



**October 15, 2025**

# What's Brewing

- City Updates
- NMPW Presentation
- Upcoming Events
- Q&A



## Oct. 7 Council Meeting Recap

- Public Hearings on Annexation of Hollmig Lane Property
- Confirmed J. Gordon Browning for spot on Market Square Redevelopment Commission
- Nominated Graham Pearson and Jill Tabor for the Gillespie Central Appraisal District Board

# National Museum of the Pacific War

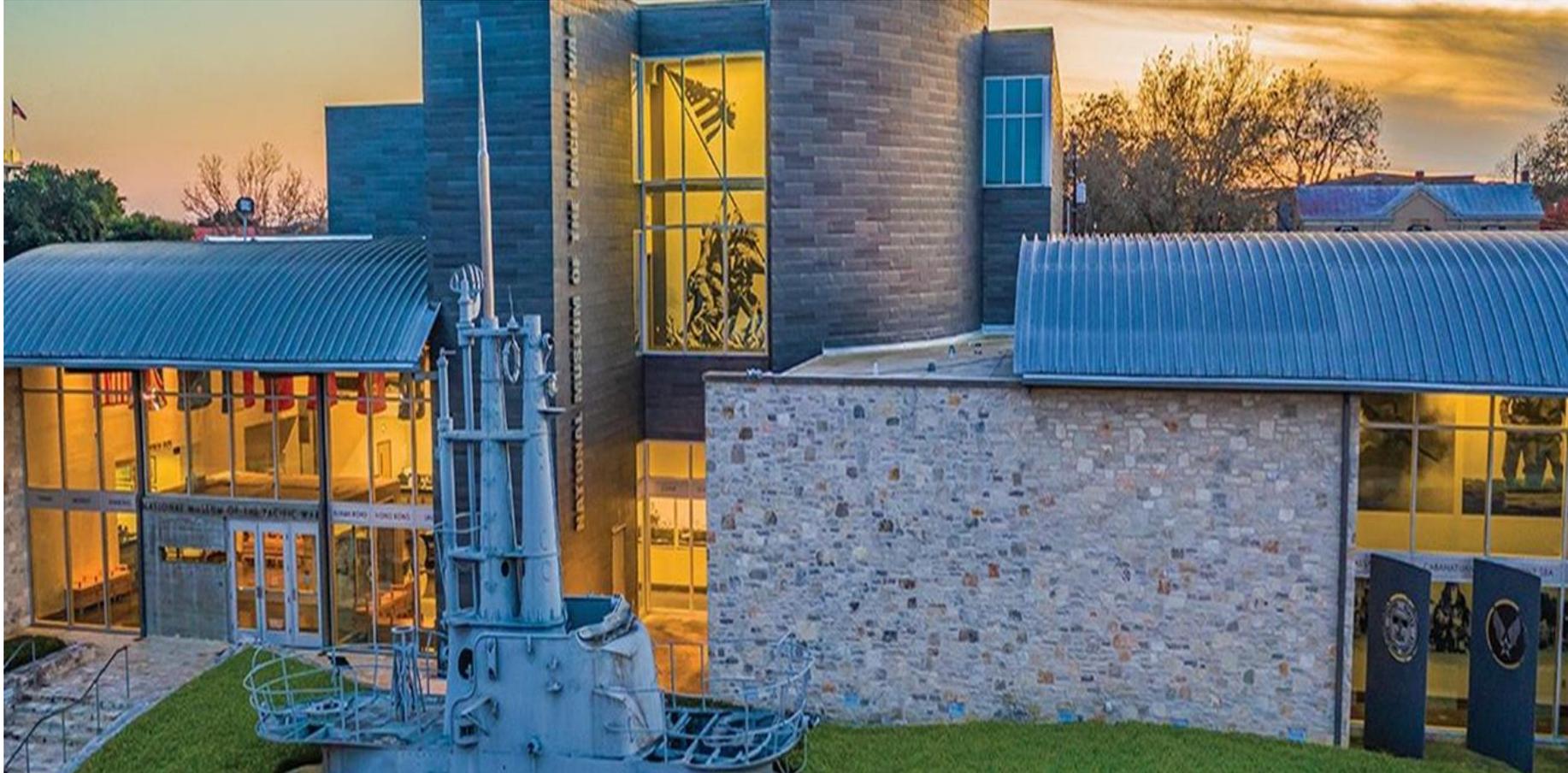
“Coffee with the Fredericksburg City Manager”

