

San Joaquin County Historical Museum

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News Release

National Spirit of '45 Day Gallery Talk at SJC Historical Museum

In recognition of National Spirit of '45 Day, the San Joaquin County Historical Museum in Micke Grove Regional Park will present a special exhibit on the World War II home front. On Sunday, August 14, from 1:30 to 2:00 p.m. Gilbert Woehl of Lodi will share his experiences in the Army Air Corps from 1942-1945 and as a prisoner of war. The talk will be in the Helen Weber Kennedy Gallery of the Erickson Building at the Historical Museum. Museum admission will be free from noon to 2:00 for those attending the event.

Last summer Congress passed a resolution to mark the second Sunday of August as "Spirit of '45 Day," a day to commemorate the efforts of millions of veterans who served in World War II, as well as those on the home front. The first Spirit of '45 Day will take place this August 14, which is the anniversary of the day Japan surrendered, ending the Second World War.

The special exhibit, "San Joaquin County Home Front," will continue into November 2011.

The nonprofit San Joaquin County Historical Society has since 1966 developed and operated the Historical Museum within Micke Grove Regional Park, 11793 N. Micke Grove Road, Lodi, CA 95240. The 18.5-acre Museum reveals the history of California's heartland, with eight exhibition buildings, four historic buildings—including the Charles Weber cottage (1847) and Calaveras School (1866)—and other facilities. The Museum is open Wednesday through Sunday and provides education programs for school groups—such as "Valley Days" and "Pioneer School Day"—and other programs. The Museum is accredited by the American Association of Museums. For more information see www.SanJoaquinHistory.org.

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