

SERVICE ON THE HOME FRONT

- ★ CITIZENS DEFENSE CORPS
- ★ CITIZENS SERVICE CORPS
- ★ AMERICAN UNITY
- ★ SALVAGE PROGRAM
- ★ VICTORY GARDENS



*There's a job for every Pennsylvanian
in these* CIVILIAN DEFENSE EFFORTS

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Wartime America

Chapter 12 Section 1 USH Honors

Building a Military

- **When did America begin to expand the army?**
 - September 1939: Days after the invasion of Poland!
 - Roosevelt expanded the military to 227,000 soldiers.
- **What moved America to accept a peacetime draft?**
 - The Fall of France
 - Congress approved the Selective Service and Training Act (a peacetime draft)
- **General George Marshall was charged with modernizing our military - FAST**





You're in the Army now

- **More than 60,000 men enlisted in the month after Pearl Harbor!**
- **How did America prepare to feed, cloth, and train all these volunteers?**
 - 1940: Department of Agriculture transferred 350,000 acres of land to the War Department.
 - New bases were constructed (NAS Jacksonville, NAS Whiting Field)
 - Recruits lived in TENTS – not barracks
 - Uniforms, boots, equipment and 8 weeks of basic training
- **What about the health of the troops?**
 - Physicals and immunizations to smallpox and typhoid were given

A Segregated Military

- **Basic training was about UNITY – but it was not integrated.**
- **African Americans served in segregated units**
- **Fighting the Double V Campaign:**
 - Support the war (Victory over the Axis)
 - Fight for an END to racism in Europe and at home (Victory over racism)
- **African American combat units:**
 - Brigadier General Benjamin O. Davis – recruited African American soldiers and put them in combat.



Keep us flying!



BUY WAR BONDS

African Americans in WWII

- **99th Pursuit Squadron**
 - 1st African American unit
 - Trained in Tuskegee, Alabama
 - Supported the Battle of Anzio in Italy
- **332nd Fighter Group**
 - Made up of 3 squadrons
 - Flew more than 200 missions without losing a single plane to enemy aircraft!
- **761st Tank Battalion**
 - commended for service in the Battle of the Bulge

Japanese American in WWII



- **How was this group impacted in WWII?**
 - Originally banned from service
 - 2nd Generation Japanese Americans served
- **Fighting Units:**
 - 100th Infantry Battalion
 - 442nd Regimental Combat Team
- **What is most important about this group?**
 - Almost half of those who served had been in internment camps
 - Became the most decorated units in the history of the US military

Native Americans in WWII



- **Who made up this group?**
 - 1/3 of all 18-50 year old Native Americans served in the military during WWII.
 - 400 Navajo marines made up the “code talkers” – becoming the unbreakable code for the US military.
 - Meskwaki – used the Fox language in North Africa
 - Mohawk, Seminole and Creek also enlisted.
 - Relayed critical information in their unwritten languages.
- **Where did they serve?**
 - The Pacific, North Africa, and Europe!
- **Congressional recognition was given in 2008!**
- **Several were awarded medals of honor in 2013.**

Women in the Armed Forces



- **Women joined the military as well...**
 - Enlisted but barred from combat.
 - Served in administrative and clerical roles
 - Served as nurses.
- **Fighting Units:**
 - Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WAACs)
 - Women's Army Corps (WAC)
 - Coast Guard, Navy, and Marines also had women's units
 - Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs)
- **Did women end up in fighting or dangerous situations?**
 - YES! Nurses in the Philippines – trapped on Corregidor.
 - Evacuated to Australia.



