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New Monument Installed at 28th ID Shrine

The 2/28 Fallen Warrior Memorial Committee has installed a new memorial at the 28th ID Shrine on the Pennsylvanian Military Museum grounds. It is similar to the one originally installed in Iraq in 2006 by the 2nd Brigade combat Team, 28th Division (2/28 BCT) which honored 83 fallen warriors.

The new monument was dedicated during the Sunday, May 20th Memorial Service held annually at Boalsburg. The crowd included soldiers from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the first Gulf War and those who served after 9/11. The Boalsburg memorial honored those warriors that paid the ultimate price. Soldiers from the brigade built the original memorial while they were in Iraq and that memorial was disassembled and reconstructed at Fort Indiantown Gap, PA.

Governor Tom Corbett was the keynote speaker at the ceremony, paying tribute to the division in which he served for 1971 to 1984. Corbett praised the soldiers for loving their country and their state. The Boalsburg memorial honored those warriors that paid the ultimate price. Soldiers from the brigade built the original memorial while they were in Iraq and that memorial was disassembled and reconstructed at Fort Indiantown Gap, PA.

The memorial at the 28th ID Shrine is similar to the one built in Iraq, but is constructed out of granite and steel. The memorial consists of an iron obelisk on a pedestal resting on a platform. The surface of the obelisk is pitted and scarred with holes. Inside the obelisk, dog tags from each fallen warrior are suspended from chains. A light shines on the dog tags from the base and as the wind passes through the structure, the dog tags move with a wind chime suspended below them, like the quiet whispers of the fallen as they continue to speak to us.
NEW BOOK ON THE PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATORS

Photo by SGT Damian J. M. Smith

Long time friend and supporter of the museum, Mr. Joseph Seymour in May 2012 published his book on the Pennsylvania Associators. The book is just shortly over 300 pages and discusses the history of the earliest Pennsylvania National Guard units. Mr. Seymour has served in the Pennsylvania National Guard and currently works for the Center of Military History (CMH) at Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington D.C.

Known at various times as the Military Association of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Association, or simply Associators, the long-neglected organization represented a new constituency in Pennsylvania politics and by extension, a new American response to arbitrary rule. Organized on December 7, 1747, at Philadelphia, the Military Association, an all-volunteer military establishment pledged to the defense of Pennsylvania, served as the de facto armed force for Pennsylvania, a colony whose leadership, a loose coalition of Quaker and German pacifists, land barons, and merchants, foresaw military preparedness on religious and ideological grounds.

For the Associators, including their most noted supporter, Benjamin Franklin, a defenseless colony was no longer practical. During the War of Austrian Succession and again in the Severn Year’s War, Associators organized defense efforts in defiance of the Pennsylvania colonial leaderships.

Associators also helped defend American Indian refugees against the infamous Paxton Boys in 1764. By 1775, Associators found themselves as the colony’s only legitimate military leadership and, by capitalizing on electoral gains in the lead up to the American Revolution, Associators assumed offices vacated by former officials. During the critical battles of 1776, the Associators in their distinctive round hats and brown coats proved a decisive asset to the Continental Army.

For those interested. His book is available at Barnes and Noble under the ISBN number of 978-1-59416-160-5.
VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Ms. Stephanie Olsen started at the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum back in 2010 working out of the Environmental Office for the Military Department of Veterans Affairs (DMVA) for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

She has worked in the archives and the museum on many different projects including cataloging books and inputting several hundred records into the museum’s Past Perfect program.

DEDICATION OF MG FRANK SMOKER PORTRAIT

The Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum had commissioned an artist to create a portrait to honor Major General Frank Smoker, Jr.

Major General Smoker was our founder and first President. The portrait dedication took place on May 9, 2012 and was attended by the Smoker family and museum staff. A second portrait was presented as a gift to the Smoker family.

Photo by Tom Cherry

Photo by SGT Damian J. M. Smith
MUSEUM PICNIC

On Wednesday, May 23 the Pennsylvania National Guard held its 3rd Annual Museum Picnic.

We had an excellent turn out for this year’s event. The menu featured the usual picnic fare.

FACEBOOK UPDATE

The Museum is pleased to announce that our Facebook page has now reached 330 people. Based upon our webstats, one of our most popular aspects of our Facebook page is “This Day in History” which is updated several times during the week. The museum would like to continue this trend and to surpass 350 Facebook members by the end of the year.
WILLY’s MB JEEP

Our Willy’s MB Jeep restoration is nearing completion. With several new parts for the original engine, our volunteer Tom has been hard at work over the past few months.

