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YEAR OF REVIEW

The year 2013 was a productive and steadfast year for the museum. While our tour group numbers were down slightly for 2013, our website surpassed more than 650,000 hits, and Facebook membership has increased to over 500 members. The site has several weekly posts of national and military history.

Major items for the museum include continuing work on our three World War II and Korean era jeeps to full running capabilities, the rehabilitation of the 109th Infantry Chapel, and the improvement of historical outreach programs. Below are just a few of the numbers from the museum from the year:

Museum Visitors (Signed in) 1,603
Museum Tour Groups 25
Face Book Members: 507
Museum Website 2013 stats include:
   -Unique Visitors 19,511
   -Website Visitors 26,765
   -Pages Viewed 70,189
   -Website Hits 657,245
   -Bandwidth Data 28.94 GB

MUSEUM NEWSLETTER
NOW AVAILABLE ELECTRONICALLY

The Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum Newsletter is now available in electronic format for those who wish to receive it via e-mail instead of traditional mail delivery. In response to requests from a number of members, the Museum is saving paper and postage by making the newsletter available electronically.

If you wish to discontinue receipt of paper copies of future newsletters, please take a moment and note that when we send you your renewal notice and the Application for Membership to provide a current e-mail address on the application for our use in sending the next newsletter to you. If you have an email address, we encourage you to try this approach and see if it works for you. If you decide it is not to your liking, simply call, write, or send an e-mail using the contact information provided below, and we will put you back on the traditional mailing list. The electronic newsletter is in a PDF viewing format.

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5TH ANNUAL MUSEUM PICNIC

by Col David Smoker (USAF, Ret)

The fifth annual Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum picnic, will be held on Wednesday on May 21, 2014. People are welcomed to visit the museum and range house after they eat! Enjoy a tasty meal of hamburgers, hotdogs, macaroni salad, chips, and beverages furnished by the Community Club at Fort Indiantown Gap (FTIG). Veggie burgers are also available. Please request them when purchasing tickets. Cost is $8.00. Contact Rita Meneses at 717-861-9415, Stephanie Olsen at 717-861-6793, or SGT Smith at 717-861-2464 for tickets.

BOALSBURG CEREMONY DATE CHANGED

Due to the 28th Infantry Division training in France this year, the annual memorial service usually held on Armed Forces Weekend has been moved to the 1st of June. The ceremony begins at 12:30 p.m. The Museum opens at 9 a.m. for visiting, and the event will be rain or shine.

The activities for the event include military music from the 28th ID Band, a distinguished speaker, military equipment displays, and a twenty-one-gun 105mm howitzer battery salute.

3rd ANNUAL MARCH FOR THE FALLEN

The 3rd Annual 28 Mile March for the Fallen will be held on the 11th October 2014 at Fort Indiantown Gap. Registration is from now to the 15th September 2014. Registration fee is $25 for the event.

There are non-competitive 5k and 10 courses, a competitive 16 mile Hawk Watch course an the full 28 mile course. There are two divisions: Light in which you can wear anything, and the Heavy in which you will wear full ACUs and carry a 35 pound rucksack. For more information on the event and times please contact the following people at:

MAJ Francisco Junkin at:

Francisco.S.junkin.mil@mail.mil

MSG Brad Eanone at:

William.B.Eanone.mil@mail.mil

NEW LICENSE PLATE FROM THE 28TH ID ASSOCIATION

The 28th Infantry Division Association has unveiled plans for the release of a new Commonwealth of Pennsylvania license plate. Those seeking to have the new division license plate must be current members of the 28th Infantry Division Association. For more details please contact Association’s Executive Director, Ms. Gwenn Underwood at Gwennu45@gmail.com for further details.
MG NICHOLAS P.
KAFKALAS PASSES AWAY

An icon of the greatest generation, MG (Ret) Nicholas P. Kafkalas, 93, of Camp Hill, died peacefully in his home on Tuesday, December 31. Born September 1, 1920, in Monessen, Pennsylvania, to Peter and Pearl (Burk) Kafkalas, Nick was an exceptional student (the other students called him "The Pro," short for the Professor) and graduated two years early from high school, then enlisted in the PA Army National Guard in 1939. When WWII broke out, he attended OCS (Officer Candidate School) and was then assigned to the 54th Infantry, 10th Armored Division, serving as a rifle company commander in the European theatre. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge, was wounded in battle on the last day of February 1945, treated in an English hospital, and sent back to Germany right after VE Day.

