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**THE NATIONAL HERITAGE BOARD'S BATTLE FOR SINGAPORE DIVES INTO MARITIME  
HERITAGE AND UNTOLD STORIES**



**Singapore, 9 February 2026** – Uncharted waters, restricted sites and untold stories of Singapore’s wartime past will be explored at the National Heritage Board (NHB)’s annual ***Battle for Singapore***. Running from 21 February to 8 March 2026, this edition features a line-up of tours, talks, exhibitions and experiences, including the first maritime-themed tour offered under *Battle for Singapore*. The programmes, presented by Museum Roundtable members, government agencies, heritage organisations and researchers, offer a diverse range of experiences that span from boat tours at sea to walking trails on land. These include both free and paid programmes, for which Singaporeans can utilise SG Culture Pass credits.

2 With over 30 programmes, *Battle for Singapore* will commemorate the 84th anniversary of the fall of Singapore and uncover new stories and aspects of our heritage. Diving into stories of wartime evacuations in February 1942, this year’s signature programme *Passages at Last Light: Singapore’s WWII Maritime Evacuation Routes* retraces the general route taken by boats

fleeing Singapore as men, women and children attempted to escape heavy bombing and shelling on the mainland. For the first time, this maritime-themed experience under *Battle for Singapore* will take participants from the Singapore Maritime Gallery to the open waters near St John's Island and the Sisters' Islands, including a disembarkation on the bigger Sisters' Island, for an immersive historical storytelling around the locations where evacuation attempts and naval encounters took place.

3 Mr Goh Chour Thong, Director (International & Museum Relations), NHB, said: “We are excited to present yet another edition of Battle for Singapore with partners from the Museum Roundtable and other notable individuals and organisations from our local heritage community. Despite the long passage of time since the Fall of Singapore, there are still many new stories and perspectives to be shared, and I am particularly excited that participants of our signature tour, regardless of age, will be able to experience and appreciate Singapore’s southern waters with a refreshed and even perhaps surprising perspective. We hope all our Battle for Singapore offerings will continue the tradition of bringing these compelling stories and underrated sites representing Singapore’s key period of wartime resistance and resilience to life.”

### **Fresh programmes for new perspectives**

4 New programme highlights include *Exploring Pasir Panjang: A Heritage Trail* which takes participants through key World War II battle sites where Singapore’s defenders stood their ground during the Battle of Pasir Panjang, including the Faber Fire Command hidden within Mount Faber. Young ones can also get hands-on with heritage at Changi Chapel and Museum with LEGO bricks stations that allow them to “rebuild” Singapore by modelling iconic World War II sites.

5 The table below highlights all the abovementioned programmes as well as other new programmes. Please refer to [Annex A](#) for the fuller list of *Battle for Singapore 2026* programmes.

**Passages at Last Light: Singapore's WWII Maritime Evacuation Routes**

Date: 21 February, 22 February, 28 February, 1 March, 7 March & 8 March 2026

Time: 5pm – 7.30pm

Price: \$55 (\$50 early bird from 12-20 Feb)

Location: Singapore Maritime Gallery

The tour begins at the Singapore Maritime Gallery where participants learn about Singapore's maritime trade history from the 14th to 20th century, featuring artefacts from the RMS Empress of Asia — a WWII troop transport that was destroyed in Singapore waters in February 1942 while carrying Allied reinforcements to Singapore. Participants then board a chartered ferry from Marina South Pier that travels near St. John's Island and Sisters' Islands, including a disembarkation on the bigger Sisters' Island, retracing the general evacuation route taken by boats fleeing Singapore in February 1942. The ferry makes a round trip back to Marina South Pier, with stories of wartime evacuations shared during the journey.

This programme is presented by NHB in partnership with the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore.

### **Exploring Pasir Panjang: A Heritage Trail**

Date: 28 February 2026

Time: 8.30am – 11.30am

Price: \$35

Location: Faber Fire Command / Reflections at Bukit Chandu / Gold Bell Mansion / Labrador Battery

Discover Pasir Panjang's storied past on this guided heritage trail. Walk through key World War II battle sites where Singapore's defenders stood their ground during the Battle of Pasir Panjang. Through rich storytelling and historical insights, gain a deeper appreciation of the area's transformation from a rural settlement to a heritage landscape that embodies resilience, culture, and memory.

