We Can Do It!

Explore Pittsburgh’s Impact on World War II

Examine how Pittsburgh affected World War II – and how the war affected our region – as part of the History Center’s new major exhibition, We Can Do It! WWII.


Please turn to page two for unique gifts and a list of upcoming public programs related to WWII. Please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/exhibits for photographs, videos, and much more.

As the nation commemorates the 75th anniversary of the start of World War II, this 10,000-square-foot exhibit explores Western Pennsylvania’s incredible impact on the home, industrial, and battle fronts.

Visitors will learn about the development of the jeep, a uniquely American invention produced by the American Bantam Car Company in Butler, Pa., and will uncover the stories behind “Rosie the Riveter” and the local Tuskegee Airmen whose contributions helped to turn the tide of the war.

Featuring more than 275 rare artifacts, three jeeps, stunning photography, interactive displays, life-like museum figures, and immersive museum settings, We Can Do It! WWII helps bring the 1940s to life.

Exhibition highlights include:
• A powerful “Hall of Industry” display featuring artifacts produced for the Allied forces by a variety of Western Pa. companies including Westinghouse, U.S. Steel, Dravo, Alcoa, MSA, Heinz, American Bridge Company, Zippo, and many more;
• Several artifacts and images on loan from the Smithsonian, including “Gramps,” a 1940 prototype Bantam Reconnaissance Car (BRC) that is the oldest known jeep in existence and a Curtiss-Wright Airplane Propeller, courtesy of the Smithsonian’s National Air and Space Museum;
• A U.S. Army Air Corps uniform jacket worn by legendary actor Jimmy Stewart, the Indiana, Pa. native who became the first Hollywood star to enlist in the military; and
• A special Veterans Voices room featuring recordings from Western Pennsylvania World War II veterans and 7,000 recreated dog tags suspended from the ceiling in honor of our veterans.

The History Center partnered with several organizations to develop the exhibit, including the Smithsonian Institution, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall, Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh, Veteran’s Voices, Bantam Jeep Heritage Festival, Association of the United States Army (AUSA) Fort Pitt Chapter, the Tuskegee Airmen of the Western Pennsylvania Region, Zippo/Case Museum, Butler County Historical Society, First Frontier Mechanized Cavalry, and more.

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The History Center is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $16 for adults, $14 for seniors (age 62+), $6.50 for military, $6.50 for students and youth (age 6-17), and free for children (age 5 and under) and History Center members. For more details, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org.
**We Can Do It!**

**Share Your History Online with Pittsburgh’s WWII Photo Album**

The *We Can Do It! WWII* exhibition can only display a fraction of the stories and photos from the World War II era in Pittsburgh. To supplement the exhibit, the History Center has developed “Pittsburgh’s WWII Photo Album,” a web gallery that allows local residents to share their family stories and images and showcase how the region helped to win WWII. **Contribute today!** If you have family photos from WWII – either from overseas or on the home front – please take a moment to submit your images and the story behind them at www.heinzhistorycenter.org/pittsburgh-wwii-photo-album.

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**WWII Events Calendar**

**American Flag Folding Ceremonies**

- Saturday, July 4 (Independence Day) • Noon
- Tuesday, Aug. 25 (V-J Day) • Noon
- Monday, Dec. 7 (Pearl Harbor) • Noon

Join U.S. veterans and fellow History Center visitors to help ceremoniously unfurl and fold a giant 36-foot American flag in the museum’s first floor Great Hall. Learn how to properly fold the American flag and help sing a stirring rendition of “The Star-Spangled Banner.” Following the patriotic ceremony, visit the History Center’s new *We Can Do It! WWII* exhibit. The flag folding ceremonies are included with regular museum admission and free for History Center members.

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**Innovating for Victory: How Pittsburgh Helped Win WWII featuring the Smithsonian’s Dr. Jeremy Kinney**

Saturday, July 25 • 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Learn how Pittsburgh’s industrial might played a key role in the Allied victory during World War II. Special guest speaker Dr. Jeremy Kinney, curator at the Smithsonian’s National Air and Space Museum, will discuss the exhibit’s Curtiss-Wright propeller along with Pittsburgh’s connections to the development of propeller technology. Following Jeremy’s presentation, members of the First Frontier Mechanized Cavalry will be stationed throughout the WWII exhibit to talk about their historic vehicles and discuss how people and companies from Western Pa. helped to innovate transportation solutions during WWII. The event is included with regular museum admission.