He returned home in November 1945, attended the University of Pittsburgh, and received his B.A. in Political Science in 1949. During that time, he served as a journalist for the Valley Independent newspaper in Monessen and later became the editor. During the Korean War, he was recalled to active duty as a major and was sent to Germany. In 1953, he and his wife relocated to Harrisburg, where he started what would be a 37 year career in the PA National Guard. Among his many achievements, Kafkalas attended the Army War College in Carlisle and served as the class President.

He later became the Commanding General of the 28th Infantry Division from 1967-77, was Deputy Adjutant General from 1968-72, and appointed by Governor Milton Shapp as Pennsylvania State Adjutant General from 1972-79. He retired from the Guard in September 1980 and directed the Veteran's Outreach and Assistance Center until 1993. Throughout the course of his military service, he received many medals, including the Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart.

In addition to serving his state and country, Nicholas was a pillar of the Greek Orthodox Community serving as President of the Church Council, member of the Order of the AHEPA, and the senior citizens group. Until a few months ago, Nicholas could be found at the church helping to send out the church bulletin. The General, as most people called him, was an avid reader and was known for his love of history. After he retired, he volunteered at the Army Heritage Center in Carlisle and enjoyed attending monthly Civil War Round Table meetings with two longtime friends, G. Thomas Miller and Chris Zervanos. A beloved husband and father, he was married to Angeline Croussouloudis to whom he was wed for 62 years before she passed away in August of 2011.

Photo provided by the PNG Military Museum.
STORY OF TAPS

by

SGT Damian J. M. Smith, Command Historian

The 24-note melancholy bugle call known as “TAPS” is thought to be a revision of a French bugle signal, called “tattoo” that notified soldiers to cease an evening’s drinking and return to their garrisons. It was sounded an hour before the final bugle call to end the day by extinguishing fires and lights. The last five measures of the tattoo resemble taps.

The word “taps” is an alteration of the obsolete word “tattoo,” derived from the Dutch “taptoe.” “Taptoe!” was the command—to shut (“toe to”) the “tap” of a keg.

The revision that gave us present-day taps was made during America’s Civil War by Union General Daniel Adams Butterfield, heading the 3d Brigade, 1st Division, V Corps, Army of the Potomac camped at Harrison Landing, VA near Richmond. Up to that time, the U.S. Army’s infantry call to end the day was the French final call, “L’Extinctino des feux.”

General Butterfield decided the “lights out” music was too formal to signal the day’s end. One day in July 1862, he recalled the tattoo music and hummed a version of it to an aide, who wrote it down in music. Butterfield then asked the brigade bugler, Oliver W. Norton, to play the notes and, after listening, lengthened and shortened them while keeping his original melody. He ordered Norton to play this new call at the end of each day thereafter, instead of the regulation call.

The bugler, Private Norton of Company K, 83rd Pennsylvania Regiment, used the call for the first time that night, and it was adopted by other buglers and soon became very popular with the troops. The music was heard and appreciated by other brigades, who asked for copies and also adopted this bugle call. It was even adopted by Confederate buglers.

This music was made the official Army bugle call after the war, but not given the name “TAPS” until 1874.

The first time taps was played at a military funeral may also have been in Virginia soon after Butterfield composed it. Union Captain John Tidball, of Battery A, Second US Artillery, ordered it played for the burial of an cannoneer killed in action. Not wanted to reveal the battery’s position in the woods to the enemy nearby, Tidball substituted taps for the traditional three rifle volleys fired over the grave. TAPS was played at the funeral of Confederate General Stonewall Jackson 10 months after it was composed. By 1981, Army infantry regulations required taps to be played at military funeral ceremonies.

