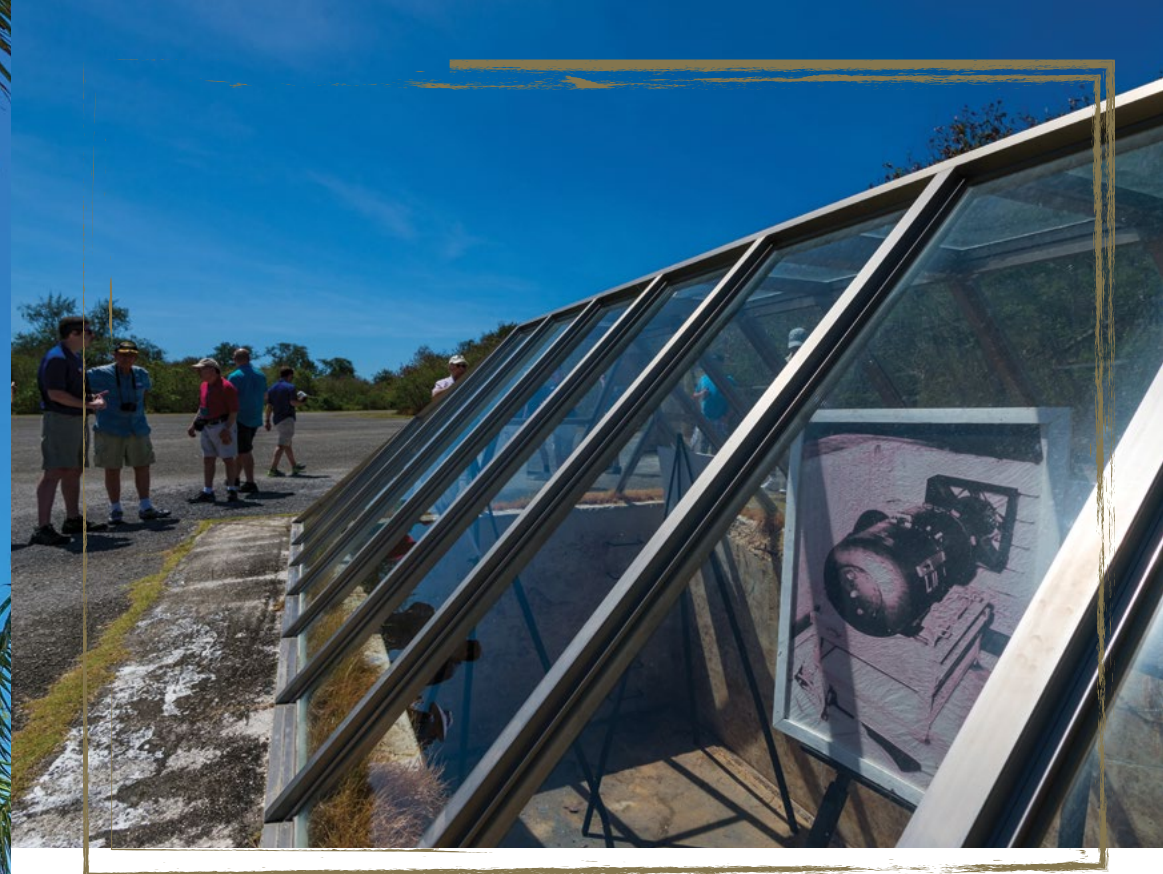
Tinian



Day 3: Tinian and the Atomic Bombs

The island of Tinian is just minutes away from Saipan by air. After arriving at Tinian International Airport (TNI) by private aircraft, embark on a tour of iconic North Field. The airfield today is a mixture of modern monuments and memorials with buildings and vehicles in varying states of preservation and decay. Explore a massive Japanese fuel storage facility where damaged oil drums still remain today. Stand above the bomb pits from which the atomic bombs “Little Boy and Fat Man” were loaded onto the B-29s *Enola Gay* and *Bockscar*. Walk the surprisingly narrow White Beach where the US Marine Corps landed to secure the island and where debris from the battle remains. Upon departure from Tinian to return to Saipan, your plane will embark on a scenic flyover of Tinian, giving you an aerial perspective of the day’s touring.

Accommodations: Kensington Hotel Saipan (B, L, D)



From the Museum's collection

Watch of Colonel Paul W. Tibbets Jr.

This watch was worn by Colonel Paul W. Tibbets Jr. while at the controls of the *Enola Gay* on August 6, 1945, during the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. The watch was later refitted with a custom band commemorating the historic event.

