#### **Museum Tour Includes:**

1. Restored Nimitz Steamboat Hotel which contains the Museum of the Pacific War.
2. The Japanese Garden of Peace behind the hotel, a gift from the people of Japan.
3. The History Walk of the Pacific War, one block from the garden.

Hours of Operation:
Open every day except Christmas
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Admission:
Adults \$3 - Children(6-12) \$1.50

## Join the Admiral Nimitz Foundation

The private, non-profit support arm of the Admiral Nimitz Museum.

Membership benefits include:

- -Free Museum and special event admission
- -Symposium and bookstore discounts
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# The Admiral Nimitz Museum

Historical Center



The Nimitz Steamboat Hotel, built originally in 1852, houses the Museum of the Pacific War.

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#### Japanese Aichi D3A "Val" dive bomber

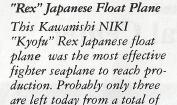
Vals dropped the first bombs on American soil at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. This Val, one of two in the United States, was brought by the Australians from Gasmata, a Japanese air base on New Britain Island, near New Guinea.

#### The Japanese Garden of Peace

As a symbol of friendship and peace between America and Japan, and their respect and admiration for Admiral Nimitz, the people of Japan raised the money to build the Garden of Peace

#### Restored Admiral's Barge

Nimitz took command of the Pacific on December 25, 1941. This officer's motorboat, built in 1937, has been restored to the appearance of the barge Admiral Nimitz used at Pearl Harbor.

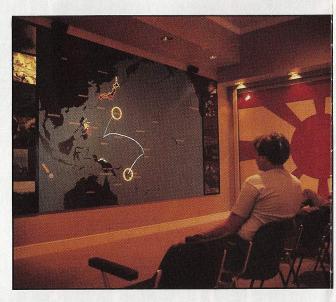


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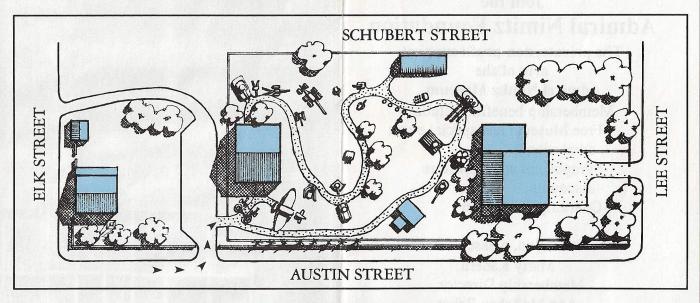


Conning Tower USS Pintado Pintado sank Japan's largest merchant ship, the Tonan Maru. This relic was rescued from the cutting torch at a naval shipwrecking yard.



Pacific War History Electronic Map

Here the visitor, by pressing a button, starts a condensed story of the war and victory in the Pacific. Sound, color photographs and lights reveal each major campaign and dramatic event under Admiral Nimitz's command.



#### The History Walk of the Pacific War

Aircraft, tanks and guns along with other large relics from World War II are on display at the History Walk. Numerous World War II relics were recovered from Pacific War battlefields and can be viewed at the History Walk.

Some of the rarest military artifacts in the world are on display including Sgt. Jack Lattimore's Stuart tank from the battle of Buna, the most complete Japanese Val dive bomber known, a very rare

SBD Dauntless dive bomber, a TBM Avenger torpedo bomber of the type flown by decorated former Navy pilot and President George Bush, and a Japanese seaplane fighter, one of 97 made.

A visit to the History Walk of the Pacific War will help the visitor get an idea of the scale of the story told at the museum. Many of the exhibits are placed in environments which include bamboo and coconut log revetments.



Japanese Chi-Ha Tank Its bullet holes tell us that this old tank saw action on the Pacific battlefield, perhaps Guadalcanal.



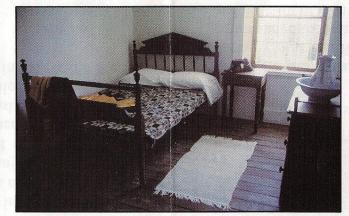
Naval Academy Days and Early Naval Career Exhibit This exhibit in the museum tells of Chester Nimitz's student days at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD and his early career in the Navy.