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For more information about upcoming *We Can Do It! WWII* public programs, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events or contact Caroline Fitzgerald at 412-454-6373 or cfitzgerald@heinzhistorycenter.org.

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**Stock Up on New *We Can Do It!* Gift Shop Items**

- **1. Rosie T-Shirt ($16.95):** Originally designed for Westinghouse by Pittsburgh artist J. Howard Miller, Rosie the Riveter quickly became a symbol of America’s “can-do” spirit during WWII. Miller used a photograph of a Westinghouse Electric worker rolling up her sleeves to help lend muscle to the Allied war effort. Cotton/poly blend. Colors red and graphite. Unisex sizes S-XL.
- **2. Toy, Jeep Willys Diecast ($11.00):** Manufactured from 1941-1945, the Willys Jeep was a small, four-wheel drive utility vehicle that replaced the horse. The big car companies laughed off the 49-day deadline for the production of a prototype vehicle that would weigh less than 2,000 pounds, climb a 30 degree grade, pull a cannon, and go anywhere a horse could go. Only one company met the Army’s deadline and requirements: the tiny American Bantam Car Company in Butler. After working day and night to meet the Army’s 49-day deadline, the jeep was born – cobbled together with equal measures of spare parts, ingenuity, and “can-do” spirit.

On July 25, 1940, Bantam was officially awarded a contract for 70 vehicles. But by 1941, the government feared that little Bantam could not meet wartime production demands and turned to Willys Overland and the Ford Motor Company for nearly 700,000 vehicles.

To mark the 75th anniversary of the car Gen. Dwight Eisenhower said helped to win the war, the History Center is recognizing the jeep’s key role in the Allies’ victory as part of the new exhibition, *We Can Do It! WWII.*

For more information about the jeep and the *We Can Do It! WWII* exhibit, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/exhibits.

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There’s no need to ration. After exploring the *We Can Do It! WWII* exhibit, stop by the History Center’s new pop-up Museum Shop near the exit of the gallery to take home a memory of your own. The Museum Shop is open to the public seven days a week with no admission fee. To shop online, visit our eStore at shop.heinzhistorycenter.org.

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**3. We Can Do It! Logo Dog Tag ($1.75):** Featuring the full color logo of the new *We Can Do It! WWII* exhibit, this dog tag makes a great souvenir or gift.

**4. Western Pennsylvania History Magazine: Special WWII Issue ($8.95):** This special issue is dedicated to WWII and includes an in-depth look at the *We Can Do It! WWII* exhibit, including articles on Rosie the Riveter, the jeep, and Japanese Americans. Paperback, 105 pages.

**5. Pittsburgh Remembers WWII Book ($19.99):** Featuring the memories of 17 residents who lived through the war years, from GIs serving overseas to real-life Rosie the Riveters, this book includes stories from all theaters of combat, as well as hardships at home, and recollections of scrap metal drives, USO dances, and wartime sweethearts. 160 pages, 56 images.
Toys of the ’50s, ’60s, and ’70s

Coming soon to the History Center: March 2016

Gumby, Barbie, Slinky, Hot Wheels, Atari. The History Center’s upcoming exhibition, *Toys of the ’50s, ’60s, and ’70s*, is all fun and games. The exhibition will showcase some of the nation’s most popular toys and demonstrate how these toys reflected three decades of dynamic changes in American life. Set to open in March 2016, *Toys of the ’50s, ’60s, and ’70s* will include the personal perspectives of children, parents, child-rearing experts, inventors, and advertisers that help to place the toys in context.

Heinz

Pour on the excitement.

Experience 145 years of the H.J. Heinz Company as part of the History Center’s new Heinz exhibit. Discover how the Heinz family business began with eight-year-old Henry John Heinz selling produce from his mother’s garden in Sharpsburg and grew to a worldwide company with more than 5,700 products in 200 countries around the globe.

