

## **TYPE 59-I MAIN BATTLE TANK**

**Service: 1959 to Present**

**The Type 59 is a Chinese built version of the Soviet T-54A. It has a few modifications, but the two are essentially the same. The Type 59-I was cheaper to make in China and was sold to many of their allies world wide.**

**The main armament is a 100mm gun, with two a 7.62mm machine guns and a 12.7mm AA machine gun on the turret. The crew of four consisted of the commander, gunner, driver and loader.**

**Mechanically is sound and easy to maintain. The main gun is assisted by a laser range finder, a hydraulic servo but a fairly simple fire control preventing the tank from firing on the move.**

**Turret Dome Vent**

**Bore Evacuator**

**IR Spotlight**

**100mm Main Gun**

**Commander  
IR Spotlight**

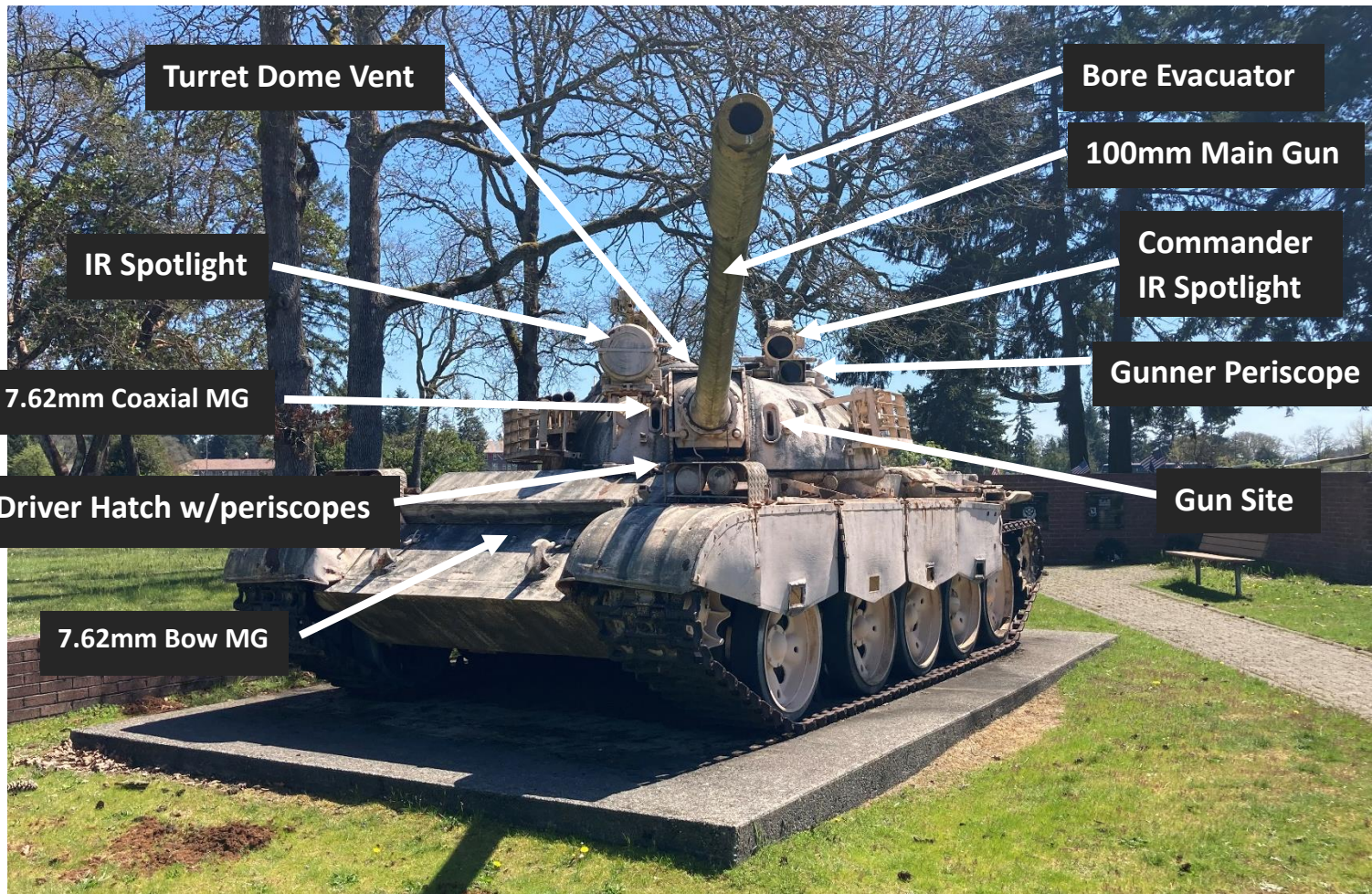
**7.62mm Coaxial MG**

**Gunner Periscope**

**Driver Hatch w/periscopes**

**Gun Site**

**7.62mm Bow MG**





**Smoke Grenade Launchers**

**Bussell Rack**

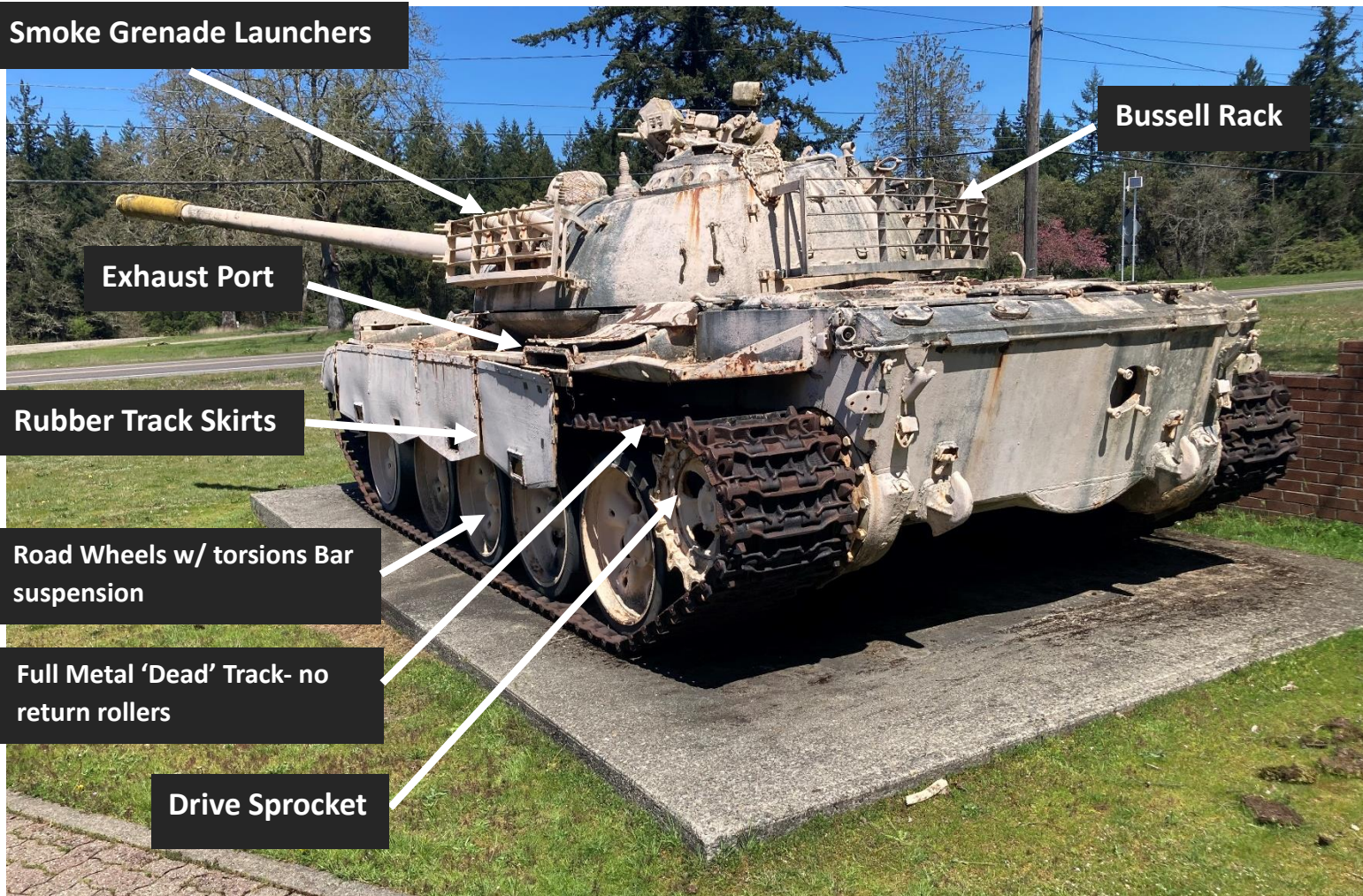
**Exhaust Port**

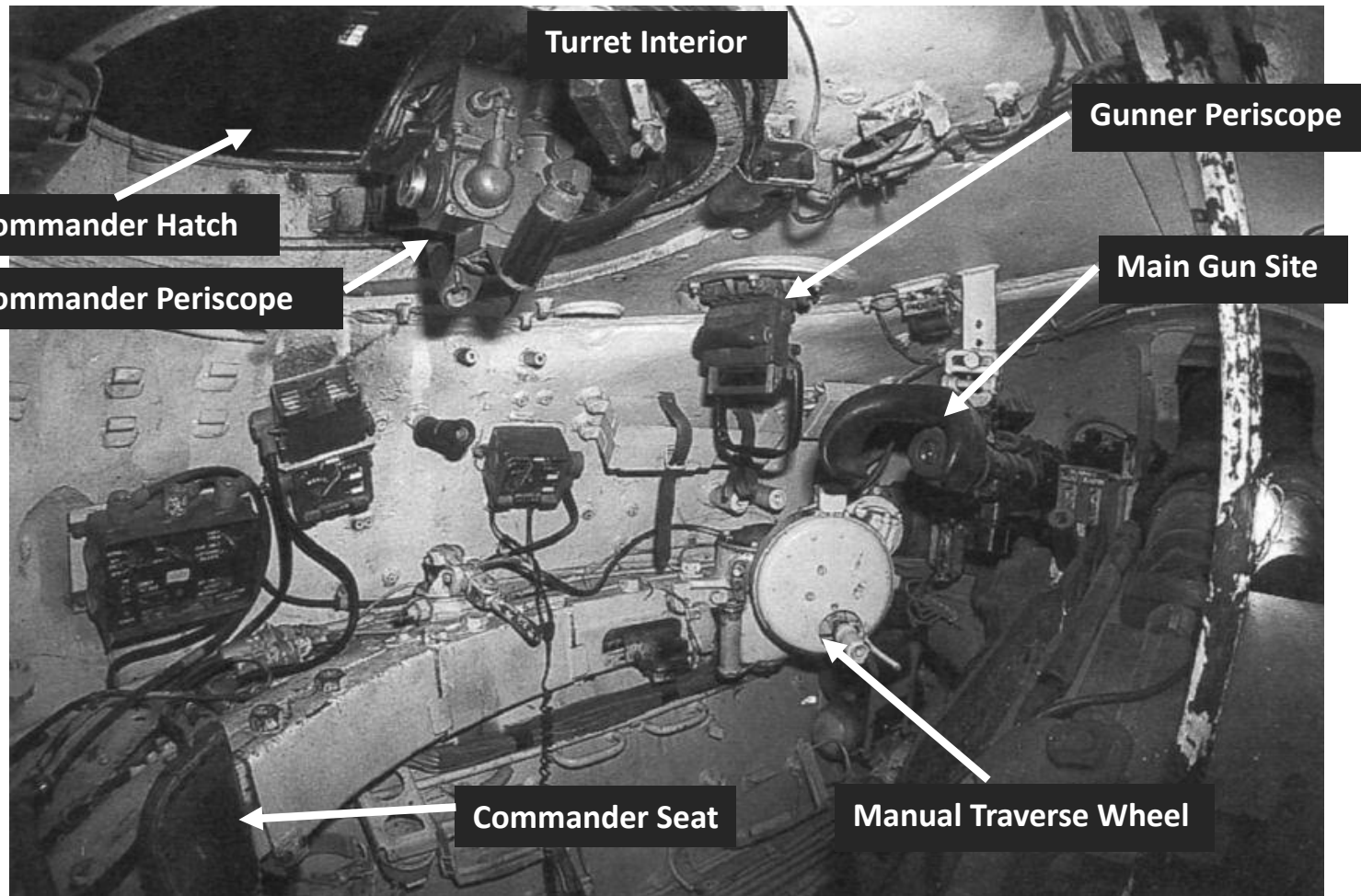
**Rubber Track Skirts**

**Road Wheels w/ torsions Bar suspension**

**Full Metal 