MUSEUM RECEIVES GAS UPDATE

The facilities at Fort Indiantown Gap has been receiving a multi-million dollar infrastructure as they convert from oil fuel to natural gas. Included in this upgrade, the museum received new furnace equipment to handle the conversion from oil to gas.
Milton Hershey students conducted a Spring Cleanup at Fort Indiantown Gap. At the museum, the students racked leaves, piled and collected stones, planted flowers and mulched the flower beds.

The Milton Hershey School was established in 1909 by Mr. Milton Hershey and his wife Catherine to assist orphaned boys. The mission of the Milton Hershey School (MHS) today, is to nurture and educate children in financial and social need in keeping with Milton and Catherine Hershey’s Deed of Trust. Milton Hershey School is the largest residential pre-K through 12 school in the United States.  The Milton Hershey School provides free education, career training, housing, clothing, sustenance, health care, and counseling to over 1,100 racially and ethnically diverse boys and girls who are in financial need and social need.
REMODELING THANKS TO THE 201ST RED HORSE VOLUNTEERS

Moving the Range House 3 miles to new location

Range House in various stages restoration

Red Horse Volunteers Working on custom framing

Working on staircase

Building Lattice Frames

Putting up the railing on the front porch
Steps (Before)  Steps (After)

Main Entrance (Old)

Main Entrance (New)

Stabilizing the Top Floor before removing staircase

Old Electrical Panel  New Electrical Panel

Staff Duty Room (Right Side)
1890s RANGE HOUSE DEDICATION

This old building was said to have been constructed at the old Pennsylvania Rifle Range at Mount Gretna in 1890. Used to store targets, spotting scopes, and other related marksmanship items. It housed the officers and enlisted men who operated the ranges during competitive matches and qualification.

Little documentation has been found on the history of this building. However, there is ample photographic evidence to show that it has served the training of thousands of Pennsylvania National Guard marksmen since it was built in the late 1800s.

The move from the ranges at Fort Indiantown Gap to its present location was financed by a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. This grant also financed the restoration of the exterior of the building. The restoration of the interior was completed in 2010 by a dedicated group of retired veterans of the 201st Red Horse Squadron.
Major General Wesley E. Craig, The Adjutant General; Ms. Rita Meneses, Cultural Resource Manager for Department of Military and Veteran Affairs; Mr. Charles B. Oellig, Museum Director & Curator and Major General Walter F. Pudlowski, Museum President cut the official ribbon for the Range House. Photo by Tom Cherry

Members of the general public and employees of Fort Indiantown Gap begin to go thru the two story historical building. Photo by Tom Cherry

Some members of the general public in the main hallway of the Range House building. Photo by Tom Cherry

A member of the 201st Red Horse Squadron Veteran’s group explains to MG Craig some of the building characteristics from an early picture of the Range House at Mount Gretna. Photo by Tom Cherry

A laser copy of an original colored post card from Mount Gretna, from the 1890s.
DONATIONS

Mr. Jesse A. Speakman, a veteran of Battery D, 108th Field Artillery, 28th Infantry Division donated a World War I steel helmet; a pair of army Breeches, a wrist watch, several different banknotes in various currency dominations from different countries, military insignia, medals, several manuals and pamphlets, etc…. Several of these items can be seen here in the first three pictures.

This German Nazi flag was brought home after World War II by a member of the 28th Signal Company, 28th Infantry Division. On the flag, are the names and signatures by many of the members of the company.

A French World War II M1936 MAS Rifle.

Three various colors of M1963 U.S. Army plastic canteens.
A World War I U.S. Army Field Cap.

A World War II 37mm projectile.

Three uniforms, and overcoat, a cap, several documents, photographs certificates, insignia of the 1930s. This collection belonged to Major Daniel G. Snyder who served with the 103rd Cavalry, Pennsylvania National Guard.

Stokes Mortar 3 Inch projectile was donated to the museum. The Stokes Mortar was a British Trench Mortar invented by Sir Wilfred Stokes KBE which was used by British and American troops during the latter half of the First World War. This High Explosive (HE) weighed 10 pounds, 11 oz and had an effective range of 750 yards.

The above picture is one of two framed group of pictures of Major General Martin. These were both donated by Major General Wesley Craig, The Adjutant General of Pennsylvania on behalf of Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) to the museum collection.
MUSEUM RECEIVES 75MM PACK HOWITZER

The PNGMM recently received a 75mm Pack Howitzer for the museum collection thru the help of USPFO. This Pack Howitzer would be used on one of our World War II jeeps for various historical events and displays.

MACK MUSEUM RECEIVES RARE TRUCK FROM FORT INDIANTOWN GAP

The five ton U.S. Army truck that arrived at Fort Indiantown Gap several years ago to be used as a target on the Bolen Bombing Range has been saved.