TAPS now is played by the military at burial and memorial services, to accompany the lowering of the flag and to signal the “lights out” command at day’s end.

Article Sources: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
United States Military Academy
www.usmemorialday.org/taps.html

Photo Sources: United States Military Academy
National Archives
Library of Congress
The 6th Annual Foxhole Invitational is planned for September 6, 2014. The Foxhole Invitational Golf Tournament originated in September 2009 to support the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum. The museum serves as a tribute to our veterans—past, present, and future. It is through their dedication and sacrifice that we are able to enjoy our freedom, and we’re proud to honor them at the Museum. In 2010, the tournament was dedicated to Major General Frank H. Smoker, Jr., who passed away on July 16, 2010. General Smoker served as president of the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum since its inception in 1985 until January 2010. The museum was a labor of love for General Smoker, and we are proud to call him a forever friend of the museum.

**TOURNAMENT CONTESTS**

Putting Contest
- Next to Hole # 1
- $1 try $2 / 3 for $5
- Any golfer who makes the putt gets a ticket to be entered in a prize drawing
- If no one makes the putt, the prize goes to the golfer who gets their putt closest to the hole

Hit the Green
- $5/golfer to participate
- Any golfer who hits the green gets a ticket to be entered in a drawing

Longest Drive
- Drive must stay in the fairway
- Golfer must mark his/her long drive distance on the tablet to be eligible
- His & Hers Prizes Awarded

Beat the Pro
- $5/golfer to participate
- Golfers who “beat the pro” (closer to the pin) receive $10
- Ball must land on the green to win
- $5/team to use the pro’s ball placement

Closest to the Pin
- Golfer must mark his/her distance on the tablet to be eligible

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- $1,500

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September 6, 2014

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- Steak Dinner
- 4-Person Scramble
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- Longest Drive
- Beat The Pro
- Hit the Green
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Questions? Contact Sharon at 717-821-3790 or foxholegolf@gmail.com

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Thank you for your support!
MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT OF “OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHAPEL” RESTORATION

I write this letter to ask you to help fund the restoration of the “Our Lady of Victory” Chapel here at the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum.

The Museum, as you know, is a 501 (C)(3) organization whose mission is to preserve and honor the history of the Pennsylvania National Guard by providing educational activities for our National Guard members, their families, veterans, civic groups, and your organizations. In preserving our past, we have received the historical “Our Lady of Victory” Chapel from Fort Indiantown Gap as part of our Military Museum Complex.

The Chapel was originally a one room schoolhouse converted by Soldiers of the 28th Infantry Division between the late 1930’s and early 1940’s for use as a Catholic Chapel. The Chapel remained in use until it was recently relocated to the Museum’s grounds. Members of the Red Horse Retirees have volunteered to do all interior work while the exterior siding and the Heating/Air-Condition system are projects for our Engineers believe can be accomplished for the Museum in FY 2014-2015.

All eight of the stained glass windows require restoration to extend their life, and additional funding will be required to complete interior restorations. Our volunteers can do many tasks but cannot restore the Chapel’s stained glass windows.

Each window must be removed, repaired, and reinstalled. Once reinstallation is completed, the windows will be further protected by covering them with protective glass. We asked several Stained Glass Window Companies to give us restoration proposals and have selected one to do the job. The $15,300.00 cost for the window restoration unfortunately exceeds the Museum’s ability to fully support the restoration. To that end, we seek and ask for your help by making a tax deductible donation to the Museum specifically for Chapel restoration and refurbishment of the stained glass window. With your help, we should be able to have all the windows restored and installed in the Chapel by year’s end.

We sincerely appreciate your consideration of this request; and based on donations received, we will install a plaque on one Stained Glass Window reflecting the support of the membership of the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum. If you are able to donate, no matter how large or small, please make all checks payable to the PNGMM and in the notation please put Chapel Restoration.

