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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

We extend our sincere thanks to all of our membership who have recently joined or have renewed for the 2009 calendar year. If you have not already joined or donated to the PNG Museum, the Museum is a non-profit organization under 501 (C) (3). You can do so by sending your tax-deductible dollars by check to.
Dear General Smoker,

From the Board of Directors and entire membership of the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum past and present, we wish to personally thank you for your untiring leadership and initiative in founding our magnificent Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum. Your consistent, generous donation of time and energy is immeasurable. We are honored by your faithful service and support of this treasure that reflects the proud and continued history of our Soldiers and Airmen who have served our Community, Commonwealth and Nation.

Your dedication and leadership for more than 12 years, including your direction as our founder and President of the Board of Directors, set in motion the collection of treasure that has become the envy of other military museums. It stands today as a proud reflection of the service of so many. Under your leadership, you created an urgency to capture the mementos of those serving in past conflicts and of those serving today in far off lands. Your initiatives to raise resources, to construct new facilities that house artifacts and to recover and preserve historical buildings give the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum meaning and purpose.

Your contribution of your life experiences and knowledge of our National Guard’s home at Fort Indiantown Gap resulted in the compilation of a history of Indiantown Gap Military Reservation that serves today as a key reference for our service members and for our communities located nearby. For that we are truly grateful.

After more than 12 years as our Board President, we now have a Military Museum that our service members, past and present, can be proud of. To that end, we again thank you for your dedication and leadership. We appreciate that you will continue to serve as a member of our Board of Directors and hereafter will be titled our President Emeritus.

Sincerely,

WALTER F. PUDLOWSKI
Major General, USA (Retired)
President,
PA National Guard Military Museum
MUSEUM FACEBOOK FANS
REACH 100

In our last newsletter, we announced the addition of a Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum Facebook page. Our fan base has been slowly growing over the past few weeks. It has been a great way to tell friends of the museum about new additions to our museum web site as well as post reminders of upcoming events.

It has also been a great way for fans to tell us and each other about events. Fans of the museum can leave feedback, ask questions, or post pictures. Members of the 109th Field Artillery have posted pictures of the 28th Infantry Division/National Guard Race Car at the Kingston Armory MotorSports Show, the Wyoming Valley Veteran’s Day Parade and community service projects that they have been involved with.

If you haven’t become a fan yet, just visit our web site at:
www.pngmilitarymuseum.org
and click on the link to become a fan.

CURATOR’S CORNER

People may not associate the National Guard of Pennsylvania with the Gettysburg battlefield, but between 1884 and 1912 the entire Pennsylvania Division, later to become the 28th Infantry Division, held their two-week annual training encampments on the battlefield, near the site of Pickett’s charge, eight times.

In this 1902 photograph we find a group of soldiers from Company B, 10th Regiment, of New Brighton, Pa. A supply sergeant is leaning against a cannon wheel. The first sergeant stands third from the left. He is believed to be Wilbur R. Harris. More soldiers and some civilians can be seen in the background of this photograph made on Little Round Top.

In 1895 the Gettysburg Battlefield Memorial Association transferred 850 acres of its grounds, along with its beautiful monuments, to the care and protection of the national government, and by an act of congress, and it became a national park.
MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

We would also like to thank everyone that has recently renew their membership. Although space constraints prevent us from listing everyone, we would like to recognize as many patrons as we can. Here is a partial list of Family and Regular memberships of those that renewed:

Doris Large (Regular)
Ralph Braden (Family)
Walter Pudlowski (Family)
Elbert Jemison, Jr. (Family)
Walter Zapotoczny (Regular)
Damian J. M. Smith (Regular)
George Ruhl (Regular)
Frederick Bailey (Regular)
Robert Glosson (Family)
James MacVay (Regular)
Alan Gallagher (Regular)
Lloyd Bortzfield (Regular)
Martin Kuhar (Regular)
Kenneth Boltz (Regular)
Pete Eisert (Regular)
Larry Erdley (Family)
Chandra Capps (Regular)
Michael Moy, Sr. (Regular)
Robert Lundy, Jr. (Regular)
Walter L. Stewart (Family)
John Becker (Regular)
Milan Lipensky (Business)
Lebanon Building Supply Company
Ted Herman (Regular)
Willis Friese, Jr. (Regular)
Leonard Schott (Regular)
David Demmy, Sr. (Regular)
Frank Homa, Jr. (Regular)
Ted Nichols II (Regular)
Mark Thomas (Regular)
Thomas McCabe (Regular)
James Craig, Jr. (Regular)
Richard Weber, Jr. (Regular)
Joseph DePaul (Regular)

MEMBERSHIP DUES BEING INCREASED IN MAY

Due to the increased cost in mailing and supplies, the decrease in grants programs, budget cuts, the decrease in sponsorships in this sluggish economy, the Board of Directors regretfully had to increase the museum membership dues. The new rates are:

$15 Individual
$30 Family (3 or more)
$100 Corporate/Business

We regret any inconvenience that this causes you and hope that you will continue to support us as you have in the past. The last time the museum raised museum rates was five years ago. This is the second time in our 24 year history that we had to raise the membership dues.

ENCOURAGE A FRIEND TO BECOME A “FRIEND OF THE PENNSYLVANIA NATIONAL GUARD MILITARY”
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Major General Walter F. Pudlowski was born in Uniontown, PA and graduated from Pennsylvania State University. He began his military career began as an enlisted soldier in the United States Army in October 1965. He was commissioned following Officer Candidate School at Fort Knox, KY. His initial assignment was as a Training and Company Executive Officer in Company Y, 2d Basic Combat Training Brigade, Fort Dix, New Jersey. After a tour of duty as a transportation platoon leader in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968, he served as an operations and training officer at Headquarters, First United States Army. In 1970, he was assigned to the Army Tropic Test Center in Panama as the Chief of Test Support and as the Logistics Management Officer, culminating his active service in 1972.

He continued his service in the United States Army Reserve as a military instructor until 1975, when he joined the Pennsylvania Army National Guard’s 28th Infantry Division. This included a number of assignments in the 1st and 2nd Battalion’s of the 109th Infantry, operations officer and executive officer of the 55th Brigade. In 1986, he was assigned as the G3, 28th Infantry Division. He served as the 28th Infantry Division Chief of Staff and as the Deputy Commanding General for Maneuver. He was assigned as the Commanding General, 28th Infantry Division (Mechanized), prior to his assignment as the J3, National Guard Bureau from 13 October 2003 to 30 June 2004. Currently he holds the title of Special Assistant to the Director, Army National Guard, a position he assumed on 1 July 2004.

His military education includes; the U. S. Army Command and General Staff College, the Industrial College of the Armed Forces National Security Management Program and the U. S. Army War College.

General Pudlowski and his wife Elizabeth reside in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. General Pudlowski is the newly elected president of the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum as of January 2010.

SECOND ANNUAL
FOXHOLE GOLF TOURNAMENT

On September 11, 2010, the museum will hold its second annual golf tournament at Blue Mountain Golf Course in Fredericksburg. This is the museum’s major fundraiser of the year. If you didn’t attend last year’s event, you missed a great day of golf, fun and a terrific meal.

We need sponsors, golfers and volunteers to help the day of the event. Registration forms for golfers and sponsors can be found online on the events page of our web site at: www.pngmilitarymuseum.org. For more information, contact Sharon Flaig, Event Coordinator at 717-821-3790 or foxholegolf@gmail.com
BACK AT THE GAP BOOK
A SUCCESS

Major General Frank Smoker, the author of *Back at the Gap – The History of Fort Indiantown Gap*, is pleased to report that the sale of his book has been very successful. With nearly 500 copies sold, he has ordered and received an additional 200 copies. General Smoker expresses his thanks to everyone for purchasing the book which supports the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum since the proceeds from the sale of this book will accrue to the museum.

