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NEW LEADERSHIP

Serving as Acting Adjutant General since January 20, 2015, Major General James R. Joseph received Senate confirmation and officially assumed the duties as the 52nd Adjutant General of Pennsylvania and Commander, Pennsylvania National Guard, on May 11, 2015. In this cabinet-level position with the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, headquartered at Fort Indiantown Gap, General Joseph is responsible for command, control, and supervision of National Guard units – Army and Air – allocated to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, six state-owned veterans’ homes, and programs for Pennsylvania’s one million veterans.

General Joseph began his military career as an enlisted soldier in 1971. He completed basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, attended advanced individual training as a military policeman at Fort Gordon, Georgia, and completed a tour of duty in Vietnam, where he was assigned to the 716th Military Police Battalion. He completed his active duty tour at Fort Polk, Louisiana, with the 258th Military Police Company. General Joseph joined the Pennsylvania Army National Guard in 1974 and was assigned as a combat engineer with Company C, 876th Engineer Battalion.

General Joseph completed Officer Candidate School in 1978 at Fort Benning, Georgia, and was commissioned a second lieutenant. He has held leadership positions from Platoon Leader through Assistant Division Commander including numerous key staff positions. He served as Commander of the 213th Area Support Group until his selection as Deputy Chief and then as Chief, Counterdrug Office, National Guard Bureau. He also served as Assistant Division Commander, 28th Infantry Division, and as Assistant Adjutant General - Army, Joint Force Headquarters, Pennsylvania National Guard, Annville, Pennsylvania. Prior to his present assignment, he served as the Special Assistant to the Combatant Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command for National Guard Matters and liaison to the Chief, National Guard Bureau, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado.

General Joseph served as the Chairman of the National Guard Bureau Joint Advisory Council, a Senior Facilitator at United States Northern Command for the Joint Task Force Commanders Training Course, and as Acting Deputy Director, J5, United States Northern Command and is Dual Status Commander qualified.

He earned a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Shippensburg University and graduated from the Army War College. He attended the Defense Policy Seminar, Elliott School of International Studies, George Washington University; the National Preparedness Leadership Initiative, Harvard Kennedy School of Government; the General and Flag Officer Homeland Security Seminar, Harvard School of Executive Education; and the FBI National Academy. General Joseph is retired from a career in law enforcement and was the former Director, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

Some of General Joseph’s awards and military decorations include: Defense Superior Service Medal; Legion of Merit; Bronze Star Medal; Meritorious Service Medal (with 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters); Army Commendation Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters); Air Force Commendation Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster); Army Achievement Medal; Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; Joint Meritorious Unit Award (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster); Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation (with Palm); Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Unit Citation; PA Meritorious Service Medal; PA Commendation Medal; Jr. Medal; Governor’s Unit Citation (with 1 Silver Star); and The Adjutant General’s Staff Identification Badge.
**CULTURAL RESOURCES MANAGER RETIRES**

by Stephanie L. Olsen

Rita Meneses was born and raised in South Charleston, West Virginia. She began her career with the National Guard as the West Virginia Army National Guard Cultural Resource Manager and the Regulated Waste and Recycling Manager for five and a half years. She then came to Fort Indiantown Gap in January 2002 as the Pennsylvania Army National Guard Cultural Resource Manager.

During her 13 years of service at Fort Indiantown Gap, Rita achieved many noteworthy accomplishments and has played a large part in preserving the history of the Pennsylvania National Guard. She was responsible for the determination, evaluation, and preservation of the Pennsylvania National Guard’s historic resources at Fort Indiantown Gap and throughout the Commonwealth. She worked with the engineering office on construction and renovation projects to upgrade armories across the state, making them more efficient for soldiers while still maintaining historic integrity. Rita conducted consultation with Native American Tribes with ancestral ties to Pennsylvania and hosted the 2012 Native American Workshop.

Rita serves on the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum’s Board of Directors and was Treasurer from 2003-2015. She was instrumental in the relocation and restoration of the Range House and Our Lady of Victory Chapel. She served 6 years on the National Guard Bureau’s Environmental Advisory Council as the Northeast Representative and was Chair of the Council’s Natural/Cultural Committee.

During her years of service, Rita received numerous state and federal awards including the 2011 Secretary of the Army Award for Cultural Resources Management, competing against Army installations in the United States and worldwide.