This programme is presented by Heritage.sg - Reflections at Bukit Chandu

### **Rebuild the Nation: Drop-in LEGO Activity**

Date: 21 February & 22 February 2026

Time: 10am – 12pm / 2pm – 3pm

Price: Free

Location: Changi Chapel Museum

Unleash creativity and discover history while rebuilding the nation! Children will step into the role of young builders as they recreate iconic World War II landmarks such as Fort Canning, City Hall, and Reflections at Bukit Chandu. This hands-on activity blends fun with learning, inspiring kids to reflect on resilience and the power of rebuilding together.

This programme is presented by Heritage.sg - Changi Chapel Museum

**Archives Unlocked: World War II – Film Records in Colour**

Date: 5 March 2026

Time: 7pm – 8pm

Price: Free

Location: Online (Zoom)

Over 30 years ago, it became clear to the speaker, Adrian Wood, that socio-political histories could be presented on television for the engagement of younger audiences using original colour images and contemporaneous sound recordings. This illustrated talk will present the story of the research behind the films and have specific focus on the imagery used, in various episodes, to tell the Singapore story of that period and addressing the difficulties faced in accessing archival records, how these challenges were overcome and the insights we gained on researching and using archives for a subject on the Second World War limited to only original colour materials.

This programme is presented by National Archives Singapore (NAS).

**WW2 at Bukit Brown**

Date: 7 March 2026

Time: 9am – 12pm

Price: \$10

Location: Bukit Brown Cemetery

Join Peter Pak on an exploration of Bukit Brown Cemetery. Learn about tragic events, such as the sinking of a ship that killed women and children, betrayal leading to a hero's delayed burial, and stories of resistance ambushes and Chinese leaders forced to collaborate with the Japanese during WWII.

This programme is presented by Peter Pak/atBB

**Memories of War**

Date: 21 February, 28 February & 7 March 2026

Time: 10am – 12pm

Price: Adult Ticket: S\$10, Student Ticket (age 7-18 years): S\$5  
*(Children under age 7 will not be permitted on the tour)*

Location: Bus Pickup & Drop-off at Expo MRT

Learn more about the life and stories of Allied prisoners-of-war (POWs) in Singapore during the Japanese Occupation (1942-45) by visiting of the WW2-related sites. What was once a concentration camp for Australian POWs is now part of the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) Selarang Camp, while the old Changi Prison Walls in the vicinity has been preserved as a National Monument. The tour will end at the Changi Chapel and Museum, which tells the story of the POWs and civilians interned in Changi Prison camp during the Japanese Occupation.

This programme is presented by Defence Collective Singapore

**Sport - a Continuation of War by Other Means: The Role of Sport in Japanese Occupied Singapore, 1942 to 1945**

**Date:** 21 February 2026

**Time:** 10am – 12pm

**Price:** Free

**Location:** National Library Building, L5 Possibility Room

Carl von Clausewitz, the Prussian military theorist, famously stated "war is a continuation of politics by other means". This well-known Clausewitzian aphorism can be adapted to reflect the nexus between Sport and War, in essence, Sport is a continuation of War by other means. Japanese sport policies already had a political role to play in her East Asian colonies (Korea and Taiwan) prior to the outbreak of the Pacific War. It is reasonable to assume that practices in North East Asia would have been continued in occupied South East Asia. Having taken inspiration from Clausewitz, this talk will examine how Japanese sporting activities and policy in occupied Singapore and Malaya can be interpreted as being shaped by Japanese war objectives.

This lecture is presented by SportSG and led by Singaporean historian and heritage entrepreneur Mr Jeya Ayadurai MBE. Refreshments will be provided.

6 Members of the public may visit [www.museums.com.sg](http://www.museums.com.sg) for more information and to sign up for *Battle for Singapore 2026* programmes. Registration for tours and programmes commences **12 February 2026 (Thursday) at 12pm**, on a first-come first-served basis. Singaporeans will be able to use their SG Culture Pass credits for paid programmes.

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### **About the National Heritage Board**

The National Heritage Board (NHB) was formed on 1 August 1993. As the custodian of Singapore's heritage, NHB is responsible for telling the Singapore story, sharing the Singaporean experience and imparting our Singapore spirit.

