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MUSEUM’S YEAR IN REVIEW

by SGT Damian J. M. Smith

The Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum had another year of steady growth in 2015. Our museum attendance was only down 100 people but due to state budget issues we received 23 less groups most from schools. Our historical requests increased of 158 more than in 2014. Our museum’s website and Facebook membership also increased.

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Museum Website 2015 stats include:

- Unique Visitors 27,790 +840
- Website Visitors 38,210 +1,281
- Pages Viewed 87,210 +37,902
- Website Hits 819,487 +28,487
- Bandwidth Data 46.46 GB +5.32 GB

Historical Requests Answered:

- Museum Director 464 +80
- Command Historian 361 +78
- Total 825 +158

MUSEUM’S FACEBOOK HITS 1,000TH FRIEND

by SGT Damian J. M. Smith

The Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum has reached a milestone with our online Facebook membership. On January 3, 2016, the museum has hit our 1,000th member. As a reward, we have sent our online member a prize pack of several items. To include a PNGMM patch and pin, History of the PA National Guard book, Back at the Gap Book, several smaller pamphlets of history and a one year free membership at the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum.

Our surprise winner SFC James M. Mikolajczyk. He is a 16 year old Army Veteran. James was born in Erie, Pennsylvania to a Polish-American Family. He currently stationed at Fort Bragg when he serves as Brigade Electronic Warfare NCOIC serving with HHB, 18th Field Artillery Brigade. In his 16 years of military service, SFC Mikolajczyk has had tours of duty in Kosovo, Iraq and Korea.

Among his standard military education, he has a Master degree in Theological Studies from the Southwestern College of Professional Studies and a Bachelor’s degree in Religion from American Military University.

James is married and has a son. Besides military history as an interest, he is a big fan of the Erie and Pittsburgh sports teams. We would like to wish the Mikolajczyk family best wishes in 2016 and thanks for being one of our “Friends” on the museum’s Facebook page.
193rd SOW ACTIVATES NEW GROUP AND SQUADRONS

by Airman 1st Class Julia Sorber
193rd Special Operations Wing

In a ceremony January 10, 2016, Col. Kristin Brawley assumed command of the newly activated 193rd Air Operations Group in State College, Pennsylvania. This unit is part of a regional support group attached to the 193rd Special Operations Wing, headquartered in Middletown, Pennsylvania.

(Col. Kristin Brawley, commander the 193rd Air Operations Group, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, State College, Pa., receives the guidon from Col. Mike Cason (left), 193rd Special Operations Wing commander, Middletown, Pa., during an assumption of command ceremony. Photo by U. S. Air National Guard Master Sgt. Matt Schwartz)

This new distinction from air operations squadron to air operation group allows the unit to be recognized and supported at the level at which their missions dictate, according to wing leadership.

The ceremony began with preliminary honors and ended with the symbolic passing of the guidon, representing a new chapter for the wing. "When we close this chapter, we start a new one," said Col. Mike Cason, commander of the 193rd Special Operations Wing. "The group's construct does change; the guidon changes; but your selfless service remains the same."

In addition to activating the 193rd AOG, a 193rd Air Communication Squadron, Air Intelligence Squadron and Combat Operations Squadron were also activated, Brawley said. "This is a time of great opportunity, as individuals and as units," said Brawley. "I'm excited about creating a world-class organization here in State College."


MUSEUM STAFF GRADUATES FROM 2ND BASIC FIELD HISTORIAN COURSE

by SGT Damian J. M. Smith

The Center of Military History (CMH) recently conducted the 2nd U.S. Army’s Basic Field Historian Course (BFHC) at Fort Lee, Virginia supported by the U.S. Army’s Transportation Museum. Additional training was conducted also on Petersburg Battlefield with roughly 20 people in attendance for the course.

The Basic Field Historian Training Course provided each officer, soldier, and civilian student with the basic individual skills necessary to assume duties either in an MHD or as a unit, command historian or conduct historian duties to support their individual commands.