Thank you for your membership; and, together with your help, we can continue to enhance your museum and preserve the history of the Pennsylvania National Guard for generations yet to come.

Sincerely,

Walter Pudlowski
Major General (Retired)
President, Board of Directors
Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum
DONATIONS

Manual of small arms, deck of aircraft spotter cards, McKeever cartridge box dated 1903, WW I hand grenades, two circa 1920s practice grenades, two WWII era souvenir pillow covers.

Museum purchase of a print labeled “GUN 23” which represents two of our Army Aviators that died while on active duty in Afghanistan.

A purchase of a post Civil War Saber from the First Troop, Philadelphia City Cavalry (FTPCC). This officer saber is now on display with several other items of the cavalry unit on the second floor of the museum.

Donation of a World War I “Doughboy” helmet by the Ohio National Guard on behalf of the Ohio National Guard’s Command Historian SFC Joshua Mann.

Donation of Spanish American War era canteen from the United States Marine Corps Museum located in Quantico, Virginia that was used by the National Guard of Pennsylvania, (N.G.P.)

Donation of several World War II German and American armored models made by MG (Ret.) Walter Pudlowski.

Donation of several model trucks an ambulances by James Clarkson and MAJ Potts.

World War II hand held altitude and airspeed calculators used by aircrews donated by Quinby’s Gun Shop.

Oil painting of Angkor Wat, a Buddhist temple in Cambodia. The temple was built in the 12th century. It was painted by a refugee in 1975 while living here at Fort Indiantown Gap.

Photo by SGT Damian J. M. Smith
Uniforms, equipment, books that belonged to CSM James M. McDonald (Deceased).

An SU-36/P Infrared Guided Missile Tracker used by troops in the 55th ABCT.

Lantern used by troops in the 55th Armored Brigade Combat Team during field maneuvers in 1980s.
TF STEEL DONATIONS

The Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum often receives items from units deployed. On a recent deployment, TF Steel (1-109th Infantry Regiment) brought back a treasure trove of items from Kuwait. Below are just a few of the larger items that they were able to obtain for the museum’s collection.

Air Force and Air National Guard items from Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait which is located about 23 miles from the Iraqi Border. Items include flight uniforms, SF Items, JLIST, various patches, base map and other related items. Items obtained from members of the 228th BSB and Delta Company, 1-109th IN.

Over 1,000 patches from the PX located on Camp Virginia; the Camp Virginia Education Sign; several maps of the post; USO volunteer Sign; and several company, education, and TF Steel Tee-shirts. Items obtained from members of Charlie Company and Delta Company, 1-109th IN.

Danger “STAY BACK 100M” recovered from Camp Virginia by Delta Company, 1-109th IN.

Three framed maps of Kuwait used in the TOC by Delta Company, 1-109th IN while at Camp Virginia.
No Smoking sign from Camp LSA; Pad 16 sign from Camp Virginia; Do Not Enter sign from Camp Arifjan; items obtained from members of the 228th BSB and Delta Company, 1-109th IN.

All signs obtained at Camp Virginia by members of Charlie Company and Delta Company 1-109th IN except the no smoking sign which was obtained at Camp Buehring by Delta, 1-109th IN.

Camp Virginia and Camp Virginia’s USO sign obtained from members of Delta Company, 1-109th IN.

20KM, 10KM and Stop Sign all obtained from Camp Virginia by members of Delta Company, 1-109th IN.
A DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE 28th INFANTRY DIVISION

by

Major General Walter F. Pudlowski, USA Retired

This is part four of a four part series of dates and events in the History of the 28th Division. Part one (Jan-May) was published in the PNG Military Museum Newsletter #14-2012; Part two (June-August) was published in Newsletter # 16-2013; part three (September-October) was published in Newsletter #17-2013.

NOVEMBER

1 November 1944. The 28th Division was rested after nearly a month in a relatively inactive sector and was almost at full strength. The division had been in combat three plus months and had seen heavy fighting in France in August 1944 and at the Siegfried Line in September 1944.