'Dead' Track- no return rollers**

**Drive Sprocket**







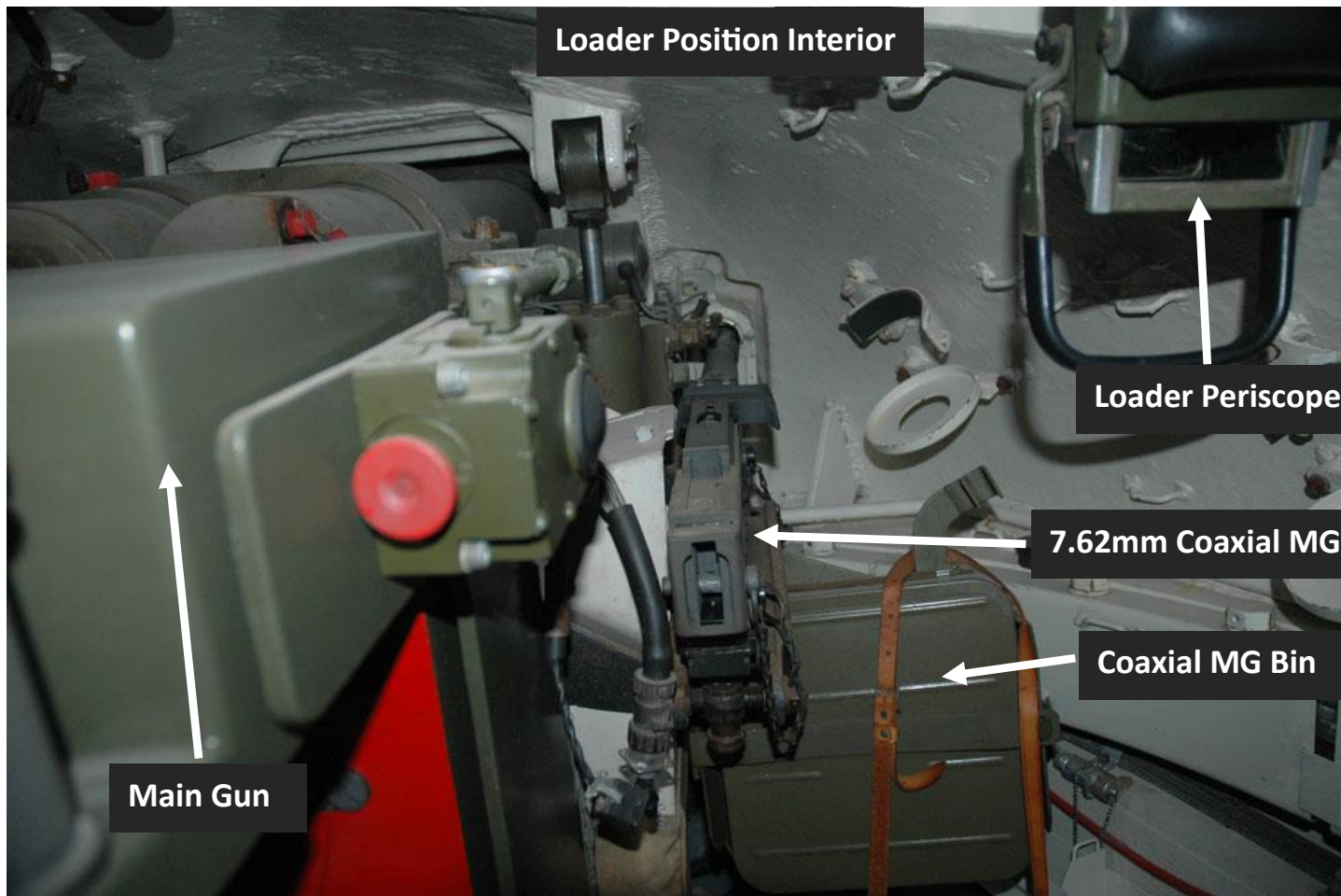
Loader Position Interior

Loader Periscope

7.62mm Coaxial MG

Coaxial MG Bin

Main Gun



**Driver Position**

**Steering Brake Levers**

**Driver Periscope**

**Air Tanks for  
Engine Starter**

**Bow MG**

**Clutch**

**Brake**

**Accelerator**

**Shift Lever**

**Driver Seat**