The focus was on the accurately collects, preserves, interprets, and expresses the Army's history and material culture to more broadly educate and develop our force, the military profession, and the nation. We accomplish this mission through our primary lines of effort, which entail managing the Army's field history program; developing a cohesive Army museum program; providing historical support to Army leadership; creating and administering a historical knowledge management system; and researching, presenting, and preserving the Army's history and heritage.

In addition, the course provides one avenue for the professional development of CP 61 Army historians and historical staffs, whether or not they will serve in field historian positions. 

National Guard participants from left to right were Mr. Al Barnes, Command Historian for VA; Mr. John Trowbridge, Command Historian for KY; Ms. Stephanie L. Olsen, Cultural Resource Manager, PA; SGT Damian J. M. Smith, Command Historian, PA. Photo provided by SGT Damian J. M. Smith
**MARCH FOR THE FALLEN IS SCHEDULED**

by SGT Damian J. M. Smith

The March For The Fallen began in April 2012 when a group of Pennsylvania National Guard members, inspired by the Bataan Death March event in White Sands, New Mexico, organized a march to honor the fallen in Pennsylvania. The inaugural event took place at Fort Indiantown Gap, near Annville, with a satellite march in Erie, Pennsylvania.

Since then the race has grown with new courses as well as participation categories. It is open to the Public (there is no minimum age providing the individual is registered and marching with a parent/guardian or a member of the family 18 years or older. The Kid’s Honor Run is limited to children under 9).

**Schedule of Events**

**Friday, 23 September 2016**

10:00 PM - 1:00 PM Participant Packet Pick Up (Location TBD)

4:00 PM-7:00 PM Participant Packet Pick Up (Location TBD)

4:00 PM-7:00 PM Participant, family and friends free pre-event pasta dinner!

**Saturday, 24 September 2016**

6:00 AM - Path to Honor, Hawk Watch Challenge

Sunrise Start for Wounded Warriors and physically challenged

07:30 AM - Opening ceremony

08:00 AM - Reveille; Path to Honor March Start

10:00 AM - Hawk Watch Challenge Start

12:30 PM - Kids 1k Start

1:00 PM - Run The Fallen 5k Start

2:00 PM - 1k/ 5k Awards ceremony

3:00 PM - Hawk Watch Challenge Award ceremony

3:15 PM - Path to Honor March Award ceremony

5:00 PM - Retreat/ closing ceremony

WHERE: Fort Indiantown Gap, Strickler Field

REGISTER AT: [http://www.gapmwr.com/march-for-the-fallen](http://www.gapmwr.com/march-for-the-fallen)

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**2016 PNGAS CONFERENCE**

by Ms. Carolyn O’Day Malfara

The Pennsylvania National Guard Association has announced that they will be having their state conference in May. The purpose of the PNGAS is to support the Pennsylvania National Guard and its members by promoting the Guard and its efficient functioning and organization, advocating policies that will advance its well-being, fostering and improving it with cooperation and joint programs for officers and enlisted personnel through the National Guard Association of Pennsylvania (NGAPA) and the Pennsylvania National Guard Enlisted Association (PNGEA) – both organizations that partner to form PNGAS. The sole purpose of PNGAS is to harness the power of the two separate associations to provide a solid presence in the state and national capitols regarding legislative objectives.

DATE:: 13-15 May, 2016

LOCATION: Crowne Plaza in Downtown Harrisburg, PA

REGISTER AT: [http://pngas.org](http://pngas.org)

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**28th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION REUNION PLANNED**

by Ms. Carolyn O’Day Malfara

The 28th Infantry Division Association will be held at Fort Indiantown Gap from the 7-10 September 2016. The reunion will hold its reunion trip on Friday the 9th. This year’s trip location will head to Baltimore and Inner Harbor Trip. The trip may include trips to Fort McHenry (Site of our National Anthem), Baltimore Aquarium, USS Constellation, Baltimore Zoo, B&O Railroad Museum, or Inner Harbor Cruise. The final agenda will be decided late April/early May. The reunion banquet will be held on Saturday at the Community Club on post.
The 7th Annual Foxhole Invitational was held on September 12, 2015, at Pine Meadows Golf Complex. The tournament originated in September 2009 to support the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum, which serves as a tribute to our veterans – past, present, and future. In 2010, the tournament was dedicated to Maj. Gen. Frank H. Smoker, Jr., who passed away on July 16, 2010. General Smoker served as president of the Museum since its inception in 1985 until January 2010.