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**PNGMM GOLF TOURNAMENT**

by Sharon Flaig

On Saturday, September 12, 2015, the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum will host its 7th Annual Foxhole Invitational Golf Tournament, which will serve as a fundraiser to help support the museum and its mission. The tournament was an overwhelming success last year, and we could not have done it without the support of our sponsors.

The Museum’s mission is to preserve and honor the history of the Pennsylvania National Guard by providing educational activities for Pennsylvania National Guard members, their families, veterans, civic groups, and youth organizations. Its exhibits are a representation, past and present, of the troops who have fought for our freedom since 1747. The Museum allows visitors to take a step back in time and witness the sacrifice they endured for us and our country.

To help support the Museum, which is a 501(c)(3) organization, we would like to invite you to “chip in” to support and sponsor the 7th Annual Foxhole Invitational. We have enclosed a Tournament Flyer on the next page. If you would like full size forms, you can email me, and I would be happy to send them to you, or you can find them on our website. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call at 717-821-3790 or email me at:

[foxholegolf@gmail.com](mailto:foxholegolf@gmail.com)

You can also find all our golf tournament information, including pictures from our past tournaments, on our new website at:

[www.foxholegolf.com](http://www.foxholegolf.com)

Again, we would appreciate your kind consideration to support this worthy cause and thank you for supporting the Foxhole Invitational. Together we can continue to enhance our museum and preserve the history of our Pennsylvania National Guard.

Sincerely,

Sharon Flaig
Tournament Chairperson
MAJOR GENERAL
FRANK H. SMOKER, JR

7th Annual
Foxhole
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Golf Tournament

Benefits the PA National Guard
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4-Person Scramble
$260/foursome

Pine Meadows Golf Complex
Lebanon, PA

September 12, 2015

1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start

Closest To The Pin
Longest Drive
Beat The Pro

Hit the Green
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AUGUST 28, 2015

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MUSEUM RECEIVES
M151A1 JEEP
by Charles B. Oellig

In the 1950s, the United States military needed an improved military jeep for its inventory. Starting in 1951, the Ford Motor Company received the contract to design a new 1/4 ton, 4x4 truck. This would replace the M38 and M38A1 models jeeps that the military was currently using in Korean War.

Recently the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum added a Ford M151A1 1/4 ton truck to the collection. Commonly known as a Jeep, the army called it a Military Utility Tactical Truck or “MUTT” for short. There were 24,000 of this model manufactured. Ours was built in 1966.

Other Jeeps in the museum collection include a 1945 Willys MB, a 1951 Willys M38 and a 1953 Willys M38A1 which was issue with a welder in place of the passenger seat. These vehicles are being restored by our museum volunteer, Mr. Tom Small.

Overview
Manufacturer: Ford, Kaiser, AM General
Production: > 100,000 various models (1959–1982)

Body and chassis
Class: 1/4 ton truck, four wheel drive
Related: M422 'Mighty Mite' contemporary

Powertrain
Engine: 4-cyl., 141.5 cu in (2,319 cc) 71 hp (53 kW) at 4,000 rpm / 128 ft·lb (174 N·m) at 1,800 rpm

Transmission: 4-speed + reverse transfer case only to engage / disengage front wheel drive

Dimensions
Wheelbase: 85 in (216 cm)
Length: 133 in (338 cm)
Width: 64 in (163 cm)
Height: 71 in (180 cm) with top up reducible to 53 in (135 cm)
Curb weight: 2,400 lb (1,089 kg)

Chronology
Predecessor: Willys M38A1
Successor: AM General HMMWV

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/M151_Truck,_Utility,_1/4-Ton,_4x4

HISTORIAN RECEIVES
NHD AWARD
by Mr. Charles B. Oellig

Since 1974, National History Day has promoted the history and education of junior and senior high school students from around the nation. Over 600,000 students competed in this year's competitions. Only 3,000 students made it to the Nationals held at College Park, Maryland, competing for thousands in scholarships.

This year, SGT Damian J. M. Smith, the Command Historian of the PA National Guard, received the 2015 State Coordinator’s Award for Outstanding Service from Mr. Jeff Hawks, State Coordinator. The PA National History Day is run by the Army Heritage and Education Center (AHEC) out of the Army War College. This is only the second time that the award has been presented in Pennsylvania.
PICTURE FROM THE PAST

by Mr. Charles B. Oellig

From the museum archives we see two local Lebanon County residents. On the left is Major General Frank Smoker, Jr., founder of the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum. On the right is Major Dick Winters, veteran of the 101st Airborne Division, from the movie fame “Band of Brothers.” The picture was donated by Robert P. Hoffman.

