

The last battle

World War II is a popular topic again with the success of *Saving Private Ryan* in movie theaters, *When Trumpets Fade* on HBO and Stephen Ambrose's *Citizen Soldiers* in bookstores.

Those works are about events in the European theater, but for the United States, the war started and ended in the Pacific.

Texas A&M University-Commerce has a Web site — "Okinawa: The American Years, 1945-1972" — that explores the last battle of the war. Said Nick Sarantakes, an assistant professor of history who created and maintains the site: "The mission of this Web site is to provide people with the basic information about the American experience in Okinawa, and give them ideas on where to go to learn more."

History buffs can start at www.tamu-commerce.edu/coas/history/sarantakes/Okinawa.html