"Fat Man" Nagasaki-type Atomic Bomb Case This Fat Man bomb case is identical to the Mark-3 atomic bomb dropped by the B-29 Bock's Car on Nagasaki, Japan, on August 9, 1945.



Displays in the Nimitz Hotel One of the many interpretive exhibits using maps and photographs of naval action in the Pacific, this exhibit is a collection of World War II Japanese items including flags, small arms, sabers, a telescope and officers uniforms.



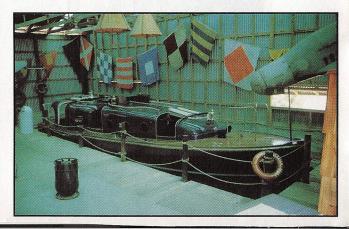
Several of the original guest rooms in the Nimitz Hotel have been refurnished to the period of their use. The Hotel was built by Charles H. Nim-

The Steamboat Hotel A Haven for Travelers

itz, who arrived from Germany in 1846, with the first party of Fredericksburg settlers. A genial host, he was as famed for his sense of humor as his wife was for her fine cooking.







### America's Only Museum of the Pacific War

The Museum of the Pacific War is located in the restored Steamboat-shaped Nimitz Hotel. Presented chronologically, the museum's story begins with early-day Fredericksburg then moves through history to the days of Admiral Nimitz's youth, his early years in the U.S. Navy, the years during WWII and finally the post-war years leading up to his death in 1966.

Many of the exhibits are "hands-on" displays that encourage visitors to get the feel of what it must have been like to steer a submarine or to turn on a ship's searchlight. Audiovisual exhibits give an opportunity to hear and see veterans of WWII tell about their experiences.

In addition to the museum's 24,000 square feet of indoor exhibit space and nearly 3 acres of outdoor exhibits. many special events are held each year. The most popular is the annual spring symposium on a Pacific War topic. History makers from World War II are featured along with the most important historians dealing with the subjects covered. Recent topics have included the Yamamoto Mission, submarine operations, Pearl Harbor and war correspondents among other topics. Contact the museum for information on the upcoming symposium or other special event.

#### Help Us Keep the Nimitz Tradition Alive

The motto of the Admiral Nimitz Museum and Historical Center is, "We inspire our youth by honoring our heroes." Through its exhibits the museum encourages patriotism, pride in country and recognition of the sacrifices made to preserve the freedom Americans enjoy.

When asked if this State of Texas museum could be named after him, Admiral Nimitz agreed, but asked that it be dedicated to the two million men and women who served with him in the Pacific War.

#### **Expansion Plans**

To carry outs its mission more effectively, the Museum and the Admiral Nimitz Foundation have embarked upon a two stage expansion program totaling \$5 million. The first part of the expansion is the addition of a new \$4 million exhibit hall. The second part will be the establishment of The Center for Pacific War Studies, an academic and research facility for \$1 million.

With the full approval of President George Bush, the new museum facility will be named the **GEORGE BUSH GALLERY OF THE PACIFIC WAR** in honor of the 41st President of the United States.



Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz

As Commander-in-Chief Pacific during World War II, Fleet Admiral Nimitz commanded thousands of ships and planes and millions of men -- more military power than had been wielded by all commanders in all previous wars.

From his grandfather Charles, Admiral Nimitz learned a philosophy which he remembered and used throughout his life: "The sea, like life itself, is a stern task master. The best way to get along with either is to learn all you can, then do your best and don't worry -- especially about things over which you have no control." One of the goals of the Admiral Nimitz Museum and Historical Center is to perpetuate the memory of this great American, last of our five star admirals.

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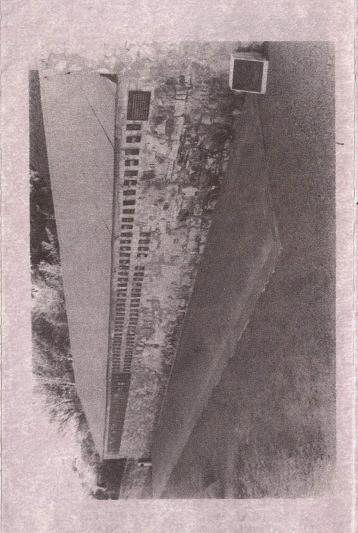
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