Books are on sale for $25 at the museum or from General Smoker. If the book is ordered by mail, the cost is $30 postpaid, and the check should be made payable to the author at 100 East Herman Avenue, Lebanon, PA 17042.

NEW 28TH INFANTRY DIVISION BOOK


In this captivating anthology, the stories of the sacrifices of the men and women of the 28th Infantry Division are captured from personal accounts and from the official records. The reader gains a rare incite into what it takes to be a Soldier in today’s 28th Infantry Division. This book gives a great detailed historical account of the 28th ID and is recommend to any individual with an interest in military history. General Jerry Beck was instrumental in the publishing of this book. This book is available from the 28th Infantry Division Association and on Amazon.
CAVALRY DISPLAY GETS UPDATE

The Cavalry exhibit (located on the 2nd floor of the museum) represents the 1915 Pennsylvania Cavalry. The updated cavalry display includes a horse tack box and a Pennsylvania Calvary Trooper. This display was made possible by the donated items of Mr. Richard Armagost and by the volunteer work of Mr. John Schreffler who puts together our museum displays.

ASMIC MEETING

The PNGMM recently held the American Society of Military Insignia Collectors (ASMIC). The organization is the oldest and largest organization of collectors of military insignia in the world. This non-profit society has more than 3,000 members in over two dozen foreign countries. More than 45 members attended the March event and saw various collections.

2010 VISITORS ON TRACK TO EXCEED 2009 VISITATION

Our museum curator, Mr. Charles B. Oellig is proud to report that for the calendar year 2009 the museum had:

- 1,962 signed visitors
- 297 requests for information
- 38 group tours

Based upon these figures, we are currently on pace to exceed our museum attendance for calendar year 2010. The museum is open over 1,000 hours each year for the viewing public for tours or for historical research.
GUARD DAY AT THE CAPITOL

The annual guard day at the capital was a huge success. It gives soldiers and airman the opportunity to meet the senators and representatives of our legislative body as well as the general public to see the military and show their appreciation.

The museum had a Distinctive Unit Insignia (DUI) and Heraldry display at this year’s event. Other military units included the 28th Infantry Division, 213th Area Support Group, 111th Fighter Wing, 171st Air Refueling Wing and the 193rd Special Operations Wing also had displays at the event.

MILITARY MUNITIONS RESPONSE PROGRAM

The Military Munitions Response Program was recently held at the Community Club at Fort Indiantown Gap. Visitors were able to see various military, environmental and museum displays regarding the future clean-up of military munitions in the local area.

The military museum provided a varied sampling of military munitions for display. Hand grenades and artillery shells ranging from 556 mm to 155mm were available for the public to view.
UPCOMING EVENTS

ARMED FORCES DAY
15 MAY 2010

The 9th Annual Armed Forces Day will be held on May 15th on City Island, Harrisburg, PA. A Joint Services Military Event co-hosted by the City of Harrisburg and the PA National Guard.

In grateful appreciation to the dedication, courage and sacrifice of the men and women who serve in this nation’s military forces, the City of Harrisburg was honored to play host to this magnificent Armed Forces Day event again. It is an exciting event-filled day of FREE activities for the whole family. All branches of the service are there with information, live demonstrations, displays, live music and military equipment. The day starts off with a 5k run/walk at 8:00 am. Exhibits are opened at 9:00 am.

BOALSBURG MEMORIAL SERVICES
16 MAY 2010

The 28th Infantry Division Association will be dedicating two new monuments this year. The first is its Korean Call Up Monument and the second is its 28th Division Band Monument on May 16, 2010 at the Pennsylvania State Military Museum in Boalsburg, PA. The 28th Infantry Division Honor Guard presents wreaths to all of the Division Monuments during the Memorial Services. Services begin at 1:00 pm and open to the general public free of charge.