Modernizing and updating the Galleries and Campus of NMPW

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# National Museum of the Pacific War



# Influences For Best Practices



# What do our Visitors Want

- Time at Museum
- Relevance
- Interactive and Immersive
- Family and Friends Engagement
- Inspiring
- Use of Technology
- Reading Levels
- Engagement and Diverse Perspective
- Continuous Evaluation

# Repatriation

- Enhances our Continuing Efforts at Dialogue and collaboration with other museums
- Strengthens our Transparency (research and documentation of collections)

The National Museum of the Pacific War agreed to repatriate our Japanese Type 97 (Chi-Ha) tank that has been part of the Museum's collection since 1972, to the NPO Defense Technology Museum in Japan. When the Type 97 Chi-Ha was designed and launched in 1937, it was considered technically superior to most tanks in the world.



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# Type 97- Chi- Ha Tank



# Bush Gallery Renovation

2021- 2025

Children's Exhibit (February 2023)

The Rescue and Submarine Exhibit (February 2025)

The Bush Renovation (December 2025)

Main Street Project (2026)

Japanese Garden of Peace (2026-27)

Historic Bath House (2026-27)

Nimitz Hotel (2026-27)

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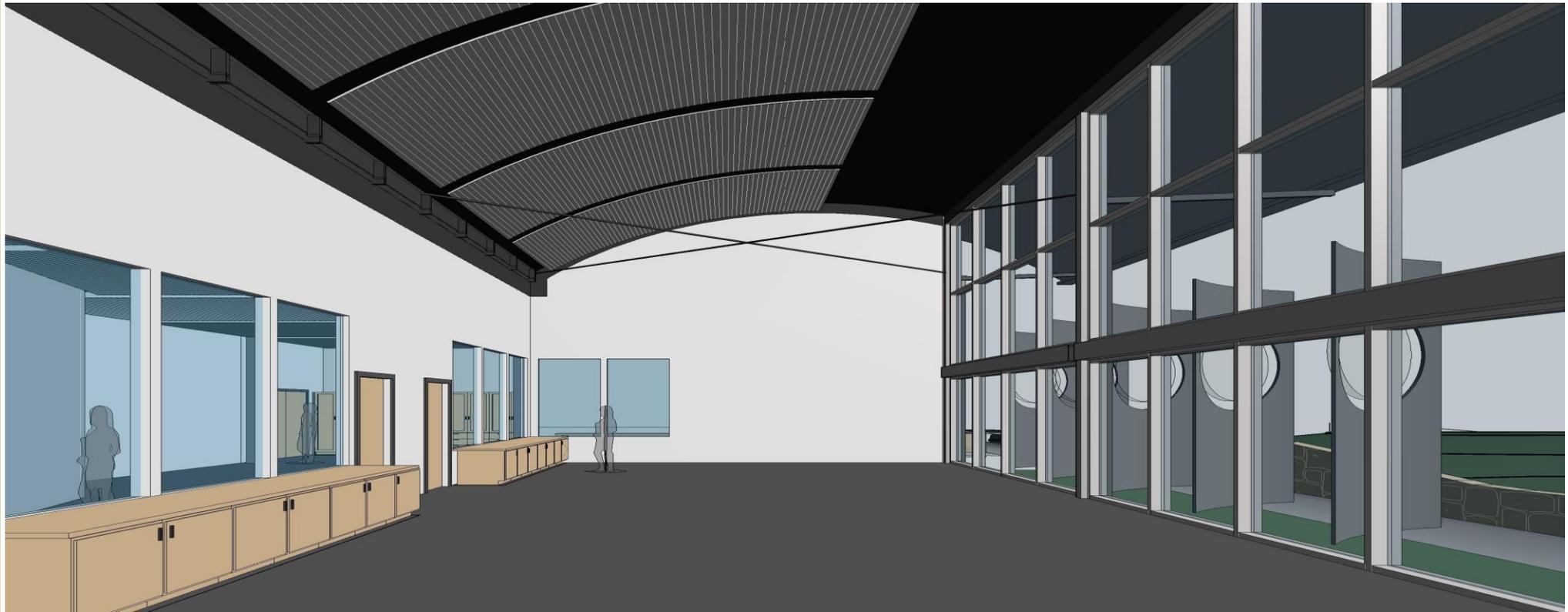