The golf course at Pine Meadows features a beautiful natural setting among wetlands, bent grass fairways, Kentucky blue grass roughs and challenging contours. This par 72 layout has four sets of tees with the yardage ranging from 4,956 to 6,680 yards. Pine Meadows Golf Complex also features paved cart paths and spectacular bridges taking you over the beautiful Swatara Creek twice. Fourteen (14) holes are featured with water hazards.

There is also a Clubhouse, featuring a fully stocked Pro Shop, fine dining Restaurant “The Wetlands” and Lounge, plus deck and patio are open to the public and ready for you if you plan to practice prior to this year’s event in September.

Despite the weather, this year’s tournament was a huge success, and we could not have done it without the support of our golfers, sponsors and volunteers. We truly appreciate everyone that supported this year’s golf tournament, and can’t wait to see everyone this September.

Feel free to check out the Pine Meadows golf course website at:

http://www.pinemeadowsgolf.com
BACKGROUND

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.

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Rita Meneses
Stephanie Olsen
Shannan Zerance

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FOXHOLEGOLF@GMAIL.COM

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
WWW.FOXHOLEGOLF.COM
OR
WWW.PGMMILITARYMUSEUM.ORG

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
- Winner will receive 50% of the money collected and a prize

LONGEST DRIVE
- Drive must stay in the fairway
- Golfer must mark his/her long drive distance on the teaball 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 teaball to be eligible

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

DIVISION (Presenting Sponsor - 1 Available)
- $1,500

BRIGADE (Gift Sponsor)
- Provide 150 giveaway items or donate $700

BATTALION (Primary Hole Sponsor)
- $500
- Includes 1 team - attach form

CANTINA (Drink Cart Sponsor)
- $400

MARKSMANSHIP (Contest Sponsor)
- $300

PLATOON (Tee Sponsor)
- $150

PRIVATE (Friend of the Museum)
- $50

RECRUITER (Raffle Items)

Company
Name: __________________________

Address: ________________________

City: __________________ State ______ Zip ______

Contact
Person: ________________________

Email: __________________________

Phone: __________________________ Cell __________________

PLEASE RETURN ALL FORMS WITH PAYMENT TO:

Museum Golf Tournament
PO Box 884
Jonestown, PA 17038

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
PA National Guard Military Museum
Thank you for your support!
THE CENTENNIAL OF OUR NATIONAL PARKS

by SGT Damian J. M. Smith

Later this year on the 25 August, 2016 the National Park Service will turn 100 years old. The Centennial will celebrate the achievements of the past 100 years, but it is really about the future. It’s about kicking off a second century of stewardship for America’s national parks and for communities across the nation. Most importantly, it’s about inviting you and your family to join with people across the nation in the celebration.

With 407 national parks, Pennsylvania has 29 national battlefields, memorials, historic sites, trails, heritage areas and recreation areas across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The National Park Service and National Park Foundation are working closely with various partners and stakeholders across the country to ensure that the Centennial is more than a single birthday event. Throughout the year, there will be various programs at the various sites. The National Park Service’s focus is on community-based recreation, conservation, and historic preservation programs that positively impact their own communities.

In celebration of the upcoming National Park Service Centennial, the National Park Foundation and the National Park Service kicked off the Find Your Park movement to inspire all people to connect with, enjoy, and support America’s national parks. We invite those who already know and love the parks and also the next generation of visitors, supporters, and advocates to join the movement at FindYourPark.com and by using #FindYourPark on social media.

We hope that in 2016 you will not only visit our museum here at Fort Indiantown Gap, but also visit some of our nation’s greatest treasures from Gettysburg to Yellowstone.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE

As a museum member, we offer 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 try it once and revert back to the original mailed copy of the newsletter if you prefer.