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED?

by SGT Damian J. M. Smith

For those history buffs, or those who have served in the infantry, armor, cavalry, and in forward positions like forward observers in artillery units, we often look at various unit’s equipment, especially armored vehicle identification. In doing so, a soldier would look at the road wheels, the main gun, and engine compartments to help in the identification process. For those that enjoy the World War II era equipment, have you ever wondered what the rough “cement” looking coating on German tanks during World War II was used for?

The German Army in 1943, started issuing their infantry with “Haftohlladung” also known as a “Panzerknacker” which were hand held anti-tank mines (Shaped charge) that used magnets to attach themselves to the steel on enemy tanks. Assuming that the Allies would soon use the same technology on their own tanks, the Germans developed Zimmerit to counter act the anti-tank mines.

“Zimmerit” is the dried cement looking coating on the German vehicles. It was a non-magnetic paste that was coated on German tanks, tank destroyers, assault guns and rarely on half-tracks after 1943. The paste was meant to provide a barrier between the steel of a German fighting vehicle and magnetic or adhesive anti-tank mines (sticky bombs) that the British Army and their allies have used.

The Zimmerit was applied to German vehicles from December 1943 until September 9th, 1944 at which time it was discontinued due to German high command concerned that it could ignite after being hit by projectiles. Later research did prove those claims to be false, however the order was never reissued. A British report called “Zimmerit, Anti-Magnetic Plaster for AFVs” by Major J. W. Thompson and Mr. C.E. Hollis, published in July 1945 claimed that Zimmerit had a mixture of the following: 40% Barium Sulfate; 25% Polyvinyl Acetate; 10% Ochre Pigment; 10% Zinc Sulfate and 10% Saw Dust.

Sources:


ARTIFACT RECOVERED FROM EUROPEAN BATTLEFIED

by SGT Damian J. M. Smith

Mr. Edwin van Engelen lives in a small town called Soesterberg in the center of Holland. Since his early childhood, he has been interested in World War II history. After buying a metal detector in 2003, he began searching the various European battlefields of WWII.

Along with three of his friends, he formed a small historical foundation called Stichting Legerplaats Soesterberg 1939-1945, which was dedicated to studying and preserving the town’s WWII history. Once in a while, they do some digging in Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany.

Often, pieces of airplanes parts or lost items like canteens, mess tins, and other equipment are found. Discovering lost personal items often leads to a different type of research to locate a former owner or living descendants.

During a weekend in September 2010, they uncovered a mess tin. Upon cleaning it they uncovered the name, Leonard Magliocchetti and his service number #33934116. With the help of an American friend, Mr. Steve Miller, they were able to locate the son who lives in Colorado. His father passed away ten years earlier. We are happy to have this mess tin, the story as well as additional items from Mr. Engelen and the Magliocchetti family, which are currently on display at the museum.

YANK’s SUPER CONTEST

by Mr. Charles B. Oellig

Yank, The Army Weekly, was a magazine published during World War II for American military personnel serving around the world. It was published from 1942 to 1945. During World War II, the Army’s Yank magazine held what they called a Super Contest. It is interesting to note some of the winners. The youngest master sergeant was M/Sgt Billy T. Huston of Camp Roberts, CA. He was promoted to that rank on November 1, 1942 when he was just 19 years old. The heaviest man was S/Sgt August Stockwell who weighed 407 pounds. He was stationed at the Air Base Squadron, March Field, CA.

The Army’s oldest man was 74-year old S/Sgt John W. Westervelt with 43 years of service. He was serving with the Ferry Division, Air Transport Command, Long Beach, CA. Smallest feet was Pvt. Lewis Le Fevere who claimed his pups are size 2C, the smallest in the service. He was stationed with Troop C, Sixth Squadron at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Largest feet was Pvt Frank Lloyd who wears a size 18 1/2 EEEEEEE boot. (The largest boots in our museum are only 17 EEE) These boots were made for him while he was stationed at the Fort Bragg Reception Center. The contest winner for serving in the most foreign posts is Marine Gunnery Sgt Gustave Nitchkei. He has served in Vera Cruz, Santa Domingo, England, France, Italy, Admiralty Islands, Australia, New Zealand, Panama and China. He also served in the first World War and has 27 years in the marines. He is stationed at the U.S. Naval Air Station, San Diego, CA.

