

American Memorial Park

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA



History through the eyes of those who lived it

The American Memorial Park honors the Americans and Mariana Islanders who lost their lives during the battle for Saipan in World War II. The National Park Service (NPS) wanted to create a respectful visitor center in the park that would reach a diverse audience.

NPS called on AldrichPears to design exhibits that portray the battle from diverse perspectives, in both English and Japanese. Visitors flow through a series of vignettes guided by the voices of survivors. From American and Japanese forces to Okinawan and Korean farmers and indigenous civilians, survivors share their story about pre-war life, the horror of the battle and its aftermath. Murals and archival photographs throughout help bring this journey to life.

APA carried out exhibit design for the park's visitor center from concept through final design.

