



Exhibit on Joe Rosenthal, Photographer at Iwo Jima, Opens at State Library

Works by photographers who covered Vietnam War also on display

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[Sacramento, Calif.] The California State Library announces the opening of the exhibit ***Joe Rosenthal and the Photo that Changed America***, which showcases the work of the San Francisco photographer 76 years after his iconic *Raising the Flag on Iwo Jima* was taken in the midst of one of the bloodiest battles of World War II. The exhibit is free, open to the public and on view until February 28, 2022.

Due to ongoing restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of daily visitors to the exhibit will be limited. Appointments for viewing the exhibit in the Mead Kibbey Gallery at 900 N Street in Sacramento can be made at <https://libraryca.libcal.com/reserve/exhibits>

Joe Rosenthal is famous for the flag raising photo that earned him a Pulitzer Prize, but he also enjoyed a decades-long photography career with the Associated Press, the Merchant Marine, and the San Francisco Chronicle. Rejected for military service in WWII due to poor eyesight, Rosenthal served as a combat photographer, joining the ranks of military and civilian journalists who put their lives on the line to collect the news we see at home.

Other conflict journalists are represented in the exhibit, including Eddie Adams, whose graphic photo of a Vietcong suspect's execution became a defining image of the Vietnam War. Army photographer and infantryman Jim Hardy's photos and drawings from Vietnam will be on display, as well as his current work, including wood carvings depicting men he met and lost during the war.

Along with the Pulitzer Prize, Joe Rosenthal earned many honors and awards during a decades-long photojournalism career. He considered his status as Honorary Marine his greatest honor. An effort to name a US Navy ship for him is among the latest posthumous honors. Exhibit visitors will be able to sign a petition for the USS Joe Rosenthal.

The exhibit and the ship naming efforts are projects of the Joe Rosenthal Chapter, USMC Combat Correspondents Association, with funding from the Fellowship of the Lens Educational Foundation.

Joe Rosenthal and the Photo that Changed America can be viewed during regular State Library hours, Monday through Friday, 9:30 - 4:00, in the lobby and mezzanine of the State Library Building, 900 N St., Sacramento.

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