Mrs. Jim Edwards of Freeport, Texas was the Army’s greatest source of manpower. She had nine sons in the service and all of them were stationed overseas. From the eldest, who is 36 to the youngest, 21, the family roster reads: Joe, Jim, Wesley, Austin, Shedrach, Meshach, Abendego, Clarence and Henry.

Source: Yank, US: 3 Feb 1943, Vol. 1 No. 34.

Photos provided by PNGMM
CHAPEL DEDICATION

by SGT Damian J. M. Smith

The public grand reopening and dedication of the 109th Infantry Regimental Chapel as part of the museum complex and historical district at Fort Indiantown Gap, occurred on April 17, 2015. The dedication of the chapel will be a central part of museum for tour groups that visit the post.

As one of the original buildings built here prior to the post being constructed, it served as a local school in the area and then used as a chapel to serve our soldiers during training. The chapel has served the local community for more than one hundred years. It originally was used as a one-room school house in what was known as Boston District Number 7. Rankstown was the center of the area now known at Fort Indiantown Gap. The school was relocated to Clement Avenue near the intersection of Clement and Fisher Avenues across from Muir Army Air Field.

For your reading pleasure, an additional story on the chapel dedication written by TSgt Ted Nichols II, PAO, can be found at: http://dvidshub.net/r/wsfrjv. The museum website under events has additional pictures as well.
The school started in 1891 with Mr. J. A. Klick as the school’s first teacher. With records of at least nine known teachers, the above school class photo was obtained from *One Room Schools* written by Mr. Wayne Anspach.

**RANKSTOWN SCHOOL c.1914**  
**TEACHER: IRWIN SHUEY**

Local legend says that in the late 1930s, Eleanor Roosevelt, the wife of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, visited the post. Surprised that there was no place for worship on post, she suggested that the one room schoolhouse, which was abandoned at that time, be converted into a chapel for the military.

As the world was plunged into war, the military greatly expanded the infrastructure at Fort Indiantown Gap. Soon, there were 12 chapels located on post. This chapel remained and was known as the 109th Infantry Regimental Chapel and also the Our Lady of Victory Chapel. During the conversion in the 1940s, a steeple and stained-glass windows were added to the building using donations from the Dioceses of Harrisburg and Scranton, soldiers of the 109th Infantry Regiment and several other sources.

During World War II, the 109th Infantry Regiment was inducted into federal service in Scranton on February 17, 1941. During the war, the regiment received five battle streamers: Normandy, Northern France, Rhinelan, Ardenes-Alsace, and Central Europe. They also received the decorations of: French Croix de Guerre with Palm, embroidered “COLMAR” and the Luxembourg Croix de Guerre embroidered “LUXEMBOURG.”

The 109th Infantry Regiment was formed August 14, 1877, as the Scranton City Guards Battalion. The Center of Military History assigned and approved their special historical traditional designation as the **THIRTEENTH PENNSYLVANIA**.

With more than 750,000 soldiers serving on Fort Indiantown Gap during World War II and Korea, the chapel served members of the Catholic faith for decades. However, by the end of the 1990s, the federal government was soon to give up control of Fort Indiantown Gap due to the Base Closure and Realignment Commission, more commonly referred to as BRAC.

The building sat in disuse for several years. It was used for the last time by the U.S. Chaplain Corp for a conference.

In 2012, the chapel was moved to the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum’s complex for restoration. This relocation falls in line with the post’s master plan and development of a historical district.

The chapel has several unique stained glass windows that were made and donated over the years by various organizations. The windows were removed and reconditioned thanks to the financial donations by museum supporters. They were repaired by Cumberland Stained Glass, Inc.

This major restoration project was coordinated with many different entities during the relocation and restoration. This includes the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum, Fort Indiantown Gap Garrison Command, Construction and Facilities Maintenance Office, Training Site Engineers, State Reservation Maintenance crews, the Fort Indiantown Gap Police Department, and the Public Affairs Office.
In recognition of their dedication and support of this historical project, the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum’s Board of Directors would like to honor the following who helped in restoring this building.