The History Center houses the largest collection of Heinz Company artifacts and archival material in the world. The collection is beautifully highlighted in this 7,000-square-foot exhibit. Eye-catching displays and innovative interactives transport the visitor into the world of H. J. Heinz and the Heinz Company, including a larger-than-life, 11-foot ketchup bottle comprised of more than 400 individual bottles alongside a display of more than 100 historic bottles.

For more information about the Heinz exhibit, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/exhibits or contact Emily Ruby at 412-454-6350 or elruby@heinzhistorycenter.org.

Close-Up: Photographs from the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette 2014

The joy of graduation, the grief of personal loss, the determination needed to win – photographs from the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette framed the city and its people over the past year.

As photographers captured the faces and feelings of the people in the region, they created an intimate portrait of the moments that made news.

Displayed on the History Center’s fourth floor, the *Close-Up: Photographs from the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette 2014* exhibit features more than 70 photos from the past year, including the work of 16 photo journalists.

For more information about the exhibit, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/exhibits.

Pictured left: (top) “PPG Moon” by Bob Donaldson, (left) “Marathon” by Andrew Rush, (right) “He’s Out!” by Peter Diana.

The Civil War in Pennsylvania

On display through Oct. 27, 2015 at the Bedford County Historical Society

The History Center’s traveling exhibit, *The Civil War in Pennsylvania*, created in partnership with Pennsylvania Civil War 150 and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC), was recently awarded the American Association for State and Local History’s Leadership in History Award.

*The Civil War in Pennsylvania* has visited more than 20 History Center Affiliate Program sites over the past three years and is currently on view through Oct. 27, 2015 at the Bedford County Historical Society.

The exhibit features four life-like museum figures, plus a companion “Dog Jack,” along with artifacts, previously unseen photographs, and large museum panels describing Pennsylvania’s contributions to the Civil War. *The Civil War in Pennsylvania* is presented by Peoples Natural Gas and supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). For more information about the exhibit, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/exhibits or contact Jaclyn Esposito at 412-454-6430 or jesposito@heinzhistorycenter.org.

For more information about the exhibit, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/exhibits.
Get Your Roll On: Sixth Annual Bocce Tourney

Saturday, Aug. 15 • 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Come throw out the pallino and throw down for a worthy cause at the History Center's Sixth Annual Bocce Tournament and Festival.

Admission to the festival is free for all spectators and includes live entertainment, featuring headliner Pure Gold, and a front row seat to Pittsburgh's most competitive bocce tournament. Delicious Italian food and beverages will be available for purchase from Common Plea Catering. The event, chaired by Jack Mascaro of Mascaro Construction, begins at 10 a.m. in the parking lot beneath the Veterans Bridge overpass on Waterfront Place between 13th and 14th Streets.

All proceeds from the event benefit the Italian American Program, which is dedicated to preserving the history and culture of Italian Americans in Western Pennsylvania. To join in the fun and sponsor a team, please contact Angela G. Ford at 412-454-6405 or agford@heinzhistorycenter.org.

Swinging for a Cause: 12th Annual Celebrity Golf Tournament

Monday, Sept. 21
Allegheny Country Club

Enjoy a fun-filled day at the golf course for a great cause—it’s a hole-in-one! The History Center’s 12th Annual Celebrity Golf Tournament tees off on Monday, Sept. 21 at the historic Allegheny Country Club in Sewickley.

Each foursome will be paired with a local sports celebrity for a scramble-style tournament benefiting the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum. Team and individual prizes for the longest putt, longest drive, and closest to the hole will be awarded at a cocktail reception later that evening.

For more information or to secure your spot in this year’s tournament, please contact Angela Ford at 412-454-6405 or agford@heinzhistorycenter.org.

Museum Conservation Center Event Calendar

Treat Your Military Uniforms & Medals With Care*
Saturday, Sept. 19 • 10 a.m. to noon

Learn about the care and conservation of military uniforms and medals from expert Michael Kraus, curator at the Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum.

Digitizing Your Photographs Workshop*
Saturday, Oct. 17 • 10 a.m. to noon

Join photography expert James Burke to learn about digital photo preservation, including the fragility of digital objects, selection of formats, metadata and backup systems, and storage of originals.

*Pre-registration is required.