NHB's mission is to preserve and celebrate the shared heritage of our diverse communities, for the purpose of education, nation-building and cultural understanding. It manages the national museums and heritage institutions, and sets policies relating to heritage sites, monuments and the National Collection. Through the National Collection, NHB curates heritage programmes and presents exhibitions to connect the past, present and future generations of Singaporeans. NHB is a statutory board under the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth. Please visit [www.nhb.gov.sg](http://www.nhb.gov.sg) for more information.

### **About Museum Roundtable**

The Museum Roundtable (MR) is a collective of museums established by the National Heritage Board (NHB) in 1996 to promote a museum-going culture amongst Singaporeans and to position museums as unique cultural destinations. More than 60 public and private museums and heritage galleries are MR members today, spanning across diverse categories of focus and interest: Art, Culture & Community, Defence, Healthcare, Lifestyles & Collectibles, National History and Science & Innovation.

As part of NHB's efforts to develop a vibrant and diverse museum and heritage landscape in Singapore, NHB works closely with MR members in various ways. These include signature outreach programmes, as well as capability development initiatives.

**Battle for Singapore 2026 Programmes**

**Tours**

**Battlefield Study: Tracing the Attack**

Date: 21 February 2026

Time: 10am – 1pm

Price: \$25

Location: Former Ford Factory > Sarimbun Beach > Kranji War Memorial (Starting/Ending Point: Former Ford Factory)

Eight. The number of days that the Imperial Japanese Army took to successfully force the impregnable fortress of Singapore to the surrender table. Considering the disparity in number of troops and resources available to General Yamashita as compared to the Allied commanders, this was a remarkable feat. How was this achieved? What was the strategy? Where were the key battles that decided the campaign? In an attempt to understand the success of the Japanese, as well as the failure of the Allied Forces, we will re-trace the route of attack, re-live the battle, and at the end remember the impact of the 2nd World War in Singapore.

This programme is presented by Lion Heartlanders.

**Battlefield walk Sime Rd to Mt Pleasant**

Date: 1 March 2026

Time: 8.30am – 12pm

Price: \$10

Location: Bus Stop 41141 Aft Adam Dr

A guided walk following the course of the battles on 11-15 February 1942 between the Japanese 5th Division and the British 18th Division, from Sime Road through Bukit Brown to Mount Pleasant Road.

This programme is presented by Beng Tang / atBB.

**Bravery Through Toys: Remembering the Battle of Singapore**

Date: Daily between 21 February - 8 March 2026 (except 23 February and 2 March 2026 as the museum is closed)

Time: 11am & 2pm

Price: Adult - \$38, Child - \$28, Senior - \$28

Location: MINT Museum of Toys

Relive one of Singapore's most defining moments - the Battle of Singapore on 15 February 1942 through the lens of vintage toys that tell powerful stories of courage, propaganda, and resilience. At the heart of this guided tour is a rare highlight from the Museum's Second World War collection: collectable figurines of Sikh soldiers who served valiantly as part of the Allied Defence Forces. These miniature representations honour their bravery and vital contribution to defending Singapore during the battle, offering visitors a unique and thought-provoking perspective on wartime history.

This programme is presented by MINT Museum of Toys.

**Bukit Brown, the Unsung Heroes of WW2**

Date: 7 March 2026

Time: 3.30pm – 6.30pm

Price: \$10

Location: Bus Stop 41169 Bef Kheam Hock Rd

Join Bianca to learn about stories of shipwrecks, heroes, and victims in WWII. The tour will cover Hills 1, 3, and 4. About the Guide: Led by Bianca Polak, of Dutch origin, living in Singapore for 26 years. She is a licensed tour guide and has been conducting heritage tours in Bukit Brown cemetery for over a decade. She's passionate about telling stories of migrants and maritime history.

This programme is presented by Bianca Polak/ atBB.

**Cashin House: Witness to Invasion**

Date: 28 February 2026

Time: 9am – 10.30am, 11am – 12.30pm

Price: Free

Location: Cashin House, Sungei Buloh (Meeting Point: Sungei Buloh Visitors Centre)

Join heritage veteran Jerome Lim on a trip to the sensitively reconstructed Cashin House. Located at Lim Chu Kang Nature Park, the site witnessed some of the first landings of the invading Japanese forces. Learn about the perspectives of men on the opposing sides as they engaged in battle, and about the area's historical landscape.