### 201st Red Horse Squadron Alumni Association Volunteers
- Gordy Ebright
- Harry Kapp
- Dennis Hartman
- Kenneth Waltermeyer
- Larry Boyer
- Randy Eckert
- Gary Gillen
- Thomas Adams
- Richard Eisenhauer
- Gerald Hochberg

### PNG Military Museum Board of Directors
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- Col. (USAF, Ret.) Carl Magagna
- Ms. Stephanie L. Olsen
- SGT Damian J. M. Smith

### DMVA & FTIG Training Site Personnel
- LTC Daneen R. Hutton
- LTC Christopher D. McDevitt
- State Reservation Maintenance Staff

### In recognition of their dedication and support of this historical restoration project, the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum’s Board of Directors would like to honor and sincerely thank the following people and entities who helped with financial support for restoration of this 125-year-old chapel:

1. **Pennsylvania National Guard Associations**
2. **Indiantown Gap Post Chapel Congregation**
3. **Pennsylvania Knights of Columbus**
4. **28th Infantry Division Association**
5. **LTC (USA, Ret.) Richard and Nancy Shertzer**
6. **109th Infantry Regiment Association**
9. **MG (USA, Ret.) Wesley and Marda Craig**
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27. **Ms. Donna Weik**
28. **Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum**
A Brief History of the 201st RED HORSE Squadron

by COL. David J. Smoker (USAF, Ret.)

Whose retirees made this restoration possible...

RED HORSE is the acronym for “Rapid Engineering Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers” and is comprised of the Air Force’s heavy construction and repair squadrons. RED HORSE grew into the Air National Guard in September 1971, with the activation of the 201st RED HORSE Squadron (RHS) as well as their sister unit, the 200th RED HORSE. Quickly brought to operational manning, the 201st RHS was activated to support Hurricane Agnes relief in 1972. This initial call to community service began the relationship between the 201st RED HORSE and local communities. Since then, the 201st RHS has worked on numerous community service projects which helped to hone the trade skills of its members. From ball fields to rails to trails, from a sincere thanks from those affected by storms, to being named as one of President Bush’s “Thousand Points of Light,” the 201st RED HORSE has received recognition locally and nationally. The 201st RED HORSE is based at Fort Indiantown Gap Air Guard Station with a detachment at Horsham Air Guard Station.

Since 1996, much of the 201st RHS’s construction effort has focused on the Middle East. The unit has mobilized four times performing construction and heavy repair as its wartime mission. The 201st has accomplished an impressive track record of projects in Iraq and Afghanistan with their most recent deployment ending in November 2014. Support to accomplish their work comes from two outstanding organizations - the 201st Family Readiness Group and the 201st RED HORSE Alumni Association. The Family Readiness Group is made up of family and friends that provide support to each other and unit members especially during times of deployment. The 201st Alumni Association is made up of all past and present members of the 201st and works to support the members of the 201st as well as other military entities like the Indiantown Gap Cemetery and the military museum.

201st Red Horse Squadron Alumni Association Volunteers

From Left to Right: Randy Eckert, Gerald Hochberg, Larry Boyer, Harry Kapp, Dennis Hartman, Gordy Ebright, Gary Gillen, Rick Eisenhauer, Kenneth Waltermyer, Thomas Adams.

The ten members of the 201st Red Horse Squadron Alumni Association pictured above contributed an estimated collective 2700 hours of craftsmanship to the interior restoration of the Chapel. Their combined experience in construction, engineering, and carpentry equals about 400 years of experience, so it is little wonder they performed such a beautiful restoration of the Chapel!

The Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum and its members appreciate their labor of love on this outstanding restoration. The highlights of their work include: re-supported entire substructure/basement floor joists and pillars; replaced base beam on southeast corner of Chapel; rebuilt entire altar area to expose two front windows; re-framed walls; overlaid walls with drywall; spackled and plastered walls; removed stained glass windows and rebuilt frames; re-planked ceiling substructure and installed new ceiling; rebuilt floor base and installed engineered hardwood flooring; re-trimmed every surface edge in the Chapel; rebuilt altar in home workshop; replaced and painted front and back doors; rebuilt front and back porches; and worked right up to the last minute to refinish and install the beautiful pews.
2015 PNG SPRING PICNIC
by TSgt Ted Nichols II

Hot dogs, hamburgers and assorted sides were enjoyed by attendees on the museum grounds at the museum's sixth annual spring picnic, May 20, 2015.

Volunteers from the museum board and membership served up the fare and as usual great camaraderie was shared by those that came out to enjoy a cooler spring day.

This year's picnic also allowed visitors a new opportunity that wasn't possible in prior years -- a chance to see the museum's recently restored chapel that was officially opened on April 17.