With the Cooperation of personnel at the U.S. P.F.O at Indiantown Gat it has been transferred to the Mack Truck Museum in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

This truck is quite rare with only a few have survived. During World War II, there were roughly 30,000 of these vehicles made for the military. Most were left in Europe after the war. Currently there are only five of these vehicles known to exist and only 3 are in the United States. Of the five only 3 are fully restored. This model is was made in the last year of the war production.
### MUSEUM WISH LIST

If you have objects that you are interested in donating to the Museum, please contact us at (717) 861-2402. Please have some information regarding the item types, their age or the conflict where they are related to, their connection to Pennsylvania, your contact information, and, if possible, photographs of the object ready. The more information the better. Below is just some of what we are looking for:

- Armory items from Across the State
- World War II M-1 Carbine

- American Civil War Items
- Spanish American War Items
- Items from Mt. Gretna during the time the Pennsylvania National Guard trained there
- Military History books for our museum and archive library
- Kosovo Items (PA Guard Items)
- Bosnia Items (PA Guard Items)
- OIF Items (PA Guard Items)
- OEF Items (PA Guard Items)

### 2012 CALENDAR OF HISTORY & EVENTS

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Cultural Resource Management Award

By Chris Sholly
Lebanon Daily News (18 April 2012)

FORT INDIANTOWN GAP—For the past 16 years, Rita Meneses has been working as the Cultural Resource Manager with the National Guard in both Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Among her many duties, she has been the go-between for the National Guard and American Indian tribes with ancestral ties to early tribes that once lived or hunted on the 17,000 acre area that has been a military installation for the last century.

On Tuesday, Hershell E. Wolfe, deputy assistant secretary of the Army presented Meneses with the Cultural Resource Management Award during a luncheon at the Keystone Conference Center at Fort Indiantown Gap. The award was given to Meneses for all the work she has done to protect the cultural resources at the installation.

“ar a lot of it is about saving money by partnering with other people by getting grants,” Meneses said. “I’m very thankful that I have people to work with who give me the ability to go and do my job and support me.” For example, she said, whenever there is a construction project on the military base in northern Lebanon County, officials must notify all the tribes that have historical ties to Pennsylvania “in case we would find any funerary objects, or bones, or anything that belongs to them.”

Meneses said the military has not found any significant Indian artifacts at the locations where there has been construction so far. “We have found many 18th-century and 19th-century farming implements but not Native American artifacts, but that’s not to say we won’t (in the future),” she said.

Meneses said there are rumors that there were Indian villages located throughout the Gap area. In a lot of cases, it’s been said that they were merely for hunting, and they had encampments here but didn’t actually live here,” she added.

The name Indiantown Gap comes from the fact that there were many Indian villages in the vicinity and the fact that they used the separation in the Blue Mountains as a short route to Shamokin, according to SGT Damian-Jeffrey M. Smith, the Pennsylvania National Guard’s Command Historian.

Tuesday’s ceremony and luncheon was part of a three-day workshop in which the Pennsylvania Army National Guard and 15 American Indian tribes talked about issues of mutual interest. The workshop began Monday. National guard spokeswoman Joan Nissley pointed out that this is the first time the tribes have been invited to meet with the military at the installation. “Previously, we’ve only corresponded with them via letters,” she said. “This is our first face-to-face meeting with members of the tribes that
have ancestral history here.” Adjutant General Major General Wesley E. Craig was very supportive of bringing the tribes into Pennsylvania for the first time Nissley added. “It’s very significant for us,” she said. “We are developing a relationship with the tribal members, so it’s a dialogue with them.

There are about 560 federally recognized American Indian tribes in the United States. The 15 tribes that have connections to Pennsylvania are: Absentee-Shawnee of Oklahoma; Cayuga Nation of New York; Delaware Nation; Delaware Tribe of Indians; Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; Oneida Indian Nation of New York; Oneida Indian Nation of Wisconsin; Onondaga Nation of New York; Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe; Seneca Nation; Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma; Shawnee Tribe; Tonawanda Band of Seneca; Tuscarora Nation of New York; and Wyandotte Tribe of Oklahoma. Of these, seven are represented at the workshop. Meneses said she has met many of the tribal members at similar workshops in other states. “We’re talking about interests they have here, what they want from us, how we can be better serve them,” she said. “We will discuss our mutual interests.”

Mr. Charles B. Oellig is being honored by the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania for his efforts in preserving the history of this great Commonwealth though his work with the Pennsylvania National Guard Military museum at Fort Indiantown Gap.