This programme is presented by Jerome Lim, NHB and NParks.

**Days of War: Stories of Sacrifice & Resistance**

Date: 22 February, 1 March & 8 March 2026

Time: 10am – 1pm

Price: Adult Ticket: S\$10, Student Ticket (age 7-18 years): S\$5

*(Children under age 7 will not be permitted on the tour)*

Location: Meeting Point: Former Ford Factory (Bus Drop-off at Joo Koon MRT)

What would you do if you and your way of life are threatened by invasion? Learn more about the defence of Singapore during the Japanese invasion in February 1942. In this specially curated tour, participants will visit the Former Ford Factory to learn about the defence of Singapore, why it failed to halt the enemy, the events that led to the British surrender, and where it happened. The tour will also include the must-visit Kranji War Cemetery to learn about the brave men and women who took part in the defence of Singapore and paid the ultimate price.

This programme is presented by Singapore Discovery Centre by Defence Collective Singapore.

### **Day Zero**

Date: 8 March 2026

Time: 10.30am – 1pm

Price: Adult Ticket: S\$15, Student Ticket (age 7-18 years): S\$8

*(Children under age 7 will not be permitted on the tour)*

Location: Pickup & Dropoff at Singapore Discovery Centre

Relive the fear and chaos upon first contact with Japanese invasion forces. Discover how poor leadership and miscommunication led to the collapse of western Singapore during the Japanese Occupation. This bus tour will take you through significant sites related to the Japanese invasion, including Sarimbun Beach Landing, Sungei Buloh Visitor Centre, and Singapore Discovery Centre.

This programme is presented by Singapore Discovery Centre by Defence Collective Singapore.

### **Exploring Pasir Panjang: A Heritage Trail**

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Time: 8.30am – 11.30am

Price: \$35

Location: Faber Fire Command / Reflections at Bukit Chandu / Gold Bell Mansion / Labrador Battery

Discover Pasir Panjang's storied past on this guided heritage trail. Walk through key World War II battle sites where Singapore's defenders stood their ground during the Battle of Pasir Panjang. Through rich storytelling and historical insights, gain a deeper appreciation of the area's transformation from a rural settlement to a heritage landscape that embodies resilience, culture, and memory.

This programme is presented by Heritage.sg - Reflections at Bukit Chandu.

### **From Singapore to Syonan**

Date: 21 February 2026

Time: 9am – 12pm

Price: \$10

Location: Bukit Brown Cemetery

A walk through Bukit Brown to visit the personalities and events that transformed Singapore, and led to the tragic outcome that is Syonan. We will get to know how a doctor narrowly escaped the jaws of death, a banker who rallied the population to resist, a brother stuck between the Japanese and resistance, and a business leader who led the fight for justice. Let me regale you with stories less told and paths less traveled. BB, where the past inform our present and show a light to our futures.

This programme is presented by Fabian Tee / atBB.

### **Guided Tours of the Former Ford Factory**

**Date:** 28 February 2026

**Time:** 11am – 12.30pm (English Tour), 11.30am – 1pm (Mandarin Tour), 3.30pm – 5pm (English Tour)

**Price:** Free

**Meeting Point:** Former Ford Factory

Join a guided tour at the Former Ford Factory, a key site in Singapore's WWII history. Discover the dramatic events leading to the British surrender on 15 February 1942, and explore exhibits featuring personal accounts, wartime artefacts and the hardships faced during the battle. Hear from the docents as they share insights into how the war shaped Singapore and its people, providing a deeper understanding of this pivotal chapter in our nation's history.

This programme is presented by National Archives Singapore (NAS).

### **Japanese Occupation Guided Walk: Living in Syonan-To**

**Date:** 21 February 2026

**Time:** 10am – 1pm

**Price:** Free

**Location:** Cathay Building to Civilian War Memorial (Starting Point: Dhoby Ghaut MRT Exit A (Street Level), Ending Point: Civilian War Memorial)

To the current generation, the Japanese Occupation of Syonan-to is a distant memory, a memory that bears little relevance to our lives today. Yet, there are countless lessons from this period that we must remember, and untold stories of resilience, sacrifice and survival that we must honor. This programme takes you through key locations in the city connected to the Japanese Occupation, allowing us to commemorate this crucial chapter in Singapore's history. It is a journey that fosters an appreciation for peace and the strength of the human spirit in the face of adversity.