FORT INDIANTOWN GAP REPAIRS OLD SIGNS

by SGT Damian J. M. Smith

Fort Indiantown Gap’s Garrison Command recently replaced all three of their Army Aviation historical signs. The three older wooden signs were updated in February with three brand new metal signs located along Fisher Avenue. The updated metal signs will hold up to the cold and wet weather better than the wooden previous wooden signs. Each sign still contains historical information on which can be view by the public thanks to the commitment of the garrison to promote our military heritage here at Fort Indiantown Gap.

Photo by SGT Damian J. M. Smith
PNG Museum
7th Annual
Spring Picnic

Friday, 20 May 2015
1100 to 1300

HAMBURGERS • HOT DOGS • CHIPS • PASTA SALAD • DRINKS

PNG Military Museum on Service Road at Fort Indiantown Gap
(Inclement weather – inside Museum Bldg. 8-56)

Tickets are $8 and can be purchased at the picnic, or in advance from:
Stephanie Olsen .... Environmental .... FTIG Bldg. 0-11 ..... 717-861-6793
Shannan Zerance ... DMVA Budget.......... FTIG Bldg. 0-47..... 717-861-8479
Charlie Oellig ........ Museum ............. FTIG Bldg. 8-57..... 717-861-2402
SGT Damian Smith . Public Affairs....... FTIG Bldg. 8-41 .... 717-861-2464
Col. David Smoker (Ret.) .............................................717-770-2078

Proceeds support the preservation of historical items at the Museum.

PNG Military Museum
Bldg. T-8-57
Fort Indiantown Gap
Annville, PA 17003

Phone: 717-861-2402
www.pngmilitarymuseum.org
The Marine who led the charge to place the first American flag above Iwo Jima has died. First Lt. John Wells, 94, died Feb. 11 at the Arvada Care Rehabilitation Center in Arvada, Colorado. Wells received the Navy Cross, Bronze Star and Purple Heart after leading his Marines in a frontal assault up the slopes of Mount Suribachi during the Battle of Iwo Jima in World War II.

He didn’t make it to the top after taking multiple enemy rounds, but continued to command, leading his men to victory. His platoon raised the first flag atop the mountain, hours before the iconic photo of the second flag raising was captured. “He was a very warm, sensitive, spiritual man, all the way to age 94,” Connie Schultz, Well’s daughter, told ABC affiliate Denver 7. “He honored and loved the Marine Corps with all his heart and soul. He loved his family, and his last words were, ‘My family.’”

Wells, as leader of the 3rd Platoon, E Company, 2nd Battalion, 28th Marines, successfully conducted the Feb. 21, 1945, assault over open terrain against a well-entrenched and stalwart defender. The engagement gained his platoon the distinction as the most decorated platoon to fight in a single engagement in the history of the Marine Corps. With “courageous leadership and indomitable fighting spirit,” Wells led demolition teams from one enemy bunker to the other, knocking out at least 25 emplacements in the process, according to his Navy Cross citation.

“In the face of intense hostile machine-gun, mortar and rifle fire, [he] continuously moved from one flank to the other to lead assault groups one by one in their attacks on Japanese emplacements,” Well’s citation states.

He was severely wounded while directing an attack on a particularly formidable blockhouse that had halted his platoon’s advance. Undeterred, he pressed the attack until the fortified position was eliminated.

“When, an hour later, the pain from his wound became so intense that he was no longer able to walk, [Wells] established his command post in a position from which to observe the progress of his men and continued to control their attack by means of messengers,” according to his citation.

The battle for the 546-foot mountain overlooking the tiny volcanic island raged for another two days after Wells was evacuated to a hospital ship. On February 23, members of his platoon, along with E Company’s executive officer, 1st Lt. Harold Schrier, peaked the summit to raise the national flag above the Wells, meanwhile, persuaded a corpsman to donate morphine to him, escaped from the hospital ship and joined his men shortly after the flag raising. Their first flag was replaced hours later when a larger one was raised. Photographer Joe Rosenthal captured this in what would become the most famous photograph of the war and arguably the most iconic image of the Marine Corps.

