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The Central Intelligence Agency recently launched an enhanced and redesigned online gallery to highlight the Agency's museum and its holdings. The new section has a more modern look, improved navigation, an interactive timeline, new videos, descriptions of an additional 100 artifacts and expanded access to the Agency's historical collections.

The enhanced [museum virtual gallery](#) provides new content and a fresh look at exhibits few members of the public get the chance to see because they are located at our headquarters compound. In addition to updated photos and descriptions of the museum's holdings, visitors can browse a series of narratives highlighting the Agency's varied mission. They can read about CIA's role in the hunt for Usama Bin Ladin; see how the Cold War-era CIA used a disguised deep sea mining ship, the Glomar Explorer, during a highly secret six-year effort to retrieve a sunken Soviet submarine from the Pacific Ocean floor; and learn how the Agency used a carefully constructed ruse to rescue six Americans from Tehran in 1979.

The online exhibit shares how some technologies developed for CIA ultimately benefited the public. For example, battery-technology advances led to new and efficient means to power medical devices and consumer goods—like pacemakers and digital cameras—and technology developed to help analyze satellite imagery now aids radiologists in comparing digital x-ray images for the detection of breast cancer.

“Our virtual museum encourages visitors to explore in their own way information and artifacts—some recently declassified, and we designed it with a variety of users in mind,” said CIA Museum Director Toni Hiley. Following trends in contemporary museum web design, the museum site has something for “skimmers” who want to look for basic information and facts quickly. “Swimmers” who want additional information can access more history, artifacts, descriptions, and photographs. Lastly, for “divers” who want even more detail, the site provides links to other articles and material on CIA.gov.

Mobile users can also try out the new museum pages [here](#).