This programme is presented by Lion Heartlanders.

### **Naval Volunteer Reserve WW2 Tour**

Date: 21 February & 28 February 2026

Time: 2pm – 4.30pm

Price: Adult Ticket: S\$15, Student Ticket (age 7-18 years): S\$8

*(Children under age 7 will not be permitted on the tour)*

Location: Multiple external locations and Singapore Navy Museum (Meeting Point: Raffles City MRT, Bus Drop-off at Expo MRT).

This bus tour explores spaces featured in Singapore's early defences such as the significance of names like Fullerton and Battery Road, the development of the harbour and its importance to Singapore, the development of the volunteer forces in general, shipping (and the Straits Steamship Co — which provided many of the evacuation ships) and also the site of the SSNVR (Straits Settlements Naval Volunteer Reserve) and stories of the evacuation. This is a foot trail programme, and the participants will be covering the following spots: Battery Road (volunteer units / Fort Fullerton), Ocean Financial Centre and Collyer Quay (shipping, harbour, Clifford Pier), Telok Ayer Market Area, Singapore Navy Museum.

This programme is presented by Singapore Navy Museum by Defence Collective Singapore.

### **Passages at Last Light: Singapore's WWII Maritime Evacuation Routes**

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Time: 5pm – 7.30pm

Price: \$55 (\$50 early bird from 12-20 Feb)

Location: Singapore Maritime Gallery

The tour begins at the Singapore Maritime Gallery where participants learn about Singapore's maritime trade history from the 14th to 20th century. Participants then board a chartered ferry from Marina South Pier that travels near St. John's Island and Sisters' Islands, including a disembarkation on the bigger Sisters' Island, retracing the general evacuation route taken by boats fleeing Singapore in February 1942. The ferry makes a round trip back to Marina South Pier, with stories of wartime evacuations shared during the journey.

This programme is presented by NHB in partnership with the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore.

### **Peranakans and Patriots**

Date: 28 February 2026

Time: 9am – 12pm

Price: \$10

Location: Bus Stop 41169 Bef Kheam Hock Rd

Learn about the stories of the Peranakans who lived through WW2 and tales of bravery of the patriots who made a difference during the Japanese occupation. As part of the Battle for Singapore programme, explore Bukit Brown Cemetery's significant wartime history through this guided tour that reveals how this historic burial ground became a witness to Singapore's darkest hours. Discover the graves of civilians and military personnel who perished during the

Japanese invasion, and hear accounts of how the cemetery served as both refuge and hiding place during the occupation. These narratives illuminate the broader civilian experience of WW2, connecting personal stories of loss and resilience to Singapore's collective wartime memory.

This programme is presented by Gregory Peck/atBB

**Places for the Dead: A Cemetery and a Battle Site**

Date: 28 February 2026

Time: 8.30am – 11.30am

Price: \$10

Location: Bukit Brown Cemetery Lornie Highway Entrance

Until 2012, Bukit Brown as a WWII battlefield site was unmolested, allowing civil society to uncover its role in the Pacific War. On this tour, we will learn about the resistance mounted by civilians as British forces mounted a desperate defence while facing a ferocious onslaught in the final days of the war. We will hear of all the actors - British, Indians, Japanese and civilians - and why Bukit Brown is a site worth preserving for our history and identity.

This programme is presented by Claire Leow / atBB.

**Unsung Heroes: Ordinary People, Extraordinary Bravery**

Date: 21 February 2026

Time: 11am – 1pm

Price: Free

Location: Eurasian Heritage Gallery

Discover the untold stories of Eurasians who displayed remarkable courage and resilience during World War Two. The 1.5-hour programme includes a 1-hour guided tour of the Eurasian Heritage Gallery, and a 30-minute segment for participants to write remembrance notes on poppy stickers and paste on the poppy backdrop, before enjoying war-themed snacks such as kueh keria (sweet potato donut) or bingka ubi (tapioca kueh).

This programme is presented by Eurasian Heritage Gallery.

