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WWII in Photographs

JUNEAU – This year marks the 70th anniversary of both the Aleutian Island Campaign and the construction of the Alaska-Canada (ALCAN) Military Highway.

Take a look at these and other wartime events as Alaska State Museum Curator of Collections Steve Henrikson focuses on Alaska's WWII History in photographs with a special First Friday presentation, Sept. 7 at 6 pm.

Through historical images meant to complement artifacts already on display—the Alaska State Museum has been collecting war-related materials since 1944—Henrikson will present many of the images Museum staff discovered while putting together the current ASM exhibit “When ‘Over There’ Was Here: World War II in Alaska.” Also on display is “Kiska: a WW II Battlefield.”

Highlights of the exhibits include:

- Spennemann's Kiska Island battlefield photography
- Japanese flag carried in the final charge on American troops during the liberation of Attu.
- Battle ensign flown by the USS Alaska
- 37 mm gun captured from the Japanese on Attu
- Allied and Axis propaganda posters and leaflets
- Uniforms, weapons and equipment from the Japanese Imperial Navy, US Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Air Force used during WWII in Alaska.

“When ‘Over There’ Was Here” runs through Oct. 13, 2012.

Summer hours run through September 24 are 8:30 to 5:30 daily. Summer admission is \$7. Winter hours begin September 25 and are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Visitors 18 and under are admitted free of charge. An annual pass that allows unlimited visits to the Alaska State Museum and the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka is available for \$15. Assistance is available for visitors with special needs. Please contact Visitor Services at 465-2901 before the visit.

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