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Learn About San Francisco and World War II Anxiety at the San Francisco Museum and Historical Society Monthly Meeting

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On Tuesday, February 14 in the Roosevelt Middle School Auditorium, John Freeman will give a presentation titled, “WAR ANXIETY GRIPS HOMEFRONT SAN FRANCISCO.” Freeman will explain how after the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, many local citizens feared that San Francisco and its surroundings could be the logical mainland target for enemy submarine or air attacks.

In commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the U.S. entry into World War II, John Freeman will examine the profound changes brought on by these events: rationing, salvaging, and volunteering; suspicions of espionage resulting in the detention of German and Italian residents and the denial of civil rights to all Japanese residents; the arrival of military personnel to embark to the Pacific Front; and new residents lured to work in the massive local war industry. Home front San Francisco was dynamic and stressful, and would have profound physical and social changes for the future of the region.

The San Francisco Museum and Historical Society (SFMHS) holds meeting presentations on a monthly basis, exploring history of San Francisco people, places, and events. For more information, visit sfnhistory.org or call (415) 537-1105, ext. 0.

Don't miss next months program (March 14) on the wine industry before the 1906 earthquake, given by Frances Dinkelspiel.

Doors open at 7 p.m. with refreshments; the monthly presentation begins at 7:30. Free for SFMHS members; \$10 admission fee for nonmembers (\$5 for students, K-12 teachers, seniors 62+, and disabled). Part of admission fee can be applied to membership cost within 30 days. Free parking in schoolyard (enter on Palm Avenue). Muni: 38 Geary; 1 California.
