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Manhattan Project National Historical Park
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

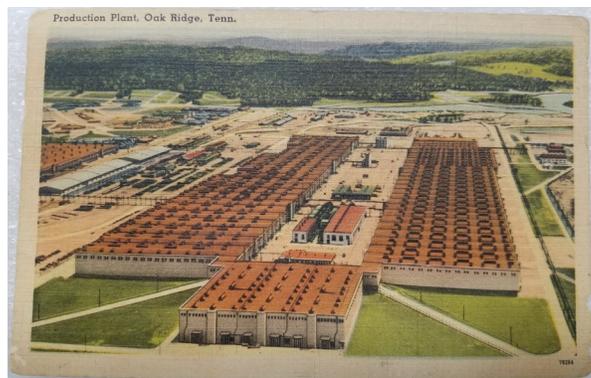


January 2018

WWII National Parks Film Festival on Saturday Afternoon, January 13 starts at 1 pm (ET) at the American Museum of Science and Energy auditorium. This free event will feature National Park films from a number of the many NPS sites around the country that commemorate important issues and events from World War II.



Join Us for a Joint NPS-DOE-CMOR Open House on Wednesday, January 24th from 3 to 6 pm ET. We're expanding our footprint across Oak Ridge and we want to showcase our new office space at the Children's Museum of Oak Ridge, 461 W. Outer Drive. Museum admission will be free during this event. The celebration will also feature a Parks in Focus photography exhibit that will be a tribute to Ed Westcott. We'll also offer the *Every Kid in a Park* pass to any 4th grader who attends. The pass allows 4th graders to obtain a pass for free entry for their families to more than 2,000 federally managed lands nationwide for an entire year.



This Month's Feature from AMSE's Curatorial Collection is a postcard that shows an aerial view of the K-25 plant. Although photographs of the plants were classified during the Manhattan Project, these photos were shared in the postwar period as Oak Ridgers showed off their town and discussed their war work. Both Oak Ridgers and visitors to the town bought postcards like this to share with friends and relatives.

Manhattan Project History in January

- President Roosevelt approved the production of an atomic bomb on January 19, 1942 after receiving reports from Vannevar Bush determining cost and construction needs.
- Philip Abelson informs J. Robert Oppenheimer about his research on liquid thermal diffusion technology in January of 1944. This would eventually lead to the construction of the S-50 plant near K-25 in Oak Ridge.
- In January of 1944 General Groves and J. Robert Oppenheimer decide to plan for a fission bomb test.
- In January 1945 the X-10 Graphite Reactor changed mission from plutonium production to the production of radioactive isotopes for scientific, medical and agricultural uses but not before delivering 160 grams of plutonium to Los Alamos.

**Park Visitor Center Desk
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