Thanks to all those who helped out with this year's event and to all those who supported the museum and stopped by for lunch with a dose of history at the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum at Fort Indiantown Gap!
DONATIONS

A set of donated uniforms by the former Adjutant General of Pennsylvania, Major General Wesley Craig.

World War II 28th Division yearbook, World War II German bayonet & scabbard, honorable discharge certificate and the donor’s father’s mess kit which was recently found in the area of the Battle of the Bulge. Donated by Leonard Maglioccheti, Jr. from Lakewood, Colorado. (See the Artifact Recovered from European Battlefield for additional information)

Flight cap, aviation headset, wrist watch, armor vest insert from SSG Michael Moy.

WWI era Chaplain’s communion set and twelve military history books by COL Thomas McCabe, (USMC, Ret.)

A donated set of four 107th Field Artillery Regimental plates and dishes by LTC Dale Waltman.

A unique framed memorandum issued by MG Muir, commanding general of the 28th Division on May 24, 1918. The cause of this was due to a lack of hygiene supplies on the World War I battlefield. This item was donated by MG John Gronski, current Commanding Officer of the 28th Infantry Division as part of the larger historical collection that came from Harrisburg Military Post.

Sometimes you just can not make things like this up!!!

Photo by SGT Damian J. M. Smith

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A donated 2014 souvenir mug from the 109th Field Artillery NCO dining at the Kingston Armory donated by CSM Daryl A. Crawford.

![Image of AEF photograph of Company H, 110th Infantry, 28th Division, AEF in France or Germany.](Photo by SGT Damian J. M. Smith)

A frame AEF photograph of Company H, 110th Infantry, 28th Division, AEF in France or Germany.

Six American Legion 40 & 8 “Wrecking Crew” patches from Voiture 5 (PA). The Wrecking Crew was the committee responsible for initiating new members into the organization.

![Image of Wrecking Crew patches.](Photo by SGT Damian J. M. Smith)

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A framed print entitled “MIA” by Howard Brodie from Korea, 1951. This print was donated to the museum by SFC Charles A. Will.

![Image of framed print.](Photo by SGT Damian J. M. Smith)

An additional set of military challenge coins donated by CSM (Ret.) Richard Fonner.

![Image of military challenge coins.](Photo by SGT Damian J. M. Smith)

Identified and engraved WWII wristwatch and 110th Infantry Regimental souvenir plaque of Corporal Huber A. Remick of Company G, donated by Mr. and Mrs. James & Pat Remick.

![Image of wristwatch and plaque.](Photo by SGT Damian J. M. Smith)
SHRAPNEL CROSS
by MG WALTER F. PULOWSKI (USA, Ret.)

During the period 2 November to 8 November 1944, the 28th Division was attacking to seize the German Towns of Vonnsenack, Schmidt and Kommerscheidt in the Hurtgen Forest Campaign. The 109th Infantry Regiment objective was Vossenack. Bitter fighting over the Vossenack Church took place as the soldiers of the German 89th Volks Grenadier Division, 116th Panzer Division and the U.S. 28th Infantry Division battled for six days in the campaign that was to be known as the Battle of Schmidt or the Battle of All Souls Day.

Mr. Baptist Palm, the former Burgermeister of Vossenack was a soldier in the 89th Volks Grenadier Division and was involved in hand to hand combat with 28th Infantry Division soldiers as the church changed hands several times during the battle. Mr. Palm made the cross as a reminder of the death and destruction that took place there from shrapnel that was imbedded in the church. He presented the cross to 28th Division Officers in 1990 as a token of his remembering.

BOOK REVIEW
by CHARLES B. OELLIG

If you like soldier art, you will really enjoy “The Lost Sketchbooks, A Young Artist in the Great War.” The author Rex Passion writes the story of young Corporal Edward Shenton of Company B, 103d Engineer Regiment, 28th Infantry Division, AEF.

Shenton, a Philadelphia boy sketched almost everything he saw during his time as a soldier from 1917 to 1919. Each drawing is identified, some in great detail. The sketches were stored in an attic for over ninety years and discovered by the artist’s son, Ned Shenton and are published for the first time. This is one of the best collections of World War I sketches we have seen.

