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VINTAGE WORLD WAR II TANK ON EXHIBIT AT THE HIGH DESERT MUSEUM

Tank Day features an American-made Stuart light tank

Bend, OR ~ In conjunction with the High Desert Museum's exhibition *WWII: The High Desert Home Front*, an M3A1 Stuart light tank will be on display at the museum for Tank Day, Saturday, April 29.



"American-made Stuart tanks were used by British forces prior to the United States' entry into World War II under the Lend-Lease program," said the Museum's Curator of Western History Laura Ferguson. "The first time these tanks saw action with American crews was in 1941 in the Philippines." The tank is on loan

from Steve Greenberg, a private collector from Portland.

Tank Day will run from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and is free with admission. For more information, visit the Museum's website: highdesertmuseum.org or call 541-382-4754 ext. 241. WWII: The High Desert Home Front is made possible by Bend Cultural Tourism Fund, The Bulletin, Deschutes Brewery, Horizon Broadcasting Group, Northwest Travel Magazine, Nosler, Oregon Public Broadcasting and Sunriver Resort and with support from Bigfoot Beverages, Central Oregon Radiology Associates, P.C., Century Insurance Group, LLC, Jones & Roth CPAs & Business Advisors, Oregonian Media Group and Summit Bank.

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