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Andraeas, combat systems chaplain at Great Lakes Naval Training Center.

## Museum matters

Andraeas reminded those gathered why it was important to have decommissioned battleships open for tours, museums of military aviation, battlefield recreations and holidays like Memorial Day.

"Your job as veterans and family members is not just to remember the grand ol' days of Glenview, although you do that, or to remember the camaraderie of old squadron friendships living and lost, although you do that, or to work at preserving historical archives, although you do that," Andraeas said. "Your No. 1 job is to serve as an ongoing, living witness of the enormous costs — the costs of hardship, of life, of resources, of memories seared with the images of combat and defense."

Andraeas said veterans are able to tell the complete story of military service, with a pride tempered by the sobering realities of the toll it takes.

"You are the voice of pride and accomplishment, but you are also the voice of balance, of caution, of prudence, of circumspection, of repentance and even of the silent prayer that your grandchildren and great-grandchildren will never have to live under the clouds of armed aggression in their lifetimes," he said.

## Opening June 19

Saturday's reunion was the first of many the Hangar One Foundation hopes to be able to facilitate at Navy Park and its museum in the Town Center, Mack said.

The museum, which occupies a temporary space in the Town Center until a permanent facility can be established, will be officially opened during a June 19 ceremony.

Among the artifacts on display will be a cut-away engine from a World War II U.S. Navy Avenger rescued from Lake Michigan; a 10-foot model of the U.S.S. Wolverine or U.S.S. Sable; the original 1937 VS-9R squadron insignia on a panel salvaged from a pre-World War II Navy aircraft; Glenview Naval Air Station flight gear, uniforms, metals, logbooks and pictures; and portions of the original altar and pews from the Schram Chapel built by Nazi Prisoners of War. A video theater also is part of the museum.