A former member of the Pennsylvania National Guard, Mr. Oellig retiree from the Pennsylvania State Museum. He has dedicated himself to the success of the Pennsylvania National Guard military Museum since its establishment more than twenty-five years ago. Serving as the Curator and Director of the museum, Mr. Oellig has nearly tripled its size and has brought in many significant donations to its collections. He makes himself available for special tour groups, creates the displays, cares for the collections and also participates in regularly scheduled activities at Fort Indiantown Gap, including Battle of the Bulge reenactments. Demonstrating outstanding loyalty to the noble goals and principles of the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum, Mr. Oellig has generously contributed to the welfare of the organizations throughout his years of valuable service.

MUSEUM DIRECTOR RECEIVES AWARD

MUSEUM TOUR GROUPS

Native American Indian Tribes Group
US Army Battle Staff Course Group #5
US Army Battle Staff Course Group #6
Matt Miskie Foundation
Philadelphia Police Explorer Scouts
353rd CACOM
US Army Battle Staff Course Group #7
US Army Battle Staff Course Group #8

Photo by SSG Matthew Jones
MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP

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PNG Military Museum  
Building T-8-57  
Fort Indiantown Gap  
Annville, PA 17003-5003

Although space constraints prevent us from listing everyone who has joined or renewed their PNGMM memberships over the last couple of months, we would like to recognize as many patrons as we can. Here is a list of partial listings of Regular, Family, and Business memberships for the ending of the 2011 year to the beginning of the 2012 year.

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William Bull (Regular)  
Millie Clay (Regular)   
Mary Sibrava (Life)

FINANCIAL DONATIONS

We would like to thank those members and patrons of the military museum who donated financial support (above their membership) for the care of artifacts or in memory of someone who has served.

Frederick H. Bailey  
Donald K. Young  
Raymond Vandzura  
James M. Skiff  
David Klinepeter  
James DuHamel

NEW

“LIFE” MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Directors of the museum is pleased to announce that a new Individual Lifetime Membership category has been created in response to requests from members. The Lifetime Membership is effective immediately at a cost of $250 and may be activated by current members at any time. It is an option you may wish to consider now or at the time of renewal of your current membership.

There is a new policy of sending reminder letters prior to the expiration of date of your annual membership has also been put into effect to assist members in keeping their membership current. Questions about either of these items can be directed to Rick Shertzer or any Board member using the contact information on the newsletter.
Can you help us solve this museum mystery?

This 24” x 24” bronze plaque was found abandoned in a field at Sand Beach near Hershey, Pennsylvania several months ago.

Although it is only fourteen years old, we can find no one who knows where this marker originally came from.

If you have any information about it’s history please call Charles Oellig, Museum Curator at 717-861-2402 or SGT Damian J. M. Smith, Command Historian at 717-861-2464 or email at C-DAMSMITH@pa.gov

Photo by Sgt Ted Nichols II

CURATOR’S CORNER by CHARLES B. OELLIG

Bryon J. Fuller was born July 25, 1873 in South Gibson, Pennsylvania. He first enlisted in the New York National Guard on June 30, 1895 and served until June 1, 1899.

He then enlisted in the National Guard of Pennsylvania on October 7, 1914 and rose through the ranks to sergeant in August of 1917. He had served on the Mexican Border from July 1, 1916 to October 18, 1916 with Company D, Third Regiment, NGP.

Fuller received a commission as 2nd Lieutenant, Quartermaster Corps on August 15, 1917. He was promoted to the temporary rank of Captain December 21, 1917 to February 25, 1918 while on active duty for World War I. He reverted to his old rank of 1st Lieutenant on December 22, 1921 in the newly reorganized 28th Division. He is pictured here as the postal officer in charge of the “new” 28th Division Postal Section with a staff of five men including his son Stanley C. Fuller. Lieutenant served Byron Fuller served until April of 1934 with 39 years of service.

This is the 35th in a series of historical photographs of the Pennsylvania National Guardsmen of the past, submitted by Charles B. Oellig, curator of the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum.
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Fort Indiantown Gap  
Annville, PA 17003-5003

**HOURS**

Hours are 10:00-4:30 (Monday & Friday).

To schedule an appointment to visit the museum at a time not listed, call our Museum Director, Mr. Charlie B. Oellig at the museum Monday & Friday at 717-861-2402, our Command Historian, SGT Damian J. M. Smith, at 717-861-2464, or the Cultural Resources Manager, Ms. Rita Meneses at 717-861-9415.

**DIRECTIONS**

From I-81, take exit 85B(northbound) or exit 85 (southbound), Fort Indiantown Gap exit, and proceed north on Route 934. At the first red light on post, turn right onto Service Road. Drive four tenths of a mile down the 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.