21 June
21st Historic Annville Days
Annville, PA

21 Aug
ASMIC Meeting
PNG Military Museum
Fort Indiantown Gap
Annville, PA

8-11 Sep
28th Infantry Division Reunion
Fort Indiantown Gap
Annville, PA

11 Sep
2nd Foxhole Golf Tournament
Blue Mountain Golf Course
Fredericksburg, PA

www.28thinfantrydivisionassoc.org
DONATIONS

-Two bibles donated from the Task Force Eagle (SFOR 12) mission in Bosina by Major Christopher Ferara.

-New Bollen Bomb Range patch donated by Emil Balusek.

-A group of four Pennsylvania National Guard license plated donated by COL. (Ret.) Steve Rucker on behalf of the Arkansas National Guard Military Museum.

-Task Force Odin II, Afghanistan patch donated by WO2 David A. Sakmar.

-M1896, .38 Caliber Pistol Cartridge Box donated by Ms. Trish Gray and Charles Kern.

-One .50 caliber WWII ammo box and two new 10,000 BTU air conditioners from Mr. Francis O’Day.

-Company B, 28th Aviation Battalion patch donated by Major General Walter Stewart.

-A soldier’s individual Pay Record from Honolulu, Hawaii; a pass for an Enlisted Man from Headquarters-Central Pacific Area (1944); an Immunization Shot record (1944); and meal ticket for meals on the troop ship USS DeGrasse (1945) donated by Mr. Robert F. McCall.

NEW MEMBER OF THE BOARD ANNOUNCED

The Museum Board of Directors would like to announce the appointment of Mr. Carl Magagna to the Board. Mr. Magagna has a long service record with the military. His experience will be an asset to the museum as we grow our museum and preserve our history in the years to come.

NEW GRAVEL PARKING LOT

Our two record snow storms in February made a muddy mess of the museum parking lot when the flakes finally melted. We would like to send out a HUGE THANKS to the Reservation Maintenance crew for the six to eight inch gravel base that cleaned up the mess. The new parking lot helps us keep the museum dust and dirt free and that is good for our displays.
BATTLE OF THE BULGE REENACTMENT

Every year on Fort Indiantown Gap Military Reservation honors the 81,000 American troops killed or wounded in the Battle of the Bulge in the Ardennes between December 16, 1944 and January 25, 1945. This year, the 65th Battle of the Bulge reenactment held in January as well as the mini reenactment battle held at the end of March 2010 recognizes the 600,000 American men who fought three German Armies in the Ardennes Forest of Belgium and Luxembourg and won the largest land battle ever fought by the U.S. Army. In the snow and sleet of the bitter winter of 1944-45, they turned an apparent defeat into what the British Prime Minister Winston Churchill called “an ever famous American victory.”

As in the past, hundreds of reenactors living in Area 12 and 13 brought together their military knowledge of the common soldier from both sides of the war. Also, almost 75 full scale vehicles were used included original Sherman and German tanks, half-tracks, trucks and jeeps.
WISH LIST

- Archival Boxes & Sheet Protectors (HW).
- Metal archival bookshelves for storage of our various historic books, military manuals, and film products.
- 8 Large showcases (6’ or 8’) for Range House and 2 Flat showcases for books and patches. Along with several large map drawer cabinets for storage of guidons, regimental colors, and military maps.
- Various Pennsylvania DUIs (unit crests) and military patches of our different units. There is a great need to bring our military patch collection up to date especially in our aviation history. This includes our Army aviation and the many various Air Guard squadrons and detachments. We are looking for both current and past/obsolete items for our collection.

HOURS

Hours are 10:00-4:30 (Monday & Friday). To schedule an appointment to visit the museum at a time not listed, call our Command Historian Sgt Smith at 717-861-2464, the Museum Director Mr. Charlie Oellig at the museum Monday & Friday at 717-861-2402 or the Manager of Cultural Resources Ms. Rita Menses at 717-861-9415.

DIRECTIONS

From I-81, take exit 85B, Fort Indiantown Gap exit, and proceed north on Route 934. At the first red light on post, turn right onto Service Road. The museum is located at the corner of Service Road and Wiley Road, building number T-8-57. Look for the Civil War Cannon, Korean era tank and the museum signs on the right hand side.