PITTSBURGH, Dec. 16, 2015 – Due to popular demand, visitors to the Senator John Heinz History Center will now have several special opportunities to see the *We Can Do It! WWII* exhibition, which has been extended through Sunday, Jan. 10, 2016.

The exhibit, which explores Western Pennsylvania’s incredible impact on the home, industrial, and battle fronts during World War II, has been among the best attended shows in museum history. Since opening in April, the exhibit generated a 38% increase in overall attendance.

The History Center will also offer special insider tours of the *We Can Do It! WWII* exhibition on the following dates:

- Monday, Dec. 21, at 6:30 p.m. – insider tour with History Center Curator of History Leslie Przybylek focusing on "Women and WWII"
- Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 6:30 p.m. – insider tour with History Center President and CEO Andy Masich
- Wednesday, Jan. 6, at 6:30 p.m. – insider tour with History Center Curator of History Leslie Przybylek focusing on "Women and WWII"

Additionally, the History Center will offer special extended hours until 8 p.m., which includes access to all museum exhibitions, on these select dates:

- Dec. 21-23
- Dec. 28-30
- Jan. 4-10

Visitors to the *We Can Do It!* exhibit will learn about the development of the jeep, a uniquely American invention produced by the American Bantam Car Company in Butler, Pa., and hear 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, four jeeps, stunning photography, interactive displays, and immersive museum settings, *We Can Do It!* brings the 1940s to life as the nation commemorates the 75th anniversary of the start of WWII.

Visitors will also enjoy taking photos with the History Center’s popular 38-ton WWII Sherman tank, which is parked in front of the museum on Smallman Street.

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The *We Can Do It! WWII* exhibition is included with History Center admission: $16 for adults, $14 for seniors (age 62+), $6.50 for students and children (age 6-17), and free for children (age 5 and under) and History Center members.


For additional information, photos, public program listings, and much more, please visit [www.heinzhistorycenter.org](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org).

The Senator John Heinz History Center, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and the largest history museum in Pennsylvania, presents American history with a Western Pennsylvania connection. The Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum is a museum within a museum, comprehensively presenting the region’s remarkable sports story through hundreds of artifacts and interactive experiences for visitors of all ages. The History Center and Sports Museum are located at 1212 Smallman Street in the city’s Strip District, and are open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The History Center’s museum system includes the Sports Museum; the Fort Pitt Museum in historic Point State Park; and Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, a National Historic Landmark located in Avella, Pa. in Washington County. More information is available at [www.heinzhistorycenter.org](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org).

The History Center’s *We Can Do It! WWII* exhibit explores Western Pennsylvania’s incredible impact on the home, industrial, and battle fronts during World War II and features three jeeps, including “Gramps,” the oldest known jeep in existence, on loan from the Smithsonian.
Students from Claysville Elementary School flex like “Rosie the Riveter” in front of the History Center’s 38-ton WWII Sherman tank.
The History Center's *We Can Do It! WWII* exhibition features four new life-like museum figures of local heroes, including Rosie the Riveter, created by local artist J. Howard Miller for the Westinghouse Company.

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