To register, please contact Barb Antel at 412-454-6450 or bjantel@heinzhistorycenter.org. Each workshop costs $30 for History Center members and $35 for non-members. For some events, optional workshop kits can be ordered in advance for $20. For more information, visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/museum-conservation-center.

The History Center's 23rd Annual History Makers Award Dinner, held on May 8 at the Westin Convention Center, honored five distinguished Pittsburghers for their exceptional contributions to the history of Western Pennsylvania, the nation, and the world. The annual black-tie benefit dinner, chaired by Donald J. Heberle, president of BNY Mellon of Pennsylvania, and Daniel K. Fitzpatrick, president and CEO, Citizens Bank for Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware, and sponsored by BNY Mellon and Citizens Bank, raised more than $300,000 for the History Center's educational programs and exhibitions.

The History Center's 23rd Annual History Makers Award Dinner, please contact Angela Ford at 412-454-6405 or agford@heinzhistorycenter.org.
**Fort Pitt Museum**

**Event Calendar**

**Captured! New Exhibit Now Open**
Explore the ancient, complex, and largely misunderstood practice of American Indian captivity as part of the thought-provoking new exhibition at the Fort Pitt Museum, *Captured by Indians: Warfare & Assimilation on the 18th Century Frontier*.

Using documentary evidence gleaned from 18th and early 19th century primary sources, dozens of rare artifacts, three new life-like vignettes, and a wide array of imagery, the exhibit examines the practice of captivity from its prehistoric roots to its impact on modern American Indians and other ethnicities.

Told through the experiences of real-life captives, this compelling look at the 18th century frontier will leave visitors of all ages with a new understanding of the complexity of our past and the diversity of our present.

**Admission**

- $3.50 for students and youth ages 6-17.
- Admission is $7 for adults, $6 for senior citizens, $4 for military, and $3.50 for students and youth ages 6-17.
- Children under 6 and History Center members get in free.

For more information, visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/fort-pitt or call 412-281-9284 or agutchess@heinzhistorycenter.org.

**Meadowcroft**

**ROCKSHED AND HISTORIC VILLAGE**

**Event Calendar**

**Independence Day Celebration**
Friday, July 3 – Saturday, July 4 · Noon to 5 p.m.
Participate in historical demonstrations and period games.

**History Center Member Picnic**
Saturday, Aug. 12 · 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Enjoy a special day at Meadowcroft with a picnic.

**44th Annual Covered Bridge Festival**
Saturday, Sept. 19 – Sunday, Sept. 20
Visit Meadowcroft’s Pine Bank Covered Bridge. For more information, please call 724-325-3010 or visit www.wisconsin-county.org. Tours of the Rockshelter are available for $5 per person.

**Sixth Annual American Indian Heritage Weekend**
Saturday, Sept. 26 – Sunday, Sept. 27 · 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Explore Meadowcroft’s recreated Indian Village and encounter costumed reenactors as they demonstrate skills of everyday American Indian life.

**Walk Through Prehistory**
Saturday, Oct. 17 · 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Travel through time on a two-mile hike with Venture Outdoors. Admission is included. Reservations are required: www.ventureoutdoors.org.

**Insider Tours with Dr. James Adovasio**

- **Saturday, Sept. 5, Oct. 10 · 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 8 · 1 p.m.**
  Enjoy a lecture and tour with James M. Adovasio, Ph.D., who achieved international acclaim with his archaeological excavation of the Rockshelter in 1973. Reservations are required. Make your reservations at www.heinzhistorycenter.org or call 724-587-9412.

**Fort Pitt Museum**

**Event Calendar**

**Fourth at the Fort**
Saturday, July 4 · 11 a.m. to noon
Join colonial re-enactors, elected officials, and museum visitors to help raise a 13-star, 36-foot American flag.

**Living History: Artillery and Cannon Firings**
Saturdays: July 11 and Aug. 8 · 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Boo! The Fort Pitt Museum cannon crew will fire its 18th century replica British six-gounder cannon at 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 4 p.m., weather permitting.

**Living History: Cooking**
Saturdays: July 11 and Aug. 15 · 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Gather around Fort Pitt Museum staff as they prepare 18th century foods and learn what early Pittsburghers ate.

