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U-505 SUBMARINE

Exhibit Overview: The *U-505 Submarine* explores the compelling story of the vessel's capture, the technology of the U-boat, and what life was like aboard this German submarine.

Guests view nearly 200 artifacts related to this National Historic Landmark and hear real testimony from the veterans who led the sub's capture. Interactive challenges allow guests to command a sub using the dive trainer, test their skills on the navigational and attack periscopes, send an Enigma-encoded message to friends, learn about the principle of buoyancy, and take a bunk in a recreation of the crew's quarters. They can also go on an optional on-board tour of the *U-505*, with authentic lighting and sound effects.

The *U-505*— the only German submarine captured during World War II—has been a Museum treasure since 1954. In April 2004, the Museum took the unprecedented step of relocating the 700-ton vessel, which had been exposed to the elements for 50 years, to an underground, climate-controlled exhibit hall so that it could be preserved for generations to come. The project to preserve, move and create a dynamic new exhibit surrounding the *U-505* is unparalleled in the Museum's history.

Cost: The 35,000-square-foot *U-505 Submarine* exhibit is included in Museum Entry. The optional on-board tour of the sub requires an additional timed-entry ticket that can be included in the Museum Explorer ticket packages. Capacity is limited. Guests are encouraged to buy their tickets online.

Hours: Regular Museum hours are 9:30 – 4 p.m. daily. Extended hours, until 5:30 p.m. each evening, are offered at peak times during the year and during the summer. Check the Museum's website for details.

Location: Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago; 5700 S. Lake Shore Drive; 773-684-1414

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