2 November 1944. The 28th Division launched its first attack to seize Schmidt, which was to become known as the Battle of the Hurtgen Forest to the Americans who fought there and as the Battle of All Souls Day to the Germans.

3 November 1944. At 1430 hours, the 3d Battalion 112th Infantry seized Schmidt. This was to be the only American unit in a consecutive series of battles to claim this success. The most documented battle of WW II was underway.

4 November 1944. German counterattacks drove the 3d Battalion 112th Infantry from Schmidt to Kommerscheidt. The 2nd Battalion 112th Infantry occupied Vossenack Ridge, protecting its sister battalion’s northern flank. The Battle of Schmidt, commonly known as the Battle of the Hurtgen Forest, was turning in the German Army favor.

5 November 1944. V Corps was scheduled to drive east in General Gerow’s “big plan.” The attack never launched, and the 28th Division was the only fight going on in the West Wall and continued to suffer in the Hurtgen Forest. This attack or diversionary action became one of the most studied actions of World War II due to V Corps failure to attack on schedule.

8 November 1944. Major Howard Topping, Commander of 3-109 Infantry, received an ultimatum from a German Commander to surrender the battalion during the Battle of the Hurtgen Forest. The answer was 18 Battalions of Field artillery in a time on target (TOT) on German positions.

10 November 1941. Forty Officers of the 28th Division, all average in grade, were transferred to the Air Corps as ground duty officers. In 1951, the 28th Division began leaving Camp Atterbury, Indiana, in their move to join forces in Germany.

11 November 1918. The 109th and 110th Infantry Regiments were attacking to capture enemy positions east of Haumont France. Word was received at 0920 hours during the attack that the hostilities of WW I were to cease at 1100 hours, this day. In 1937, ground was broken to construct “The Castle” that now houses the 28th Division Headquarters.

12 November 1951. The 28th Division embarked for Germany. They were to be met 9 days later on 21 November in Bremerhaven, Germany, by General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower.

GOA Dwight D. Eisenhower

13 November 1877. Major Henry M. Boies purchased two building lots on Adams Avenue in Scranton, Pennsylvania, as a trustee for the Scranton City Guards Association. He later would transfer this property over to the association for the construction of an Armory for the City of Scranton which was completed on 31 January 1878. The total cost of the Armory Construction was $8,500.00, and the land was $4,000.00.
14 November 1944. Orders were issued to the 8th Infantry Division to take over the positions of the 28th Division. The actual withdrawal took place over the next five days with the 109th Regiment being the last to leave the Hurtgen Forest.

15 November 1944. The 28th Division was withdrawn from the Hurtgen Forest and took up positions in Luxembourg.

16 November 1944. 28th Division was relieved from bitter fighting in the Huertgen Forest and moved to Ardennes for rest and refitting in a quiet part of the front.

17 November 1774. The Philadelphia Troop of Light Horse (later designated First troop Philadelphia City Cavalry; now Troop A, 1-104 Cavalry) was formed.

20 November 1918. The wearing of the Red Keystone on the left sleeve was authorized.

21 November 1951. Advance elements of the 28th Division arrived in Bremerhaven, Germany, and were personally welcomed by General Dwight D. Eisenhower as reinforcements for his European Army. In 1747, this date is regarded as the Birthday of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard when Benjamin Franklin began the “Associators” in Philadelphia.

24 November 1747. Signing of volunteers began in Philadelphia and Benjamin Franklin’s “Association” was formed. The 111th Infantry wears the Regimental Crest which bears the figure of Benjamin Franklin and is called the “Associators.”

25 November 1755. The Militia Act of 1755 is the most direct colonial ancestor of the Pennsylvania National Guard and the 28th Division.

26 November 1951. Division Headquarters opened at Guippingen, Germany, as part of the NATO forces in Europe during the Korean War.

27 November 1944. Major General Norman Cota approved the sentence of PFC Eddie Slovik that resulted in him being shot by firing squad for desertion. Although over 21,000 soldiers were given varying sentences for desertion during World War II, including 49 death sentences, Slovik’s was the only death sentence carried out.