Gift of Stephanie Mudge, 2008.069.001

PHOTO PAGE 14: White Beach, Tinian. PHOTO PAGE 15 TOP: Atomic bomb pit #1 used to load both *Enola Gay* and *Bockscar* in August 1945. PHOTO BOTTOM LEFT: Col. Paul W. Tibbets Jr., pilot of the *Enola Gay*, the plane that dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945. Courtesy of Army Air Forces.

Day 4: Tinian

Marpo Point, located on the southern tip of Tinian, was heavily fortified by Japanese defenders who anticipated the American invasion. The Japanese constructed an extensive network of bunkers, artillery positions, and machine gun nests to create a formidable defense line. Despite these preparations, American forces launched a well-coordinated and overwhelming assault on July 24, 1944, as part of Operation Forager. Utilizing naval bombardments and aerial strikes to soften Japanese defenses, the US Marine Corps and Army units executed a successful amphibious landing, quickly gaining a foothold on the island.

The battle for Marpo Point was intense, with American troops facing resistance from the entrenched Japanese defenders. However, the superior firepower and tactical planning of the Allied forces eventually overcame the Japanese positions. The small population of locals who remained on the island and many of the defeated Japanese soldiers jumped to their deaths from the cliffs. By August 1, 1944, Tinian was declared secure, and Marpo Point, along with the rest of the island, was under American control.

For lunch, enjoy the beauty of the island with a barbeque on the beach and the opportunity to swim in the Pacific Ocean.

Accommodations: Kensington Hotel Saipan (B, L, D)

Day 5: Saipan / Journey to Guam

While on Saipan, adventurous guests will be offered the opportunity to participate in the tank swim. This activity allows you to explore the remains of WWII Sherman tanks submerged in the crystal-clear waters off Saipan's coast. These tanks were part of the amphibious assault vehicles used during the Battle of Saipan and now lie at the bottom of the ocean, creating a unique underwater ecosystem for the marine life there.

Those travelers who don't wish to participate in the tank swim will have the opportunity to enjoy a morning at leisure at the Kensington or to visit the National Park Service Museum, located in the bustling district of Garapan. The museum is a treasure trove of artifacts, photographs, and exhibits detailing Saipan's critical role in the Pacific theater during the war. One of the museum's highlights is its extensive collection of personal items belonging to soldiers and civilians, such as uniforms, weapons, letters, and diaries.

This afternoon, fly as a group back to Guam before enjoying a welcome reception in the Lobby Bar of the Dusit Thani Resort.

Accommodations: Dusit Thani Guam Resort (B, L, R)



Day 6: Iwo Jima Symposium and Veterans Panel

This morning, guests are invited to attend the Iwo Jima Symposium, an engaging series of talks hosted in conjunction with the Iwo Jima Association of America in preparation for the next day's visit to Iwo Jima. This afternoon, a panel discussion featuring WWII veterans, moderated by James Scott and Jon Parshall, allows for engaging reflection from those heroes who served in the war in the Pacific. This evening is free in preparation for an early morning departure to Iwo Jima.

Accommodations: Dusit Thani Guam Resort (B)



Day 7: The Anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima

Board an early morning flight to Iwo Jima* to take part in the anniversary commemorations on the island. The island of Iwo Jima, now Iōtō, is open to American civilians only one day each year for this very special Reunion of Honor.

Guests may take the opportunity to hike to the top of Mount Suribachi, where the iconic flag-raising photo was taken on February 19, 1945, or attend a joint American-Japanese Water Blessing Ceremony and explore the nearby black ash landing beaches afterward.†

Today, guests reflect on the extreme American loss in this battle: over 26,000 casualties in 36 days of combat. Roughly one American out of every three who landed on Iwo Jima became a casualty. This day provides a unique opportunity for each guest to honor the men who fought in this historic battle, as well as the Gold Star Families who gave so much for the capture of this island. Return to Guam this evening, with dinner served on the flight.

Accommodations: Dusit Thani Guam Resort (B, L, D)

*Visitors to Iwo Jima must have a US passport. Access to Iwo Jima is subject to change and/or cancellation without notice.
†Vehicle transportation on Iwo Jima is extremely limited and managed by the Japanese government. Tour guests should not expect vehicle transportation this day and must be able to walk a minimum of 5 miles or a maximum of 9 miles with backpack and water within a 3-hour period. Contact the Travel Team for more detailed information.

NOTE ON DAY 7: IWO JIMA

We have been working diligently with our partners at The Iwo Jima Association of America (IJAA) to plan an unforgettable opportunity for you to visit this remote island. Each year, IJAA collaborates with the Japanese government and an independent tour operator to and plan and execute a Reunion of Honor Ceremony on Iwo Jima (now known as Iwo-To). The National WWII Museum collaborates with these partners to ensure our guests admission onto Iwo Jima, just one day per year.

