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They were the first couple married at Our Lady of Victory Chapel on the military reservation. At first, Rita did not tell her family of the wedding. Frank shipped out the following month to serve in the Persian Gulf Command (PGC) with the 506th Ordnance HM Co. FA at Andimeshk, Iran. The Persian Gulf Command was started in 1942 for the thousands of troops that the United States sent to Iran and Iraq to help transport war material to Russia. Between 1942 and 1945 the United States armed Russia with 192,000 combat vehicles to include trucks, jeeps, and tanks. Millions of rounds of ammunition were sent into Russia from the Middle East. American s flew A-20 medium bombers across the Atlantic Ocean to Abadan, Iran where they were turned over to Russian flyers. The Russians then painted the white star red and then took off to Stalingrad and other sites on the Eastern Front of World War II. All of equipment including the thousands of aircraft sent help supply the nearly 60 combat divisions of the Russian Army in the south. Many historians agree that without the various supply lines into Russia supporting their war effort which allowed them to make several large thrusts against the German war machine, the 1944 D-Day invasion could have been postponed many more months and suffered many more casualties if the German Army did not have to defend against the Russian advances. From 1946, the veterans of the Persian Gulf Command held annual national conventions. The 60th and last convention was held in July 2007 in Danville, Pennsylvania.

After the war, Frank brought his bride to his hometown of Akron, Ohio where they set up housekeeping, raised three children and continued their love affair for 35 years until his death in 1978.


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Specialists from EEC Static Display Aircraft Painting Service, a division of Energy Engineering and Controls out of Center Valley, Pa., repaint the EC-130E Commando Solo II aircraft on display along Fisher Avenue at the installation. By regulation, static displays are required to be repainted at varying intervals to protect and provide the desired appearance of the static display. The installation features a variety of static displays that the public is encouraged to explore.
OBITUARIES OF TWO LONG TERM FRIENDS

by SGT Damian J. M. Smith

Two of our long term friends of our museum who had assisted us throughout the years have passed away. Both with long service records to the community and nation. We take a moment to honor their life long service.

CSM Richard L. Fonner, ARNG (RET.)

CSM Richard L. Fonner, ARNG (Ret) 80, of Harrisburg died July 18, 2015 at Community General Hospital. Born April 26, 1935 in Waynesburg, Greene County, he was a son of the late Philip and Helen (Miles) Fonner Brindle.

Dick was educated in the Harrisburg school system and graduated from the former John Harris high School, class of 1953. After 42 years of service in the PA Army National Guard, Mr. Fonner retired as a military personnel administrative/logistics technician. His last military assignment was as the 28th Infantry Division’s Command Sergeant Major. During his full time military career he receive numerous awards and medals for his achievements. He was a member of many military veteran’s organizations, groups and museums.

Dick was a Christian member of the former Olivet Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg for over 50 years. At present he was a member of Trinity Evangelical Congressional Church in Rutherford.

Surviving are, high school sweetheart and wife of 58 years, Frances Szivos Fonner; daughter, Kelly Fonner and husband Robert Keller; brother, Frank Fonner; sister, Delores Brindle; sister in law, Suzanne Fonner; step brother, George (Mary Carol) Brindle; brother in law, John (Elaine) Szivos; many nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition to his parents, Dick was preceded in death by brothers, Philip and David Fonner; sister in law, Patricia Fonner, brother in law John Brindle, and in-laws John and Mary Szivos.

General Daniel Joseph O'Neill, ARNG (RET.)

General Daniel Joseph O'Neill, 78, of Honesdale, a long-time educator and school administrator, distinguished military officer, active civic leader, and irreplaceable center of his family, died unexpectedly on July 28, 2015.

General O'Neill was born and raised in Pleasant Mount, Pa., the son of Eleanor M. and Paul L. O'Neill, and was a lifelong resident of Wayne County. He was a graduate of Pleasant Mount High School Class of 1955. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Scranton in 1959. General O'Neill went on to earn Master's degrees from the University of Scranton and Lehigh University.

General O'Neill was a career educator. He began teaching in the Susquehanna School District. In 1969, he moved to the Wayne Highlands School District, where he served as the Honesdale High School Assistant Principal until 1972 and High School Principal through 1989. He was appointed Superintendent of Schools for Wayne Highlands School District, where he served from 1989 through 1999. In all, he spent nearly 40 years serving his community as an educator to thousands of students in North-east Pennsylvania.

General O'Neill had over 35 years of distinguished commissioned service in the U.S. Army and Pennsylvania National Guard. He received his commission in the Military Police as a Distinguished Reserve Officer Training Corps Graduate from the University of Scranton in 1959. Thereafter he attended the Military Police Officer Basic Course and served on active duty as a platoon leader in the 716th MP Battalion at Fort Dix, New Jersey. Upon returning to Pennsylvania, General O'Neill joined the Pennsylvania National Guard.

