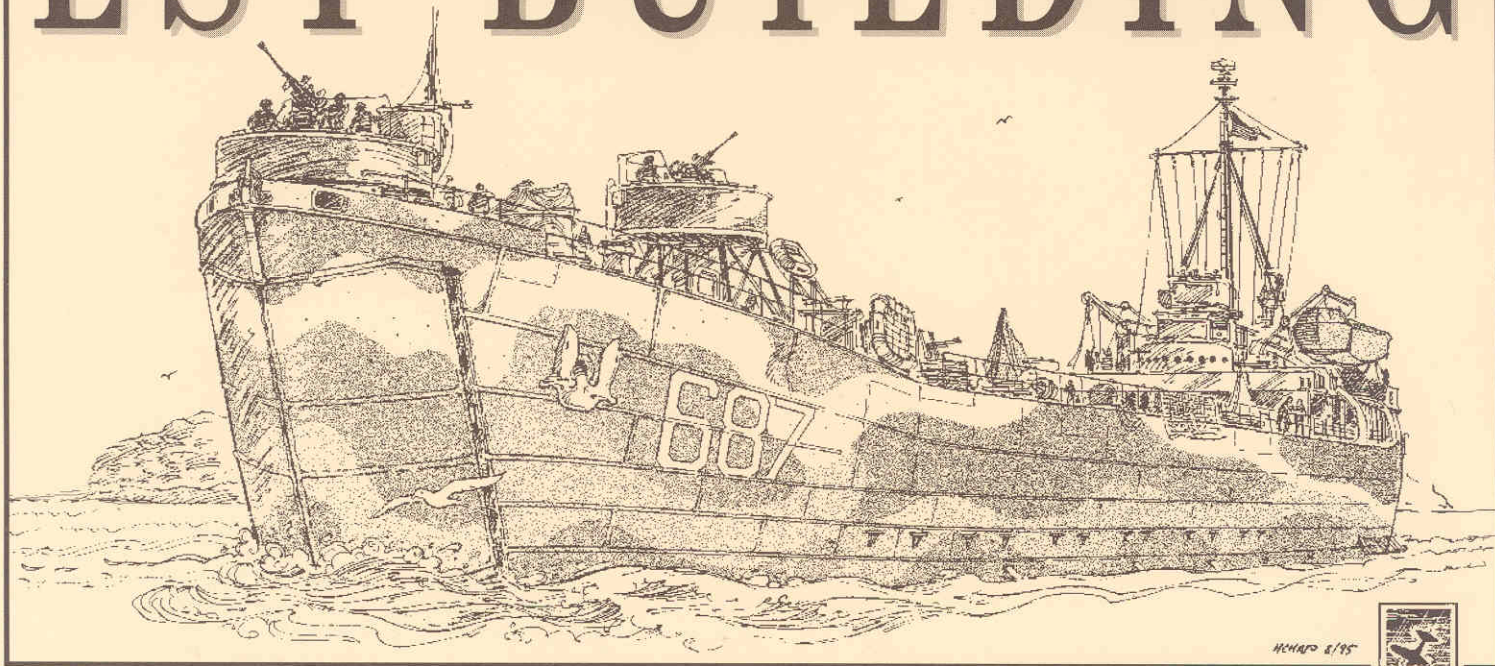


Visit the Historic Patton Museum LST BUILDING



Given numbers rather than names, *LST #687* shown here, was one of the few such vessels officially credited with the downing of enemy aircraft.



Constructed in 1943 this unusual building was used to design and test ventilation systems which would be employed on the soon to be built new series of Naval vessels called the LST.

The ***Landing Ship Tank*** would prove pivotal in World War II for its ability to bring heavy equipment and supplies onto the beaches of Normandy and the Islands of the Pacific Theater. This class of vessel would prove vital to the success of the Allied effort to invade Fortress Europe and wrestle the continent from the Nazi oppressors.

Able to hold 23 Shermans on its tank deck and an even greater number of lighter vehicles on the upper deck, the LST had the ability to ground itself directly onto the beach. The huge front loading doors and ramp allowed the LST to disgorge its cargo rapidly even under fire.

Originally designed to reproduce the interior of the LST, today the building serves as an annex to the Patton Museum and houses a large number of rare and one of a kind vehicles.

Located less than 1½ miles from the main Museum building. The Historic LST Building houses an extensive collection of rare and one of a kind vehicles.