After the war, Wells studied petroleum geology at Texas Tech University and pursued a career in the oil industry. He continued to serve in the Marine Corps Reserve, retiring as a major in 1959. His published his memoir of the Battle of Iwo Jima, “Give Me 50 Marines Not Afraid to Die,” in 1995.
DONATIONS

All donation photos by SGT Damian J. M. Smith

World War II Pennsylvania State Guard (Home Guard) “Commanding Generals Efficiency Award.” The State Guard Units wore a Blue Keystone Shoulder Patch.

A Shield, medallion and plaque presented by Brigadier General Andrew Schafer.

An Collins Machetti. It was painted and decorated by “Jack A. Nightingale, 28th Infantry Regiment (Not Division) between 1959 to 1963.

Donated by the family of CSM Richard Fonner along with many other historical items of interest, some which are currently on exhibit at the museum.

A World War I, 28th Division uniform and other items of Private Harry Peffley, Company B, 103d Ammunition Train and Company A, 111th Infantry Regiment. The items were donated by sons, Ackley, Dudley and Kelley.

Fourteen bound volumes of General Orders, National Guard of Pennsylvania from 1906 to 1920. The items were purchased for the museum’s library.

A World War II photograph album that holds 193 black and white photographs of soldiers of the 132d Infantry on Guadalcanal and other South Pacific island. The album was made by the donor’s father, Howard N. Seitz, Company D, 132d Infantry, U.S. Army. There is at least one photo in this album that was taken at Indiantown Gap when Howard Seitz was here.

An M-1916 (WWI) Bacon Can and Tin Oil Lamp donated by Mr. David A. Heath of Newmanstown, Pennsylvania.
An 1/7th scale model of a Civil War 12 pound brass/bronze Napoleon Field Piece (Cannon). It was hand built by Mr. Charles H. Hafer of Elizabethtown, PA in 2002.

Two small Red Cross bags and canteen cup that came with PFC Harry Peffley’s World War I uniform as seen on the previous page.

A 28th Division Property Book Office “Challenge Coin and 1944 Philippine 5 Centavos coin donated by Mr. Leonard Neidig.

OLDEST ARMY JEEP
FINALLY GETS SOME TLC

by Mr. Mark Phelan, Detroit Free Press

Seventy-five years after it impressed the Army, the oldest known jeep is getting some much needed attention.

GP-No.1 is on display in the Veteran's Memorial Museum in Huntsville, Ala. The museum and the Historic Vehicle Association just finished verifying its history and documenting that GP-01 is one of five original test vehicles — two from Ford, two from Willys Overland and one from American Bantam.

Originally called the "Pygmy" and built and tested by Ford engineers in Dearborn and Detroit, GP-No.1 is the only one of those prototypes known to still exist in North America. The GP designation is believed by many to have hatched the name "jeep."

The Pygmy had features that remain prominent on Fiat Chrysler's Jeep brand today, including the upright grille with vertical slots that are literally the brand's trademark, Historic Vehicle Association president Mark Gessler said. "The government didn't really know what it wanted," when jeep development began, Fiat Chrysler historian Brandt Rosenbuch said. The Army began work on specifications for a light four-wheel-drive reconnaissance vehicle in 1937 with American Bantam of Butler, Penn. "Bantam deserves the vast majority of the credit for developing the basic concept and capabilities that became the Jeep," Gessler said.

The 1940 Ford Pilot Model GP-No. 1 (Pygmy), featured a flat-hood and a slat-grille incorporating the headlights within the body for protection. GP-No. 1 remains almost entirely unrestored. (Photo: U.S. Veterans Memorial Museum)

Erza Hoyt Ripple was a private in the 52nd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment captured during a bloody engagement with rebel troops near Charleston, South Carolina, in July 1864. Private Ripple spent the next six months as a prisoner of war and had to endure the horrors of Georgia’s infamous Andersonville prison, as well as those of the Florence prison in South Carolina. Dancing Along the Deadline is Ripple’s remarkable eyewitness account of survival written just after the end of the Civil War.