Daniel was a graduate of the United States Army Command and General Staff College, the National Security Management Course, and in 1984 graduated from the United States Army War College. General O'Neill served in numerous Pennsylvania National Guard command and staff positions including commander of the 28th Infantry Division (Mechanized) from 1989 until 1994. He was awarded numerous awards and medals through his military service, including the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Army Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Ribbon, the Army Reserve Component Medal and the Army Service Ribbon.

General O'Neill was a tireless community leader. He served on numerous boards and charities. He was also a private pilot of fixed wing aircraft with a love of flying and aviation that he shared with anyone who would join him aloft. He also refereed high school and college basketball games for nearly 25 years. For the past 10 years, General O'Neill enjoyed spending winters at his home in Florida golfing and entertaining many friends. Of all General O'Neill's accomplishments, his greatest was his family. He is survived by his loving wife of over 55 years, Alice (Hauenstein), to whom he was married at St. Juliana's Catholic Church, Rock Lake, PA on December 19, 1959. He is also survived a large family to include his four beloved children and 10 grandchildren.
PNGMM GOLF TOURNAMENT

by Sharon Flag

On Saturday, September 12, 2015, the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum hosted its 7th Annual Foxhole Invitational Golf Tournament, which will served as a fundraiser to help support the museum and its mission. The tournament was an overwhelming success, 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
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RED ROBIN
RICH VALLEY GOLF COURSE
SCENTSY BY MANDY BECK WETZEL
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FAREWELL TO THE RED KEYSTONE SHOULDER SLEEVE PATCH

by Walter Pudlowski, MG (Ret.)

General Order Number 14, dated September 22, 1917, established new reorganization plans for the Army. That order also changed our Division’s designation from the 7th Division to 28th Division. The nickname “Keystone” was adopted and a red keystone-shaped shoulder patch was developed. The red keystone-shaped shoulder patch was officially adopted on October 17, 1918 and was to be worn on the left sleeve of the uniform.

For nearly 100 years, this same red keystone-shaped shoulder patch has been worn on the upper left sleeve of their Class “A” Army uniform by thousands of men and women assigned to the 28th “Keystone” Division. Little changed in the patch’s design and its distinctive keystone shape is easily identified throughout the world. The Red Keystone was proudly first worn by Pershing’s “Men of Iron” returning from France at the end of World War I. During World War II and the period leading up to the Division’s mobilization for the Korean War, Red Keystone adorned the uniform shoulders of our soldiers; after the Division’s return from deployment to Germany, soldiers turned in their Ike Jackets and Officers their Pinks and Greens for the new Army Dress Green Class A uniform. The Army Dress Green Uniform was formally adopted on September 2, 1954. However, it was not available till May 1, 1957.

After a near 60 year reign, the Army Dress Green Class A uniform is coming to an end. After September 30, 2015, the Dress Green Uniform will no longer be authorized for wear. It has been replaced by the blue Army Service Uniform that is now being issued to all soldiers. It will become the single approved Army Service Uniform. Sadly, also on September 30, 2015 wearing of the red keystone-shaped shoulder patch on the Army dress uniform is not authorized. Army uniform policy states “No non-subdued shoulder sleeve insignia will be worn on the Army Service Uniform.”

For those soldiers assigned to the 28th Division during World War II, wearing of a Red Keystone on the right sleeve was also authorized. Thus, a soldier having served in wartime service in the 28th Division and still a member of the Division could wear two Red Keystone shoulder sleeve insignia. With the mobilization and deployments to Iraq, Afghanistan and other areas designated as combat areas which authorize wearing of right shoulder sleeve insignia, many currently serving members of the 28th Division wear a Red Keystone on both shoulder sleeves of their Green uniform.

Since no non-subdued shoulder sleeve insignia will be worn on the Army Service Uniform, soldiers with combat service in the 28th Infantry Division can and may opt to wear the Red Keystone Combat Service Identification Badge. This badge will be worn on the right front pocket of the Army Service Uniform. It will be the only Class A uniform related identification that the Soldier is or was assigned to the 28th Division. The black subdued shoulder sleeve insignia will remain as a unit identification worn on left sleeve of the Army Combat Uniform.

Patches designating Army units have come and gone. Among those that have prevailed, however, is the 28th Infantry Division, America’s Oldest, Continuous Serving Division. After September 30, 2015 the cloth or embroidered Red Keystone Shoulder Patch may become an item sought after by “collector’s” far and wide, but the true meaning of the “Red Keystone” rests in the hearts and memories of the thousands who served while wearing it.
DONATIONS

A collection of Air Guard pictures of vintage aircraft that was on display at the PA Air Guard Headquarters along with several PA Air National Guard signs.

An ACU and Class A Green uniform complete with all insignia from Chaplain (COL) Bert S. Kozen, State Chaplain, DMVA.