# Education

- Digital/Web Programming
- Field Trips
- Adult Programming
- Specialized Commemorative Programs

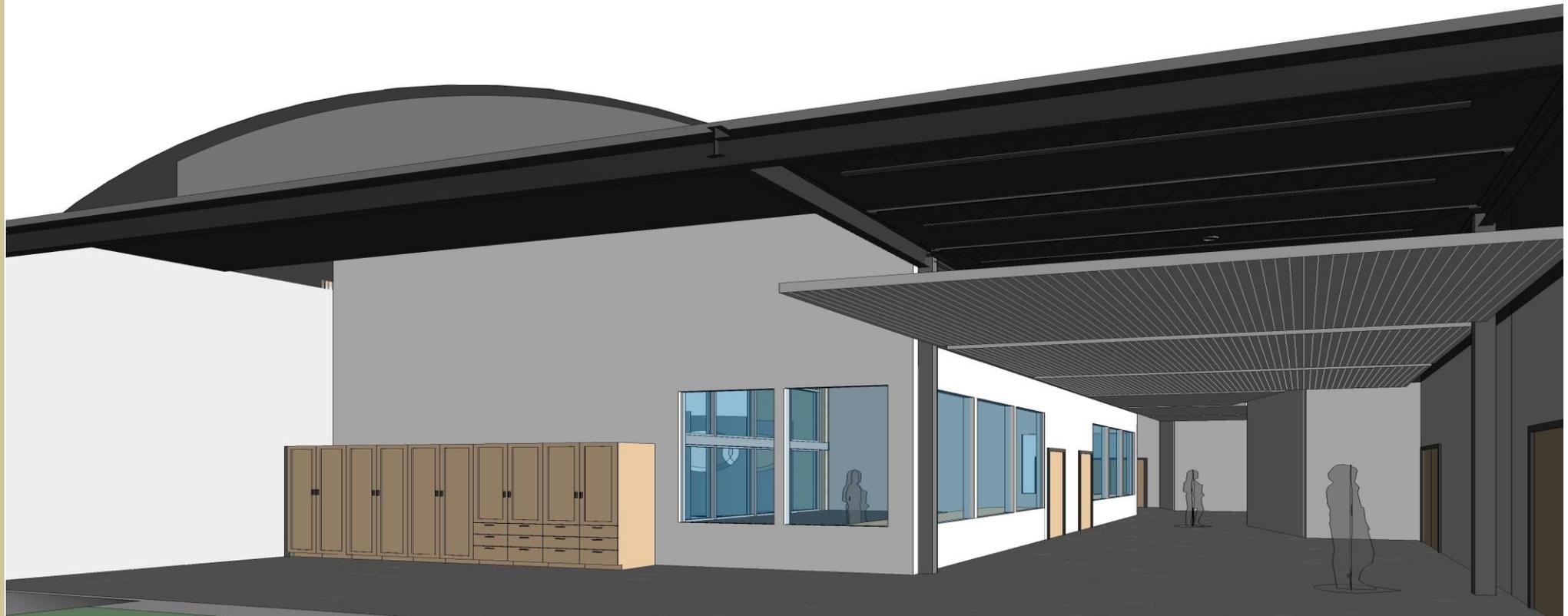
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# The Rescue and Submarine Exhibit



# Submarine Exhibit





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# New Color and Graphics

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**THE BATTLE FOR TARAWA**  
Operation Galvanic

