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The transition to cooler weather through the month of September is always welcome! The exhibit on the Battle of Midway and the Doolittle Raids proved to be popular.

On September 30th, we celebrated Museum Day with a special arrangement of exhibits showcasing the technology of communication during WWII, covering topics such as mail, radios, coding, telephones, music, record keeping and aerial photography, using a couple of new artifacts to illustrate. One of those artifacts is featured below as Artifact of the Month.



Soldier of the Month: Major Charity Adams (Dec 5, 1918 - Jan 13, 2002) was the commanding officer of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, an all-black WAAC responsible for unsnarling the mail service in Europe in the early months of 1945, delivering over 7 million pieces of mail.

Adams was the first Black Woman to be commissioned as an officer in the WAAC. By the completion of WWII, Adams was the highest ranking African American woman in the military.

Artifact of the Month: This "Volksempfänger",

"people's radio, was manufactured and issued by the Nazi Regime starting in 1938 With tuners indicating only those German and Austrian stations that broadcasted Nazi propaganda, these devices played a central role in Hitler's regime. However, clever listeners could tune in to Allied wavelengths using external antennae, a bold act considering it was a criminal offense punishable by fines, deportation to concentration camps, or even capital punishment.



This month's Exhibit: Women in WWII The exhibit will be open from Oct 3-28.

During World War II, nineteen million American women filled out the home front labor force, not only as "Rosie the Riveters" in war factory jobs, but in transportation, agricultural, and office work of every variety. Also, approximately 350,000 U.S. women served with the armed forces.



The museum had 370 visitors in September!

November's exhibit will be about Native Americans in World War II.