28 November 1873. The 10th Regiment Infantry was formed from units of the Seventeenth Division, National Guard of Pennsylvania in Western Pennsylvania. (110th Infantry)

30 November 1915. Although elements of the 107th Field Artillery trace their heritage back to the Rebellion, it was formed as a Regimental unit as the First Field Artillery, Pennsylvania National Guard.

December

3 December 1941. The 628th Tank Destroyer Battalion was constituted. It served as part of the 5th Armored Division in WW II and was awarded the President Unit Citation, Hurtgen Forest, and the Meritorious Unit Commendation for European Theater. This unit was to become the 1-103d Armor.

6 December 1777. On General Washington’s orders, a Pennsylvania Militia unit bravely rushed forward to block a British attack attempting to dislodge Americans stationed at Whitemarsh. After two days of fighting, the British marched back to Philadelphia, failing in their assault efforts.

7 December 1861. Hampton’s Battery (Battery B, 1-107 Field Artillery) is mustered into federal service for the Civil War. They remained on duty until 26 June 1865 at war’s end.
8 December 1838. “The Buckshot War,” was so named because the Militia of the First Artillery Regiment (103rd Engineers) were ordered to load their guns with buckshot to quell rioters in the Insurrection in Harrisburg by Governor Porter. The conflict arose over disagreements in the manner in which the houses of government ruled.

9 December 1995. Forty volunteer fire support officers and non commissioned officers arrived at Fort Indiantown Gap to be mobilized on 11 December as Detachment 1, Headquarters Battery, 28th Division Artillery to serve as the fire support element of the “Nordique Brigade” made up of soldiers from Poland, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Lithuania, Norway, and Iceland, of the 1st Armor Division (US) in Operation Joint Endeavor in Bosnia.

11 December 1840. A company of militia infantry was organized in Philadelphia and called themselves “National Guard.” This is believed to have been the first use by a militia organization of the title now common to organized militia in the United States. This company was the foundation of the 108th Field Artillery.

108th Field Artillery Regiment

13 December 1945. The 28th Division was inactivated at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, following WW II. Pennsylvania’s greatest contribution was made by 1,300,000 men and women in uniform; more than 33,000 made the supreme sacrifice; and 35, or more than any other state, received the Medal of Honor.

14 December 1870. 1-107 Field Artillery is organized out of the 14th Infantry Regiment and was composed of units that have their history deep in the Pennsylvania Militia. Battery A was organized on 20 November 1967, Battery B, in 1861 as Hampton’s Battery and saw Civil War Service.

15 December 1944. The 28th Division was stretched tight as a fiddle string along a 25 mile front; the widest held front by an division in Europe, five times the normal front for a Division and bigger than some Corps frontages. The 28th faced all or parts of eight German divisions – four Panzer and four Volks-Grenadier Infantry. This was to be a rest and training base following combat in the Hurtgen Forest.

16 December 1944. Following a heavy artillery barrage which began at 0545 hours, an attack in force was launched at 0730 hours against the 110th Infantry, the 109th Infantry, and 112th Infantry. The Battle of the Bulge had begun.

17 December 1944. The German Counteroffensive hammered away at the 112th Infantry. The Germans found they were also opposed by the 229th Field Artillery who laid down fire on the enemy only 150 yards away from their gun positions.

18 December 1944. The 3rd Battalion 110th Infantry continued to fight the Germans. Colonel Strickler arrived in Wiltz, Division Command Post, only to find the cooks and clerks and the Division Band preparing to defend. They did and fought as Infantry until ordered to withdrawal.

19 December 1944. Provisional forces of Task Force Hoban, the valiant soldiers of the 110th Infantry, the 109th Field Artillery, and other Division soldiers began to withdrawal from Wiltz. The outcome of the Battle of the Bulge was decided in these last four days.

20 December 1944. The 28th Division held off eight crack German Divisions. It inflicted over 11,700 casualties. The division did its job and gave the Allied Armies the time it needed. “The resistance offered by the Keystone troops was one of the greatest feats ever performed in the history of the American Army.” Battle of the Bulge 1944.

