



Victory at Last?
Parades and Pink Slips
August 29, 2020
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Saturday, August 29, 2020 at 1 PM – 2:30 PM

Online Event

Join rangers from three local parks for the symposium “Victory at Last? Parades and Pink Slips.” Speakers from Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park, the National Parks of Boston, and Lowell National Historical Park will explore 1945 as an economic, a social, and a military/political transition from war to peace. What was this year’s impact on workers involved in the defense industry, now quickly restructuring itself? This broad transition showed differing faces depending on location, industry, and worker identity. The topics of the four presentations and the presenters will be as follows:

"Patriotism or Prejudice?: Discrimination at the Charlestown Navy Yard"

Megan Woods of the National Parks of Boston

"Femmes and Homes: French-Canadian Women in RI and Post-WWII Housing"

with Allison Meyette of Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park

"Women at War, at Home: Lowell During World War II"

with Allison Horrocks of Lowell National Historical Park

"Boston Female Shipbuilders, Post-War"

with Polly Kienle of Boston National Historical Park, a unit of the National Parks of Boston

After the short presentations the moderator will lead the speakers in a group discussion. Audience comments and questions will be welcome.

This program is open and free to the public.

Access to the program is available via the following WebEx link:

<https://npsboston.webex.com/npsboston/j.php?MTID=m6f0e07b8dca74fa86f72bb3b4571db83>

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Image Description: The banner for this Facebook Event uses a background of three distinct black-and-white photographs. The first photograph shows a giant illuminated "V" with numerous people surrounding it, including uniformed sailors within the inside of the "V" and people with American flags standing at its' base. This photograph was taken by Leslie Jones and is located within the Leslie Jones Collection of the Boston Public Library, accessible via Digital Commonwealth. To the right and above the final image, the second image shows a smiling group of people, with predominantly women in the foreground, in the middle of Kearney Square in Lowell, celebrating the end of World War II in the Pacific. This image is courtesy of the collections of Lowell National Historical Park. The final image, below the second, shows a large group of people, predominantly women, standing in the Charlestown Navy Yard along First Avenue; they are somber in their demeanor. This photograph is from "The Boston Navy Yard News" issue from May 19, 1945, courtesy of the National Parks of Boston curatorial collection. Overlain over these images in a pale brown rectangle with the same colored line surrounding it and text which reads "Victory at Last? Parades and Pink Slips August 29, 2020 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM EST."