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Lunchtime Lecture:

The 70th Anniversary of the Atomic Bombing of Japan, A Look Back

August 6, 2015 at the West Baton Rouge Museum

Port Allen: The West Baton Rouge Museum will host a lunchtime lecture at **noon on Thursday, August 6, 2015** presented by attorney **Gary Ethridge**. On the 70th anniversary day the atomic bomb was dropped over Hiroshima, Mr. Ethridge will discuss the complex inner workings and differences of the two atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, “Little Boy” and “Fat Man,” during World War II. He will cover the problems plaguing the Boeing B-29 Superfortress, the airplane that delivered the bomb, and how it was the most expensive military weapon system of the war. Mr. Ethridge will also tell the story of Hiroshima survivor, Shigeyoshi Morimoto.

The use of the atomic bombs in August hastened the end of the war, as U.S. military planners were not scheduled to enact Operation Downfall, the invasion of the Japanese home islands, until November. Preparing for the invasion, naval troops blockaded Japan while the B-29 plane began a firebombing campaign against Japanese cities.

Admission to the lecture is free and visitors are welcome to bring bag lunches.

For more information, visit www.westbatonrougemuseum.com or call (225) 336-2422 x 15. The West Baton Rouge Museum is located at 845 N. Jefferson Avenue in Port Allen.

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