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Description: In this 2500 sq. ft. permanent exhibit at the new Maritime Center, St. Simons Historic Coast Guard Station, visitors tour the immaculately restored WPA building with "Ollie," a personification of one of the original Coasties stationed at the site. The history of the Coast Guard at St. Simons and the nature of the Georgia barrier islands is presented with engaging story lines, rich graphics, ambient sounds and low-tech interactives. World War II artifacts including ones salvaged from German torpedoed tankers lend stark authenticity. Numerous wildlife carvings of birds and turtles in exacting detail blend in with environmental messages and Ollie's field notes he records as he explores the island. His letters home depict the country at war and how the Southeast coast became an undeniable part of the conflict. A digital theater and vibrant gift shop complement the bright and colorful exhibit.

Location: St. Simons Island, Georgia

Client: Coastal Georgia Historical Society, Inc.