Published by Komatic Press, Torbay Bight Companies, Inc., 95 Jackson Street, Cambridge, MA 02140. ISBN: 978-0-9828219-5-4 Cost is $21.00.
MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to our recently rejoined or new members. The military museum is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, and tax deductible dues or donations may be sent to:

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Fort Indiantown Gap
Annville, PA 17003-5003

Membership application forms are available on the museum website at:

www.pngmilitarymuseum.org

Although space constraints prevent 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, Life and Business memberships for Spring 2015.

Aldred Allison, Jr. (Regular)  Carl Weaver Lundquist (Regular)
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David Gibson (Regular)
Rose Troutman (Regular)
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Stanley Jaworski
James M. Herron (In memory of MSgt Glenn Raup, 112th Air Control Squadron)
David Spaulding

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, building projects or in memory of someone who has served.

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ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE

As a museum member we offer to you an electronic version of this newsletter. If you would like to receive an electronic version instead of a mailed copy please contact SGT Damian J. M. Smith at: c-Damsmith@pa.gov If you are unsure if you would like to have it sent that way you can always try it once. If it does not fit your needs, you can always revert back to the original mailed copy of the newsletter

MUSEUM TOUR GROUPS

Battle Staff Class 15-005
Hope Springs Farm Group #8
1st Battalion, 110th Infantry Mortar Section
Cub Pack 241 (Knauers, PA)
Agora Cyber Charter School
Ecumenical Retirement Community Group
Boy Scout Troop 146 (Conegosta, PA)
Boy Scout Troop 155 (Tuckerton, PA)
Battle Staff Class 15-006
109th FA Fire Support Section
Battle Staff Class 15-007
MUSEUM WISH LIST

If you have objects that you wish to donate to the Museum, please contact us at (717) 861-2402. Please have some 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
- American Civil War Items
- EAATS, Army and Air Guard unit patches
- A WWII or 1950s Chaplain’s Uniform
- Spanish American War Items
- Items from Mt. Gretna during the time the Pennsylvania National Guard trained there in the late 1880s to 1930s
- 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)
- Unit Challenge Coins

2015 CALENDAR OF HISTORY & EVENTS

AUGUST

6 Birthday of the 213th ASG

SEPTEMBER

1 Labor Day

9-12 28th Infantry Division Reunion at Fort Indian town Gap


18 Air Force Birthday

OCTOBER

10 28th ID “March for the Fallen” Strickler Field, FTIG

NOVEMBER

7 FTIG Insignia Swapmeet

11 Veterans Day

DECEMBER

7 Pennsylvania National Guard’s Birthday originally formed in 1747 by Benjamin Franklin

2016

JANUARY

1 New Years Day

18 Martin Luther King Day

FEBRUARY

2 Groundhog Day

15 President’s Day

MARCH

27 Easter Sunday

APRIL

15 Tax Day
“Curator’s Corner” welcomes our new Adjutant General, Major General James Joseph with a historical photograph of the 29th officer to hold this office, Brigadier General James W. Latta of Philadelphia.

Latta enlisted as a private in Company D, 1st Regiment (Grey Reserves), Pennsylvania Militia on the 1st April 1861. On August 4th, 1862 he received a commission as a Second Lieutenant in Company C, 119th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. On the 1st of September he was promoted to First Lieutenant in Company E and to Captain of Company B on November 8, 1863.

On May 20, 1864, Latta resigned to accept an appointment of Adjutant General of United States Volunteers. He received the brevet rank of Major on December 5, 1864 for excellent and meritorious conduct at the Battle of Winchester, VA. He also received the rank of Brevet Lieutenant Colonel for his conduct at the Battles of Ebenezer Church and Columbus, GA. He mustered out of the army on January 20, 1866.

Later that year the Pennsylvania militia began to reorganize and Latta accepted the position of Captain and Adjutant of the 1st Regiment Infantry of Philadelphia. He rapidly moved up in rank becoming a Major in December 1867, Lieutenant Colonel in January 1868 and Colonel of the regiment December 2, 1868. On May 7, 1873 he resigned to accept the appointment of Adjutant General of Pennsylvania taking office on June 1st of the at year. He served as TAG till January 1883. Later he served as Secretary of Internal Affairs for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from 1895 to 1903. He passed away on March 12th, 1922 at the age of 82 years. He is buried in Laurel Hill cemetery in Philadelphia.

This is the 43rd 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.
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, 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. The museum is located at the corner of Service Road and Wiley Road, building number T-8-57. Look for the Civil War Cannon and the museum signs on the right hand side.