21 December 1944. The battle still raging, the advancing Germans were slowed by the efforts of the 28th Division. The 109th Infantry and 112th Infantry held the shoulders of the penetration while remaining soldiers of the Division strengthened the defenses of Bastogne and prepared to continue the fight.

22 December 1944. Elements of the 110th Infantry and 28th Division headquarters elements are fighting German units near Neufchateau.

23 December 1944. The 112th Infantry Regiment and attached units became an integral part of the Belgium defense as they were attached to the 106th Division. The 112th served as the mainstay in the defense of St. Vith for which they were awarded the Presidential Unit Citation.

24 December 1947. Brigadier General Daniel Strickler, Commander of the 28th Division, was promoted to Major General. He was a veteran of the 28th Division and saw combat as a Division Officer in both World War I and World War II.

25 December 1775. Colonel Zebulon Butler’s Regiment had their baptism of fire on Christmas Day in the “Pennamite Wars,” which came about over Pennsylvania’s claim over the Wyoming Valley from Connecticut. The Regiment is the forerunner of the 109th Field Artillery.

26 December 1944. The 109th Infantry Regiment rejoined the Division near Neufchateau after successfully holding the southern shoulder of the Bulge.

31 December 1914. The Quaker City Rifles was organized in Philadelphia. They were to become Headquarters Company, 6th Infantry of the Pennsylvania National Guard and later, the Headquarters Company, 56th Brigade.
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Cumberland Crossing Retirement Group
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If you have objects that you wish to donate to the Museum, please contact us at (717) 861-2402. Please information regarding the item types, their age or the conflict they are related to, their connection to Pennsylvania, your contact information, and, if possible, photographs of the object. The more information the better. Listed below are just some items we are looking for:

- Armory items from Across the State
- EAATS, Army and Air Guard unit patches
- Spanish American War Items
- Items from Mt. Gretna during the time the Pennsylvania National Guard trained there in the late 1880s to 1930s
- Kosovo Items (PA Guard Items)
- Bosnia Items (PA Guard Items)
- OIF Items (PA Guard Items)
- OEF Items (PA Guard Items)
- Unit Challenge Coins

2013-2014 CALENDAR OF HISTORY & EVENTS

2014

MAY
17 Armed Forces Day
21 5th PNG Museum Spring Picnic
26 Memorial Day

JUNE
1 Boalsburg Memorial
14 Flag Day and the Army Birthday

JULY
4 Independence Day
26 ASMIC Meeting

SEPTEMBER
1 Labor Day
3-6 28th Infantry Division Reunion at Fort Indiantown Gap

OCTOBER
13 Columbus Day

NOVEMBER
1 ASMIC Meeting
11 Veterans Day

DECEMBER
7 Pennsylvania National Guard’s Birthday originally formed in 1747 by Benjamin Franklin
13 Birthday of the National Guard
25 Christmas

2015

JANUARY
1 New Years Day
11 ASMIC Meeting
20 Martin Luther King Day
28 JAN to 2 FEBRUARY 70th Battle of the Bulge Reenactment at FTIG
This is the 40th in a series of historical photographs of Pennsylvania National Guardsmen of the past, submitted by Charles Oellig, curator of the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum at Fort Indiantown Gap. The museum is open Mondays and Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or other days by appointment. Call (717) 861-2402, or visit www.pngmilitarymuseum.org for more information or to schedule an appointment. The museum is closed on major holidays.

Two unidentified drummers from Company D, 16th Regiment, NGP of Oil City, Pennsylvania. They are wearing the model 1883 dark blue five button sack coat and model 1870 forage cap with crossed musket insignia with company letter and regimental number.

They each wear a NGP marked canteen over the shoulder. The man on the right is sitting next to his field equipment consisting of top to bottom his blanket roll, rolled overcoat, knapsack, and tin cup. The original photograph is dated August 10, 1888.

Photo from PNGMM’s Archives
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