**Voices from Changi: A Living History Dramatised Tour**

Date: 21 February 2026 & 22 February 2026

Time: 10am – 11am, 11.30am – 12.30pm, 2pm – 3pm, 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Price: \$25

Location: Changi Chapel Museum

Step into Singapore's wartime past with an immersive dramatised tour of Changi Chapel and Museum, brought to life by students from Republic Polytechnic's School of Technology for the Arts (STA). Guided by a character from history, uncover powerful stories of POWs, internees, and local heroes who endured the Japanese Occupation. Through vivid storytelling and

reenactments, experience resilience behind Changi Prison's walls, the struggles along the Death Railway, and the courage of Elizabeth Choy. This living journey culminates in Singapore's liberation, a poignant reminder of hope and endurance that shaped our nation's spirit.

This programme is presented by Heritage.sg - Changi Chapel Museum.

### **Walk into History: Re-enactment Tour at the Former Ford Factory**

**Date:** 28 February 2026

**Time:** 2pm – 3pm

**Price:** Free

**Meeting Point:** Former Ford Factory

Step back in time at the Former Ford Factory with a special re-enactment and guided tour, held in collaboration with students from River Valley High School. Returning after last year's well-received run, this Battle of Singapore experience brings history to life through re-enactments and storytelling. Dressed in military kit, these passionate young history enthusiasts will lead visitors through the museum's exhibits, sharing the perspectives of both Japanese and British forces during the battle and offering a closer glimpse into Singapore's wartime past.

This programme is presented by National Archives Singapore (NAS).

### **WW2 at Bukit Brown**

**Date:** 7 March 2026

**Time:** 9am – 12pm

**Price:** \$10

**Location:** Bukit Brown Cemetery

Join Peter Pak on an exploration of Bukit Brown Cemetery. Learn about tragic events, such as the sinking of a ship that killed women and children, betrayal leading to a hero's delayed burial, and stories of resistance ambushes and Chinese leaders forced to collaborate with the Japanese during WWII.

This programme is presented by Peter Pak/atBB.

### **WWII@BukitBrown: Remembrance of WWII - A Poetic Tribute**

**Date:** 22 February 2026

**Time:** 9am – 11.30am

**Price:** \$10

**Location:** Bus Stop 41141 Aft Adam Dr

In this two and half hour walk through gentle terrain we will visit with the graves of the war dead and unpack stories of bravery and leadership under the Japanese Occupation. From the 19 year old girl who died protecting her family to the leaders who put their lives on the line to save lives. A selection of poems on war and remembrance from local and international poets

curated by the guide Catherine will be read as tributes. Participants will be invited to read a poem if they wish.

This programme is presented by Catherine Lim/atBB.

### **War at Sea Programme**

Date: 21 February, 22 February, 28 February, 1 March, 7 March & 8 March 2026

Time: 10am – 12.30pm

Price: Adult Ticket: S\$10, Student Ticket (age 7-18 years): S\$5

*(Children under age 7 will not be permitted on the tour)*

Location: Changi Naval Base (Bus Pickup & Drop-off at Expo MRT).

Meeting Point: Changi Expo, MRT Exit B Pickup/Drop-off point, First point: Changi Naval Base, Second Point: Singapore Navy Museum

Join us on this guided bus tour to explore Singapore's naval defence during World War II and how it has evolved over time. The tour begins at Johore Battery along Cosford Road, a key coastal defence site during the Japanese Occupation. Learn about the significance of the site before journeying along Changi Beach, which fronts a once important sea route leading to the British Naval Base in Sembawang, a major player in the defence of the Far East. The journey concludes at the Singapore Navy Museum, where participants can view ship models from the wartime period and learn about the development of modern naval warfare. This tour was curated by Dr John Kwok, a professional historian, and the tour is conducted by Dr Ian Li, a military historian.

This programme is presented by Singapore Navy Museum by Defence Collective Singapore.

### **War over Singapore**

Date: 7 March & 8 March 2026

Time: 9am, 11am, 1pm (2.5h each)

Price: Adult Ticket: S\$10, Student Ticket (age 7-18 years): S\$5

*(Children under age 7 will not be permitted on the tour)*

Location: Tengah Air Base (Bus Pickup & Drop-off at Yew Tee MRT)

Join us for an exclusive guided tour to the heritage spaces of Tengah Air Base, which came under the control of the Japanese and became Yamashita's first command centre during WW2. The tour continues near the former Lim Chu Kang Road, a road that once served as an emergency runway for the RSAF before it was decommissioned.