A Christian Combat Assault Chaplain’s Kit from Chaplain (COL) Bert S. Kozen, State Chaplain, DMVA.

Photo by SGT Damian J. M. Smith
A large number of artifacts transferred to the PNG Military Museum from the 28th Infantry Division Headquarters in Harrisburg, PA.

Green uniform, tan uniform and cap from 1LT Donald S. Bowman from the 165th MP Battalion.

A collection 26 books of TAG Reports from 1862 to 1902 from the Oregon State Library in Salem, OR by Ms. Kate McGann.

A souvenir packet of photographs of training maneuvers at IGMR in 1935. The packet contains 12 black and white photos which was donated by Mr. Richard Ogle.

 WWI 28th Division (110th Infantry) Ike jacket & trousers, leggings, four overseas caps, shirt, U.S. Army blanket, a German Navy blanket (seen left) and a book by the donor which is a biography of his father and a history of service. These donations were made possible by Mr. David Coats.
A U.S. Signal Corps’ Sound Reproducer RP-104/UIH-2, Serial Number #76 and a pair of military speakers that go to this phonograph donated by Mr. Peter Aufiero.

A very large collection to include a Mexican Border NGP phot album, other photos, books, manuals, papers, documents, maps, insignia, officer’s short overcoat, a Civil War Cavalry Saber, M-1902 Officer’s sword which belonged to an officer who served with the 107th FA in World War II. The officer, was the father of Mr. Walter Neel Robertson who donated the large collection to the museum on behalf of his father’s service. The above three pictures shows just a sampling of the collection of 107th Field Artillery items.
BOOK REVIEW
by CHARLES B. OELLIG

The Brotherhood that Binds the Brave: Contemporary Units of the Army National Guard and Regular Army Derived from Units that Fought at Gettysburg, a new book by Michael M. Martin, has been released by Dorrance Publishing Co., Inc.

Members of today’s 111th Infantry, a regiment in the Pennsylvania National Guard, feel a strong sense of pride and comradeship with the members of the Philadelphia Brigade, the first citizen militia unit to exist in Pennsylvania, derived from the Associators found in 1747 in Philadelphia by Benjamin Franklin. The Philadelphia Brigade joined Washington’s Army for the Trenton-Princeton Campaign during the American Revolution. By the Civil War, the Associators had become the 72nd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, which served along with three other regiments from Philadelphia in a brigade commanded by General Alexander Webb. Webb’s brigade was actively engaged in battle with Confederate units assaulting Cemetery Ridge on July 2 and 3, 1863, during the Battle of Gettysburg. Brought together at this momentous battle these men developed a sense of pride and brotherhood that extended far beyond their own regiment to include comrades and former foes alike. In 1921, the Associators became the present-day 111th Infantry.
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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**Building T-8-57**  
**Fort Indiantown Gap**  
**Annville, PA 17003-5003**

Membership application forms are available on the museum website at:

[www.pngmilitarymuseum.org](http://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.

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- Michael Moy, Sr. (Regular)
- Joseph Fadrowski (Regular)
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- Daniel Kachinski (Regular)
- George M. Homberg III (Regular)
- Royal S. Buyer (Regular)
- Randall R. Marchi (Regular)
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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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James M. Herron
John and Judith Byerly
(In dear memory of CSM Dick Fonner)
Randall R. Marchi

MUSEUM TOUR GROUPS

Boy Scout Troop 8
(Butler County, PA)

Dave H. Walmor Family

Philadelphia Police Cadets

Sons of the Spanish American War
(Lebanon Camp)

Battle Staff Group Class 15-010

40th FTIG Vietnamese Reunion

Boy Scout Troop 755 (Clamtown, PA)

Summit School of Ministry Group 1

Summit School of Ministry Group 2

32nd Annual 28th Infantry Division Association

Battle Staff Group Class 15-301

Easter ARNG Aviation Training Site (EAATS)

Military Auxiliary Radio System Class (MARS)

Civil Air Patrol Squadron 811

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE

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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 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
- EAASTS, 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

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Winfield R. Scott enlisted in the Williamsport City Grays January 6, 1870, then transferred with the Company into the Twelfth Regiment as Company A in 1874. At muster out of the company in May, 1878, he enlisted in Company B.

In 1880, he was discharged at his own request and enlisted in Company D. At the expiration of his term of enlistment he re-enlisted in Company G, reenlisting in the company at each expiration.

In 1898, having been rejected by the volunteer surgeons for service in the war with Spain, he was transferred to Company B, Seventh Regiment (provisional) and served with that company until Company G, Twelfth Regiment, was reorganized, when he was transferred back to Company G.

He served as Corporal in Company A, Corporal and Sergeant in Company B, and Corporal and Sergeant in Company G. He was reduced to the ranks in Company G at his own request and served for the remainder of his career as a Private until retiring June 25, 1909. He was described as being 5 feet, 8 inches tall and was a laborer by occupation.

This is the 44th 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.