



World War II Home Front Museum seeking Veteran “Storytellers” and Docents to recount their experiences

ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Ga, November 9, 2018 – As time passes, World War II fades from public memory. The new World War II Home Front Museum on St. Simons Island is working to ensure that those memories are preserved and celebrated. Developed by Coastal Georgia Historical Society, the Home Front Museum details this region’s multifaceted role during the war including building Liberty Ships and training radar operators.

In recruiting volunteers, they are specifically seeking out veterans - both of the military in World War II as well as civilian volunteer organizations - to provide first-hand accounts of what it was like to live through those transformative years in American history.

Storytellers will play a valuable role at the Home Front Museum. “Our exhibits and oral histories can tell people what happened during World War II, but Storytellers can create true personal connections,” said Kim Campbell, Site Manager of the Home Front Museum.

Current volunteer, Jack O’Hagan, earned a Bronze star during his service with the U.S. Army, Combat Engineers, from 1942-1946. He plans to share memories from World War II and how military service has impacted his life: “I loved my country, my country needed me, so I enlisted. The reward of acquiring many friendships with other servicemen, many of whom died in combat or from their serious wounds, has been a long and lingering but comforting memory.”

With fewer and fewer members of Coastal Georgia’s greatest generation around to share their memories, the Storytellers have the opportunity to ensure their contributions live on. “Many people are familiar with the veterans’ volunteer programs at sites like the USS *Arizona* Memorial at Pearl Harbor and the National World War II Museum in New Orleans. We’re trying to replicate those powerful personal experiences on a smaller scale here on St. Simons Island,” said Sherri Jones, Executive Director of Coastal Georgia Historical Society.

If you have memories of World War II and are interested in sharing those stories, please register to volunteer on the Society's website, coastalgeorgiahistory.org, or contact Kim Campbell at 912-634-7093 or kcampbell@coastalgeorgiahistory.org.

The World War II Home Front Museum will open to the public on December 8, 2018 at 1 pm. For more information about the World War II Home Front Museum, visit coastalgeorgiahistory.org.

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About Coastal Georgia Historical Society

Founded in 1965, the mission of Coastal Georgia Historical Society is to tell the inspiring stories of Coastal Georgia through the collection and historic structures entrusted to its care. The purpose is to preserve and share these cultural resources, which illuminate the past and give meaning and value to the present and future. As the only American Alliance of Museums accredited history institution in the Coastal Georgia region, the Historical Society impacts the lives of over 250,000 annually through its museums and programs.

The Society's facilities include the St. Simons Lighthouse and Museum, the World War II Home Front Museum, and the A.W. Jones Heritage Center.

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