

**TO CONTRIBUTE** to the Unalaska Tribal Hospital and/or the Atka Tribal Health Clinic Facilities Replacement Projects, or to learn more about our Unique History and Vision for Healing

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*"We don't know a great many things. We certainly don't know what the next forty years will bring. We don't know what it will mean to be Unangahalf way through the 21st century. Whatever it is, it should be the work of your collective hands and minds. It should be, as Solovyov's stories were, the work of this country, Tanang awaa. May the next 40 years be as pivotal and productive for you and your children as these 40 years have been."*

Ray Hudson, Speaking at Ounalashka Corp. annual meeting 2013

# The Time is Now

Your generous support and contributions **will** make a difference!

**Together** All Americans *CAN* Bring Full Circle the Healing Process for the *Unanga* through your generous support & sharing our vision to finally rebuild these critical healthcare facilities in the Aleutians Islands!

The new Unalaska Hospital and Atka Health Clinic will serve as beacons of hope as our Tribes strive to recover from their forgotten story of historical WWII trauma.

Let us, as fellow Americans, not forget the devastation of the war... and the tragic impact suffered as a result of this foreign attack on American soil in the Aleutians over 71 years ago.



## Our Story “The Forgotten War”

*In the long history of these United States, only one healthcare facility was destroyed by a foreign nation, leaving the community without adequate access to local health services: the 24-bed Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), hospital in Unalaska when Unalaska/Dutch Harbor was bombed by Japanese forces on June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 1942. It was during this invasion that the Unangan found themselves in the way of both the invading Japanese forces and the American forces during the Aleutian Campaign, often referred to as the “forgotten war”.*

*Ten days later, on June 14, 1942, the indigenous residents of Atka were forcibly evacuated from the island. The United States Navy burned the island structures to the ground, including its health clinic, to prevent use by the Japanese invaders.*

*As a result of these invasions, families were torn apart when nearly 900 Unangan (Aleut) were removed from their homes to Southeast Alaska, to abandoned canneries and old gold mine camps. One of every ten internees died at these camps from 1942 to 1945. Those that did return found that their homes, churches, and personal belongings had been destroyed or vandalized.*

*Others were taken prisoner of war by the Japanese and never returned.*

*As continuous inhabitants for over 9,000 years, the UnangaꝔ traditionally lived off the sea, in harsh weather and rugged land. The songs, dance, hunting skills, grass basketry, bentwood hats, and the resourceful use of bone, sinews, skins, stone, created a culture rich in traditions.*

## Our Goals

- Begin the Healing process for surviving UnangaꝔ traumatized by the wartime events
- Seek Congressional amendment of the “Aleutian and Pribilof Islands Restitution Act,” to authorize the U.S. to include authority to replace Aleutian health facilities & request concurrent and immediate appropriation of project funding
- Raise funding through federal, state, private, charitable and community sources to secure:
  - **\$43M to replace Hospital in Unalaska**
  - **\$4M to replace Clinic in Atka**
- Request Funding through the Indian Health Services for a Joint Venture Staffing package to fund operations of new facilities into the future



Destroyed 1942 BIA Hospital, Unalaska



Current Atka Clinic

## What you can do

- Learn about our UnangaꝔ people’s unique place in American history and help tell our story
- Advocate for Congressional action and funding to restore damage from WWII
- Provide charitable donations to help us secure the necessary funding for these projects