**Living History: Blacksmithing**
Saturday, July 25 · 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Visit the reproduction traveling forge of blacksmith Jymm Hoffman and witness this unique artistry.

**Living History: Fife and Drum**
Saturday, Aug. 1 · 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Experience 18th century military music.

**Women’s History Conference**
Saturday, Aug. 15 · 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Learn about 18th and 19th century women, including topics covering women camp followers, textiles and fabrics, and the women of the Daughters of the American Revolution, who helped to save the Fort Pitt Block House.

**Living History: Timber Framing**
Saturday, Aug. 22 · 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Watch carpentry demonstrations and learn about the tools and labor required for 18th century building structures.

All Aboard! Meadowcroft Opens New Trails to Trains Exhibit

Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village transports visitors through time and explores the evolution of transportation in southwestern Pa. as part of the new *New Trails to Trains* exhibit. Using five vehicles from Meadowcroft’s collection, visitors can travel through 16,000 years of transportation history, beginning with our prehistoric predecessors using foot power to navigate the rugged terrain surrounding the Meadowcroft Rockshelter. The new long-term exhibit explores the early days of the National Road where Conestoga wagons dotted the landscape, to the use of a stagecoach to satisfy settlers’ “need for speed” to the development of the railroad as train rails cut through the region. Kids can encounter costumed reenactors as they demonstrate skills of everyday American Indian life.

Meadowcroft Summer Hours:
- Wed. – Sat., Noon – 5 p.m.
- Sundays, 1 – 5 p.m.
- Admission is $12 for adults, $11 for senior citizens, and $6 for students and youth ages 6-17.
- Children under 6 and History Center members get in free.

For more information, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/meadowcroft or call 724-587-3412.

**In association with the Smithsonian Institution**

**As part of the team’s offseason training program, nearly 20 members of the Pittsburgh Steelers’ 2015 NFL Draft class recently visited the History Center to better understand the region’s incredible history. The players enjoyed insider tours of the new We Can Do It! WWII and Heinz exhibitions.**

**Former Steelers great Hines Ward honored 27 local high school student athletes at the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum earlier this spring as part of the fourth annual Positive Athletes Award ceremony. Local male and female student athletes representing a variety of interscholastic sports were recognized for their outstanding achievements both on and off the playing field. MEGAN SALIENTI PHOTOGRAPHY**

**This spring, History Center President and CEO Andy Masich accepted a check for a $10,000 grant for educational programs courtesy of the Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation. Pictured left to right: Pittsburgh Penguins Head Coach Mike Johnston; his wife, Myrna; Beth McMullen; Andy Masich; Natalie Taylor; and Penguins Foundation President Dave Saltzberg.**

In conjunction with an ongoing partnership with the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL), the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum recently hosted a press conference announcing its 2015 Hall of Fame class. Each WPIAL Hall of Fame inductee will be honored on a special plaque inside the Sports Museum’s Kaiser Trophy Room.

**We Can Do It! We Can Do It!**

**In We Can Do It! spirit with a “Rosie the Riveter” re-enactor at the first annual History Center Jeep Cruise earlier this spring.**

**Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald flexed his muscles following a press conference unveiling the first annual History Center Jeep Cruise earlier this spring.**

**Summer 2015 Making History 5**
This past school year, the History Center education department developed dynamic programs that allow students and teachers to experience history in new ways, including the launch of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) workshops, a new program model that engages ninth graders with their civics curriculum, sessions for homeschoolers, and workshops that provide teachers with engaging professional development.

Funding from the Grable Foundation made it possible to create school programs that incorporate history and STEM, introducing students to Pittsburgh’s rich tradition of innovation and providing hands-on activities to build STEM skills. Students can explore the work of George Westinghouse through a game design workshop, collaborate with an exploratory microscope activity based on Jonas Salk’s discovery of the polio vaccine, or build spectroscopecs to better understand the early work of the Allegheny Observatory.

The History Center’s long-standing partnership with Pittsburgh Public Schools focuses on the ninth grade civics curriculum and encourages students to “Be the Change” in their community. This year, the museum partnered with Pittsburgh Carees to create Civics Summits for over 1,600 ninth graders that examined change makers in the city’s past and present, and encouraged students to become change makers in the future. This school year also included new programs designed for homeschool students, tailored to reaching multiple ages through experiential activities, primary sources, and literature.