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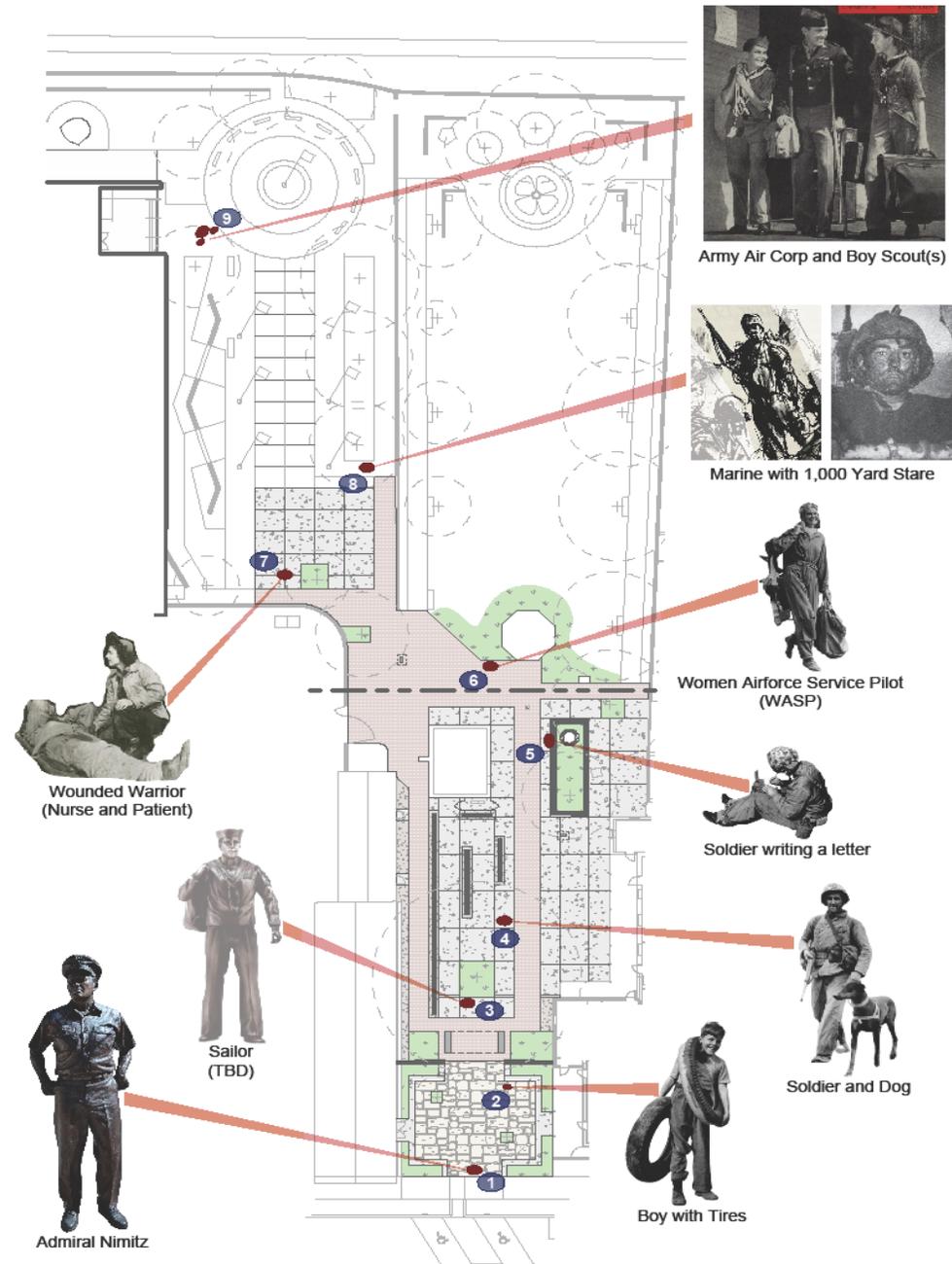
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# Statue Locations



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# Bush Exterior Wall Portraits



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In our opinion, the best array of the images we selected which represent the various populations we wish to depict.



Alternate shot of women in military, but woman with plane is less common.



This is the image we like best if we were able to depict a WWII veteran today. While we “wish” we could add this, it is not as essential as the others.



Alternate native American shot, but our choice is less commonly used.



An alternate to the internment image above it. We like the 3 boys best. The image does need the context of the guard tower which does make if a wider shot.

One of many shots of a war correspondent with typewriter. (And we do have one that we like in particular not pictured here.) But, we do like our first choice as it is less common.



# Japanese Garden of Peace



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# Historic Bath House and Nimitz Hotel



# Thanks!



# Upcoming Special Events

- Bestfest – October 18
- Fredericksburg Food & Wine Festival –  
October 21-26
- Saint Martin's Day Scavenger Hunt –  
November 11

# City Meetings



- Tuesday, Oct. 21 – City Council Meeting
- Wednesday, Nov. 5 – HOT Grant Funding Orientation

# Q&A





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NEXT COFFEE WITH THE CITY MANAGER

Wednesday, Nov. 19