This programme is presented by Singapore Air Force Museum by Defence Collective Singapore.

## **Talks, workshops and other programmes**

### **Archives Unlocked: World War II – Film Records in Colour**

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This programme is presented by Heritage.sg - Changi Chapel Museum.

**Remembering Lim Bo Seng: A Sharing by Raffles Institution Students**

Date: 28 February 2026

Time: 1pm – 2pm

Price: Free

Location: Screening Room, Level 2, Former Ford Factory

Join the students of Raffles Institution at the Former Ford Factory for a special presentation on Singapore's war hero, Lim Bo Seng. Discover lesser-known aspects of his life and hear the students share their experience collaborating with the National Archives of Singapore in their research. Don't miss this session — there's even a surprise guest speaker in store!

This programme is presented by National Archives Singapore (NAS).

**Sport - a Continuation of War by Other Means: The Role of Sport in Japanese Occupied Singapore, 1942 to 1945**

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Location: National Library Building, L5 Possibility Rm

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This lecture is presented by SportSG and led by Singaporean historian and heritage entrepreneur Mr Jeya Ayadurai MBE. Refreshments will be provided.

### **Sustenance & Sacrifice: The Wartime Food Story**

Date: 22 February 2026

Time: 1.30pm – 3pm

Price: Adult Ticket: S\$10, Student Ticket (age 7-18 years): S\$5

*(Children under age 7 will not be permitted on the tour)*

Location: Singapore Discovery Centre (SDC)

When food was scarce, ingenuity kept hope alive. Sustenance & Sacrifice brings WWII-era survival food to life through an immersive cooking demonstration and collaborative workshop led by Chef Suria of Dapur Cahaya and Chef Yeo Min from the Museum of Food, as they reimagine a humble wartime ingredient – tapioca, into dishes that tell stories of sacrifice and strength. By engaging with history through food, participants gain a deeper appreciation of how resilience, solidarity, and the will to defend Singapore were lived experiences.

This programme is presented by Singapore Discovery Centre by Defence Collective Singapore.

### **The Forgotten Indian Prisoners of War of World War Two**

Date: 7 March 2026

Time: 4pm – 6pm

Price: Free

Location: Indian Heritage Centre (L4)

Discover the untold stories of Indian prisoners of war during World War II through the lens of Gautam Hazarika's latest book "The Forgotten Indian Prisoners of World War II - Surrender Loyalty Betrayal and Hell" published by Pen & Sword Books UK in November 2025. This programme features a short talk on the crucial role of the Indian Army in the Battle for Singapore, followed by an author interview exploring themes of surrender, loyalty, betrayal and the harsh realities faced by these forgotten heroes.

This programme is presented by Indian Heritage Centre (IHC).

**Wartime Walkback: Wear It. Taste It. Remember It.**

Date: 28 February & 1 March 2026

Time: 10am – 12.30pm, 2pm – 4pm

Price: Free

Location: Reflections at Bukit Chandu (Multi Purpose Hall)

Wartime Walkback is a family-friendly experience featuring safe, nostalgic snacks like condensed milk crackers and plain biscuits. Children can join the fun with a "ration card" activity – collect stamps and redeem treats while learning about life during the Japanese Occupation.

This programme is presented by Heritage.sg - Reflections at Bukit Chandu.

**Whispers of War (Public Talk) - Speaking from the silent hill**

Date: 28 February 2026

Time: 2.30pm – 4pm

Price: Free

Location: Reflections at Bukit Chandu (Lounge - Level 2)

"Speaking from the Silent Hill" is a public talk that explores Singapore's experience during World War II, focusing on the fall of Singapore in February 1942. The talk delves into the daily realities of life under occupation, the struggles and resilience of the people, and the impact of the war on the post-war period. Through personal stories, historical insights, and reflections, participants will gain a deeper understanding of the social, cultural, and human dimensions of this pivotal moment in Singapore's history.

This programme is presented by Heritage.sg - Reflections at Bukit Chandu.