We are planning for a meaningful day on Iwo Jima as outlined on Page 19; however this portion of the tour is not under the control of nor operated by The National WWII Museum. In 2024, IJAA unexpectedly canceled the day on Iwo Jima. If the same or similar scenario occurs in 2025 or if a major schedule change should occur, (such as changing the flight location from Guam) the Educational Travel Program will provide alternative touring on Guam, and a credit for the Iwo Jima portion will be issued. However, should you decide to cancel for this reason, the cancellation penalties will be in effect.

Day 8: Battle of Guam

Piti Point, located on the western coast of Guam, and Asan Beach, situated nearby, are significant sites that witnessed intense combat during World War II. On July 21, 1944, these locations became pivotal battlegrounds as American forces launched the campaign to liberate Guam from Japanese occupation as part of Operation Forager. This operation was crucial for the Allies, aiming to establish Guam as a base for further operations in the Pacific.

Meanwhile, Agat Beach, one of the primary landing sites during the invasion, also saw significant combat. American forces, including the 1st Provisional Marine Brigade and the 77th Infantry Division, faced a well-prepared Japanese defense as they stormed the beach. The initial landings were met with heavy fire from fortified positions on the surrounding hills and ridges, leading to substantial casualties. Despite these difficulties, the determination and superior firepower of the American troops eventually overcame the Japanese defenses. The successful landing at Agat Beach marked a turning point in the battle for Guam, allowing American forces to begin their advance toward the island's interior and secure key objectives.

BACKGROUND PHOTO: AMERICAN LANDING BEACHES WHERE THE 1ST PROVISIONAL MARINE BRIGADE CAME ASHORE AT AGAT BEACH, GUAM.

PHOTO: WWII veteran Arch Aplin and wife Joanie on Agat Beach, Guam.



A trip up to the Asan Bay Overlook reveals a commanding vantage point and exquisite views of the island.

Hafa adai, pronounced hâ-FUH day, is a greeting used on all the inhabited Mariana Islands (Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan). This native Chamorro phrase is similar to Aloha on the Hawaiian Islands. The final day of the tour is dedicated to learning about the rich history and culture of the Chamorro people. Set sail on the Talofofo and Ugum rivers toward the ancient Latte village. Take in the local wildlife and tour a botanical garden, learn traditional basketweaving techniques, and enjoy a dance performance. Join the group this evening for a reception and farewell dinner at the hotel.

Accommodations: Dusit Thani Guam Resort (B, R, D)

Day 9: Departures Home

Depart the Dusit Thani Guam Resort this morning, and transfer to Guam International Airport (GUM) for flights home or onward to our optional Battle for Peleliu post-tour extension program.

Accommodations: Dusit Thani Resort (B, R, D)

EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY

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- All land excursions led by expert local guides
- Full-time Tour Manager
- All transportation by coach and ferry during scheduled touring

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PHOTO: 2018 tour guests visit the 81st Infantry Division War Memorial on Peleliu. "Wild Cats Never Quit."

Program Itinerary

Day One – Journey to Palau

Depart Guam and fly to the Republic of Palau, which is made up of 250 islands. Settle in at the magnificent Palau Pacific Resort on Ngerekebesang Island, your home for the next four nights. *Accommodations: Palau Pacific Resort*

Day Two – Peleliu

Board a privately chartered ferry, sail through the Rock Islands, and arrive at the northern tip of Peleliu. Visit Peleliu World War II Memorial Museum, which houses numerous artifacts left after the Battle of Peleliu. Explore the landing site called "White Beach" and discover remnants from the battle and the key location called "The Point." The sand, tides, and humidity have left the artifacts in varying states of decay. After lunch on "Orange Beach," continue along the southern portion of the island, and hear the story of Arthur Jackson and the actions for which he received the Medal of Honor. *Accommodations: Palau Pacific Resort (B, L, R)*

Day Three – Peleliu

Return to Peleliu for a second day of touring. Learn about the Japanese defenses and visit "Bloody Nose Ridge." Explore the caverns, caves, and Japanese defensive positions. Enter several of the caves, and use flashlights to discover artifacts frozen in time. After lunch on Orange Beach, the group will lay a wreath at the Memorial to Fallen Marines. Return to Palau this evening, and enjoy dinner with the group. *Accommodations: Palau Pacific Resort (B, L, R, D)*