More than 250 teachers participated in professional development programs this school year, which included workshops offered in partnership with George Washington’s Mount Vernon, Fort Necessity National Battlefield, and Rivers of Steel. Throughout the year, the museum’s educational team partnered with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit’s Social Studies Network to provide a series of workshops that introduced teachers to new instructional models using content from the History Center’s museum collection and the Detre Library & Archives.

The 2018-16 school year will be full of opportunities for students and teachers. The new We Can Do It! WWII exhibition will be the focus of interactive programs along with new teaching resources based on the exhibit. Students can participate in an Eyewitness to History session that allows them to meet people who have seen history first hand, including a program devoted to those who lived in Pittsburgh during WWII.

For more information about education opportunities, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/learn or contact Mari Ruth Leftwich at 412-454-6390 or mleftwich@heinzhistorycenter.org.
From Slavery to Freedom Film Series

Wednesday, Aug. 19 • 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Join us for a screening of the film “Against the Odds: The Artists of the Harlem Renaissance,” which examines the outpouring of creativity in the visual arts by African Americans during the 1920s and 30s, the period known as the Harlem Renaissance. The screening is free and will be held at the Homewood Library Auditorium; 7101 Hamilton Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15208. The History Center’s From Slavery to Freedom Film Series is sponsored by Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. For more information, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events or contact Samuel W. Black, at 412-454-6391 or swblack@heinzhistorycenter.org.

Eighth Annual Pittsburgh’s Hidden Treasures

Sunday, Aug. 30 • 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Get ready to ratify your attics and basements and join the History Center for the eighth annual Pittsburgh’s Hidden Treasures appraisal event. Held in partnership with KDKA-TV, the Pittsburgh’s Hidden Treasures event encourages local residents to bring their family heirlooms to the History Center and meet with nearly 50 professional appraisers to learn about the monetary value or historic significance of their items.

In addition to the appraisers, expert conservators from the Smithsonian Institution and the History Center’s new Museum Conservation Center will be on hand to provide tips on how to preserve your treasures.

Italian Heritage Day

Sunday, Oct. 4 • 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Enjoy a fun and educational day celebrating the region’s rich Italian roots at the History Center’s second annual Italian Heritage Day, organized by the History Center’s Italian American Program.

An Italian American bazaar will celebrate Italianiità with entertainment, vendors, and local Italian heritage groups. Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Mascalco Construction, admission for all children 17 and under is free for this special event.

For more information, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events or contact Melissa Marino at 412-454-6426 or memarino@heinzhistorycenter.org.

Treasures in the Archives: WWII Edition

Saturday, Oct. 17 • 10:30 a.m. to noon

Safely preserved behind the doors of the History Center’s Detre Library & Archives are countless stories of the past. Many and varied, these collections are like unique time capsules, preserved to shed light on our region’s rich history. In celebration of American Archives Month and the We Can Do It! WWII exhibit, uncover and explore some local WWII stories from our collections. Attendees will be treated to a close encounter with the original historic photographs and documents that preserve these unexpected and fascinating tales from our war-era collections. For more information, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events or contact Sierra Green at 412-454-6361 or sgreen@heinzhistorycenter.org.

New Library & Archives Accessions

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Boom! WWII Sherman Tank at History Center

The History Center recently installed a 38-ton, World War II Sherman tank in front of the museum’s Smithsonian wing to complement the new We Can Do It! WWII exhibition. The 1944 M4A3 Sherman tank, nicknamed the “Easy Eight,” will be displayed outside of the History Center through January 2016. The tank participated in the “Battle of the Bulge,” the historic march to relieve surrounded American soldiers in the Belgian town of Bastogne, as part of the 8th Tank Battalion, Fourth Armored Division in December 1944.

Exhibitions

UPMC SmartSteps
Senator John Heinz: A Western Pennsylvania Legacy

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Vintage Vehicles

SECOND FLOOR
Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum
Discovery Place

Third Floor
Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum

Outdoor Advertising

Fourth Floor
NEW! Special Collections Gallery (featuring “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood”)

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