



THE NATIONAL
WWII MUSEUM
NEW ORLEANS

80th Anniversary

END OF WAR

Symposium | August 8 – 9, 2025



US Navy planes fly over the battleship USS *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay, September 2, 1945, to commemorate the signing of the Japanese surrender documents.

Featured topics

Downfall: The End of the Imperial Japanese Empire

Opening Keynote by Richard Frank

V-E Day and its Effects on the Pacific War

Chair: Erica Lansberg, PhD

Panelists: Guenter Bischof, PhD and Michael Neiberg, PhD

Tightening the Noose by Land, Air, and Sea

Chair: Jonathan Parshall

Panelists: John McManus, PhD; Craig Symonds, PhD;
and James Scott, PhD

From Foe to Friend: MacArthur, Hirohito in Peacetime

Chair: Richard Frank

Panelists: Jim Zobel, PhD and Noriko Kawamura, PhD

August Storms: The Atomic Bombs and Soviet Invasion

Chair: Michael S. Bell, PhD

Panelists: John Curatola, PhD and Jonathan House, PhD

Symposium only: \$499

Symposium + Hotel Package:

\$779 per person double occupancy

\$999 per person single occupancy

(2 nights accommodations at The Higgins Hotel &
Conference Center — Check out by noon on August 10)

Symposium + Experience the Victory Package:

Details on back

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VICTORY THEATER

Wednesday, August 6 – Sunday, August 10, 2025

**4 nights at The Higgins Hotel New Orleans,
a Curio Collection hotel by Hilton**

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Day 1 | August 6, 2025

Arrive at The National WWII Museum and Higgins Hotel in New Orleans / Welcome Reception with a Museum Historian and members of the Travel Team / Tour Kushner Restoration Pavilion & PT-305 / Dinner at leisure

Accommodations: The Higgins Hotel (R)

Day 2 | August 7, 2025

Breakfast at The Higgins Hotel / Privately Guided "Early Access" tour / Out of the Vault tour / Group Lunch with a Museum Historian in the Hilliard Library / Dinner at leisure

Accommodations: The Higgins Hotel (B, L)

Day 3 | August 8, 2025

Breakfast at The Higgins Hotel / Campaigns of Courage Guided Tour: *Road to Berlin* and *Road to Tokyo* galleries / Lunch on own / Liberation Pavilion / Freedom Theater / Reception and Opening Lecture for End of War Symposium

Accommodations: The Higgins Hotel (B, R)

Day 4 | August 9, 2025

80th Anniversary of End of War Symposium (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) / *Expressions of America* sound and light show / Farewell Dinner

Accommodations: The Higgins Hotel (B, L, D)

Day 5 | August 10, 2025

Breakfast at The Higgins Hotel / Hotel checkout by 12:00 p.m. / Complimentary access to Museum all day (B)