American Economy in Wartime: Converting the Economy

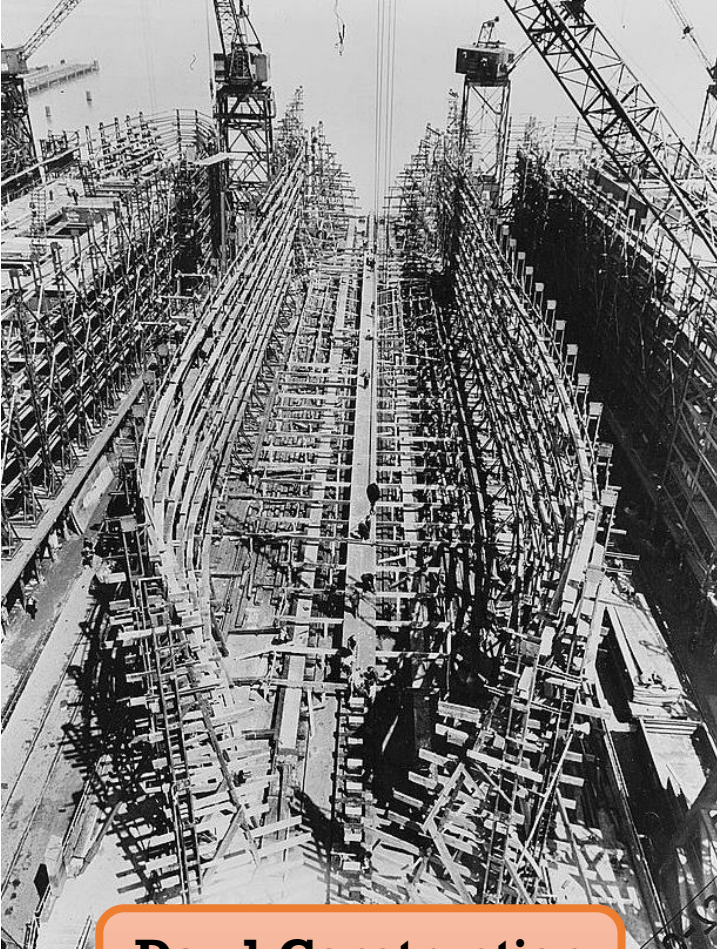
- **Victory depended on INDUSTRY!**
- **After Pearl Harbor, wartime production increased.**
- **How did Roosevelt lead in WWII?**
 - National Defense Advisory Committee: increased incentives to businesses producing goods for war quickly
 - Cost-Plus Contracts: the more and the faster a product was produced, the more the company would be paid!
 - Reconstruction Finance Corporation: loaned money to companies to convert to war production.

American Economy in Wartime: American Industry Gets the Job **DONE**

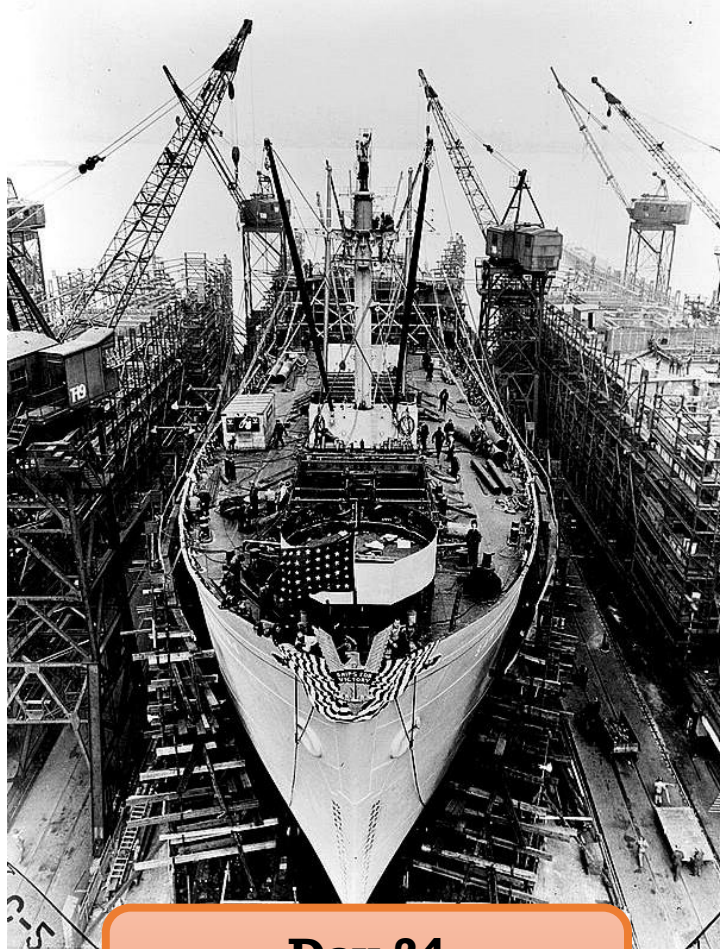
- **Fall 1941:** many industries were already preparing for war.
- **Fall 1942:** 200,000 companies had converted to war production
- **How did industries change?**
 - Automobile industry – converted to make jeeps and tanks along with rifles, helmets, artillery and military equipment.
 - Mass production was critical – Henry Ford’s assembly line helped!
 - Ford’s Detroit plant converted to make the B-24 Liberator bomber.



Building Liberty Ships



Day 1 Construction Begins



Day 24 Construction

- **How could we produce naval ships like Ford was producing planes, cars and tanks?**
- **Henry Kaiser – building cargo ships via assembly line**
- **How fast could Kaiser shipyards build a ship?**
 - **1941: 244 days**
 - **1943: 41 days**