EXPERIMENTAL M-5 TANK

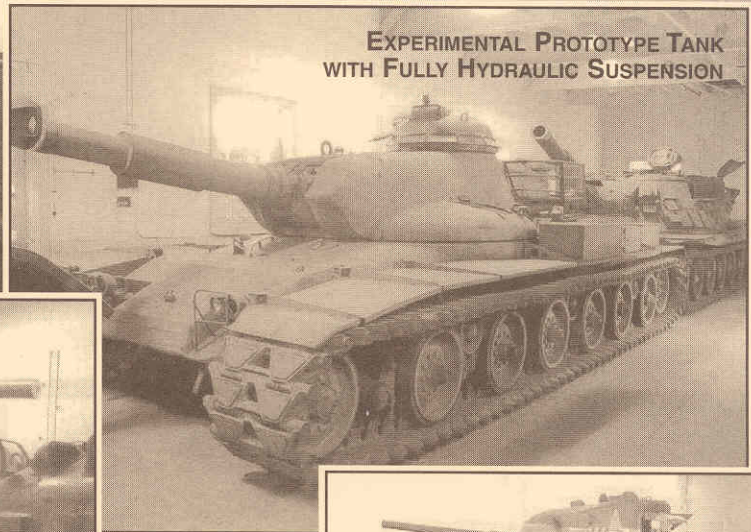
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LVT LANDING CRAFT USED PRIMARILY IN THE PACIFIC THEATRE



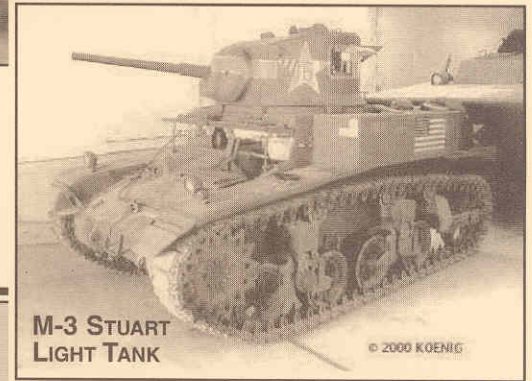
RARE U.S. HALF-TRACK WITH MOUNTED 105MM



EXPERIMENTAL PROTOTYPE TANK WITH FULLY HYDRAULIC SUSPENSION

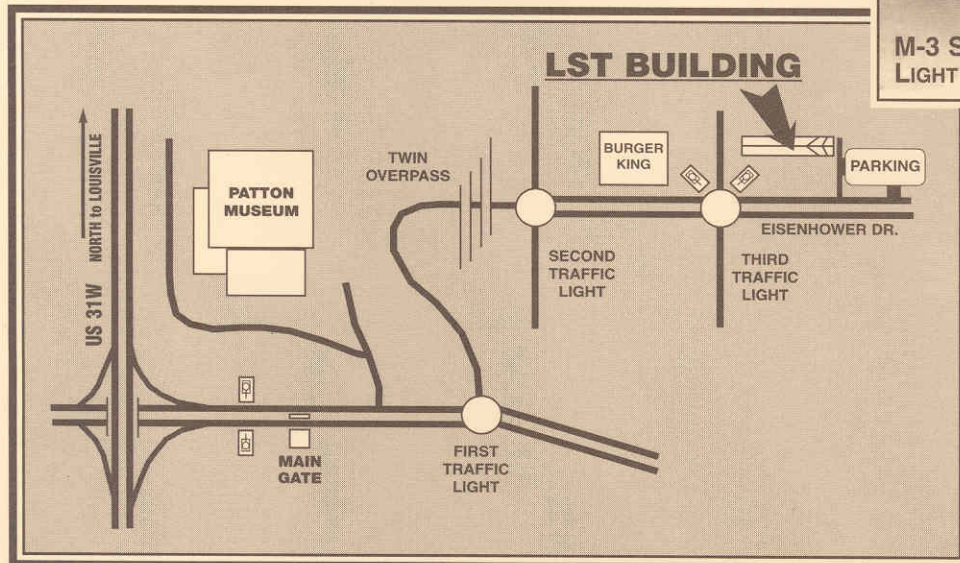


UP-ARMORED SHERMAN JUMBO



M-3 STUART LIGHT TANK

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An interesting collection of more than fifteen additional tanks and military vehicles are exhibited within the LST Building.

The LST is open to the public on a restricted schedule depending upon availability of volunteer and auxiliary Museum personnel.

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