The military prison at Andersonville was one of the largest Confederate military prisons during the American Civil War. During the 14 months the prison actually existed, more than 45,000 Union soldiers were confined at the prison and nearly 13,000 died.

After the Civil War, August 14, 1877, Ripple enlisted in Company D, Scranton City Guards and was elevated to the same day to the rank of Captain. He was promoted to Major in the 13th Infantry Regiment, N.G.P. on October 10, 1878; Lieutenant Colonial in October 1883 and finally became Colonel on October 4, 1888. He served as Commissary General on the Staff of the Commander-In-Chief (Governor), and Assistant Adjutant General.

DID YOU KNOW?

Clara Barton (founder of the American Red Cross) accompanied the U.S. Army expedition that established the National Cemetery at Andersonville, Georgia. She was given the honor of raising the Stars and Stripes over the cemetery for the first time on August 17, 1865.
MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP, DONATIONS and TOURs

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:

PNG Military Museum
Building T-8-57
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 Winter 2015/2016.

Terence McCool (Regular)
Alfred C. Allison, Jr. (Regular)
Kenneth Brenzel (Regular)
Donna Weik (Family)
Peter Graybash Jr. (Regular)
Peter Phillipy (Family)
Dennis Guise (Family)
James MacVay (Regular)
Jeffrey Elliott (Business)
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Roanld Brewer (Life)
Matthew Hayduk (Family)
Bentura Rodriguez (Regular)
Dave Sakmar (Regular)
Andrew Sakmar (Regular)
Herman Walter Clemens (Life)

Terence McCool
Donna Weik (in memory of COL Warren F. Ditzer)
Peter R. Phillipy
Eureak-West Shore Lodge No. 302
(in memory of Brigadier General Richard B. Posey)
Dennis Guise

MUSEUM TOUR GROUPS

Traditions of Hershey Veterans Group
BSA Troop 55 (Wilkes-Barre, PA)
BSA Troop 251 (Clarks Green, PA)
BSA Troop 155 (Trucksville, PA)
BSA Troop 9 (Carbondale, PA)
BSA Troop 98 (Adamstown, PA)

BSA Troop 523 (Pine Forge, PA)
(Troop picture seen above)

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 or in honor of someone who has served.
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
- 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
- All types of Period Weapons

2016 CALENDAR OF HISTORY & EVENTS

APRIL

9   FTIG Insignia Swapmeet
15   Tax Day
22   Earth Day

MAY
National Military Appreciation Month

20   7th PNGMM Annual Picnic

JUNE

14   U.S. Army’s Birthday and Flag Day

21   Armed Forces Day
30   Memorial Day

JULY

4   Independence Day
16   FTIG Insignia Swapmeet

AUGUST

4   U.S. Coast Guard Birthday

SEPTEMBER
7-10   28th ID Reunion
10   8th Gen Frank Smoker Foxhole Invitational Golf Tournament
11   Patriot Day
18   U.S. Air Force Birthday

OCTOBER

13   U.S. Navy Birthday

NOVEMBER

10   U.S. Marine Corps Birthday
11   Veterans Day
17   National Wreaths Across America

DECEMBER

7   PA National Guard Birthday and Pearl Harbor Day
13   National Guard Birthday
26   Thanksgiving
CURATOR’S CORNER by Mr. CHARLES B. OELLIG

Five unidentified members of the Governor’s Troop of Cavalry of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania during their two-week annual training encampment located at Mount Gretna, Pennsylvania. They are being entertained by the unit mascot, a small goat. This photo was made in 1901 or 1903.

The Governor’s Troop was organized February 18, 1888, at the instigation of Governor Beaver and had continued from that date. As the official escort of the Governor of Pennsylvania. It has escorted many presidents and other distinguished visitors.

During the Spanish American War, the Troop served in Puerto Rico in August 1898, under the Second Army Corps attached to the headquarters. In World War I, the unit served as a battery of field artillery in the 28th Division.

Photo courtesy of Mr. Charles B. Oellig, (Museum Director) Personal Collection

This is the 45th 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. Stephanie L. Olsen at 717-861-6793.

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.