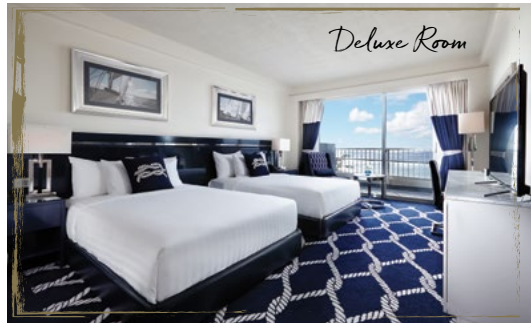
Day Four – Day at Leisure / Depart Palau

Your final day on Palau is at leisure to enjoy the many amenities at your resort. You may also choose an excursion to the Rock Islands, which will bring you even closer to this UNESCO World Heritage site. This dedicated tour reveals the geography, history, and preservation of these amazing islands. With opportunities for snorkeling and a white limestone mudbath (rumored to make you look 10 years younger), you will experience the beauty and unique features of Palau. Depart for home on your international flight later this evening. *Accommodations: Palau Pacific Resort (B, L)*

Distinctive Accommodations



Aerial view of The Kensington Hotel



Deluxe Room



Lobby

The Kensington Hotel Saipan

Newly renovated, this hotel's unique and luxurious boutique design make it a standout in our itinerary. Nearly 400 square feet, our Royal Deluxe room category located on floors 6 through 9 at this property assure incredible views of the azure waters and white sands at Pau Pau Beach.

Accommodations include all-inclusive meal and beverage package, 400 thread-count sheets and premium mattresses, spa-quality bath amenities with a spacious shower, attractive nautical-style design with calming color palettes, a 50" LED television, and complimentary in-room minibar.

Distinctive Accommodations



Dusit Thani Restaurant



Premier Oceanfront



Restaurant

Dusit Thani Guam Resort

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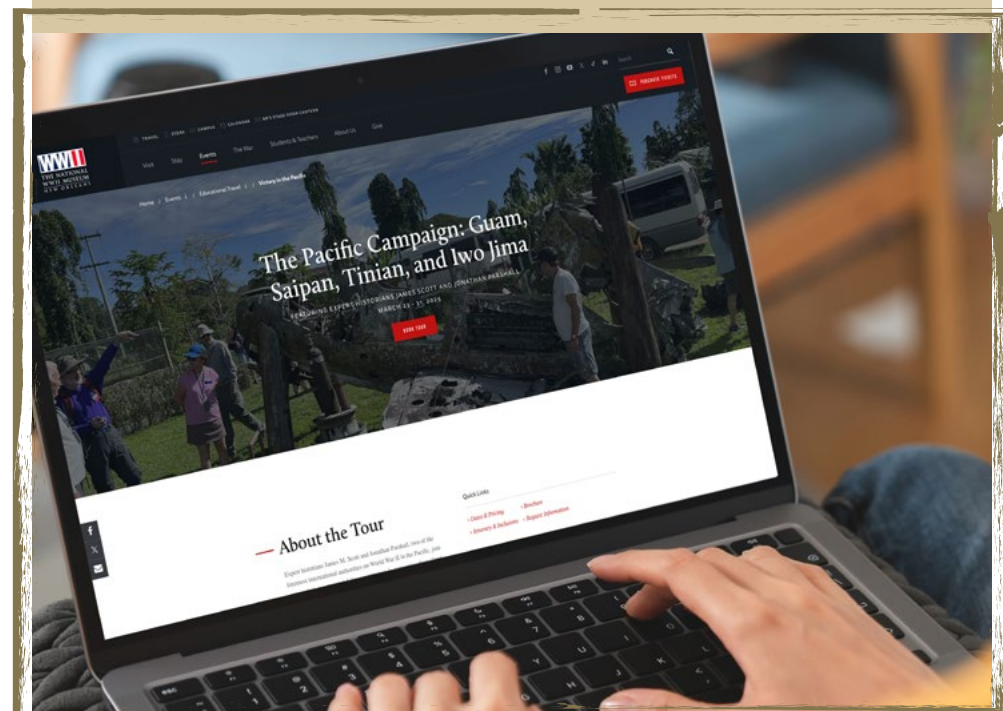
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Author & Historian

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Bombs for a Brighter Tomorrow and *Autumn of Our Discontent*, assess US national security and nuclear capabilities in the early Cold War period. His forthcoming work, *Armies Afloat: Development of US Amphibious Capabilities in the European Theater during World War II*, is scheduled for release by University of Kansas Press in spring 2025. His additional works are available in compendium books, popular magazines, websites, and academic journals with his many presentations available for viewing on CSPAN and YouTube.



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