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ALASKA STATE MUSEUM

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**WORLD WAR II REMEMBERED
Alaska State Museum to Host Symposium**

JUNEAU – In association with the museum’s current exhibits on World War II in Alaska, the museum is hosting a symposium entitled “World War II Remembered,” featuring the reminiscences of veterans and civilians who endured the war in Alaska, on Saturday, October 6, 2012 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Alaska State Museum. There is no charge to attend the event and refreshments will be served compliments of the Friends of the Alaska State Museum.

The program will feature several honored veterans who served in Alaska during the war, including Dick Garrison, Dean Williams, and former Juneau mayor Bill Overstreet. Local historian and Friends member Marie Darlin will lead a panel discussing life on “the Home Front” in Juneau; Harold Jacobs from the Tlingit and Haida Central Council will discuss the role of Alaska Natives in the War, and Roger Grummett will speak about Japanese internment and the “Empty Chair” project. There will be other speakers, to be announced.

Veterans of all military branches, including members of the Alaska Territorial Guard and those currently serving, are encouraged to attend. Seating is limited.

The museum’s summer exhibits on WWII will be up through October 13 and include: “When Over There Was Here” and “Kiska: A World War II Battlefield Landscape.” These exhibits tell the story of Alaska’s role in WWII through a showing of weapons, uniforms, and other gear used by Allied and Japanese forces during the war.

Winter hours at the museum are 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Winter admission is \$3. 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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