WWI FEATURED EXHIBIT

This is the military identification card of 1st Lieutenant, later Captain, Adelbert Robertson, Headquarters Company, 107th Field Artillery. His son, Walter N. Robertson, donated this card and the Captain’s M-1902 officer’s sword, uniforms and many other very interesting artifacts.

To see this, and other fascinating exhibits, please come visit the Museum!
DONATIONS

Artifact Information by Mr. Charles B. Oellig
Photos by SGT Damian J. M. Smith

Birds-eye view photograph of the 6th Field Artillery from Fort Hoyle, Maryland at Indiantown Gap, PA, from September 1939. The photo appears to have been taken in Area 13.

A presentation pewter mug from Battery A, NGP to George Harry Davis, Jr., June 1, 1904. The item (seen below) was purchased for the museum collection.


An M1917 WWI uniform, coat, cap, breeches, puttees and shirt were transferred from the U. S. Army Chemical Corps Museum at Fort Leonard Wood to the PNGMM. The uniform belonged to a 28th Infantry Division soldier named SGT Joseph C. Feagly of the 111th Ambulance Company, 28th Division, AEF. SGT Feagly was from Lancaster PA.

A photo album of the 28th Infantry Division reunions from 1984 and 1985 (62 pictures). Donated by Mr. Fred McMahon.


A soldier’s service record from Hampton’s Battery. This framed record was donated by LTC Jon DeVries (USA, Ret.)

An M1840 Medical Staff Officer Sword with scabbard engraved: 1st Lt Charles P. Woodring, 15th Regiment., NGP. This was purchased with funds from the generous donations of museum members.

Four panoramic photographs: two from the 13th Regiment; one from the 28th Division Ammunition Train from 1917; and one from the 6th U.S. Cavalry at Mt. Gretna. Donated by Brig. Gen. Gerald Otterbein, (USAF, Ret.).

Colors of the 103d Medical Battalion. This silk flag, circa 1947, was transferred to the PNGMM thanks to the help of CSM Shawn Phillips, the 328th CSM, along with 1SG Robert Klinger, Company C’s 1SG of the 328th BSB out of Elizabethtown.
We had a great first ever Military and Muscle Car Show and Picnic on Sunday 20 May 2018, with much thanks to board member Brig Gen Jerry Otterbein (USAF, Ret). A stellar committee of board members and additional volunteers pitched in for this successful event! Unfortunately, it rained on the originally scheduled date of Saturday 19 May, but nevertheless, we had 38 cars, pick-up trucks, and military vehicles including a customized military motorcycle. Additionally, we had over 100 guests who attended the show and visited the museum. Most of these visitors were people from the local community who had never visited the museum before.

Great food and drinks were on site and catered by Mr. and Mrs. Mike and Jamie Saphore, owners of the Fredericksburg Eagle Hotel and sponsor of our annual golf tournament. Tours of the museum, Range House, and Chapel were provided by Mr. Charlie Oellig, museum curator, and volunteers of the museum. A recruiting display and Pennsylvania National Guard Hummer were provided by SFC Jason Taylor, and disc jockey Steve Proudfoot had music on tap all day.

The many awards for the car show were each given in the name of the sponsors in the categories of: People’s Choice, Sponsor’s Choice, Recruiter’s Choice, and the General’s Trophy. Our generous sponsors, who gave $100 each, were publicly recognized as the trophies were presented. They are: D.E. Richard Garage, Lebanon Building Supply, Funck's Family Restaurant, Specialty Lumber Company, Miller and Bixler NAPA, Firestone of Lebanon, Albert's Body Shop, Yancey's Body Shop, Sew Unique Custom Embroidery, Bamberger's of Lebanon, Jack Williams Tire and Auto of Palmyra. Door prize contributors were Autozone of Cumberland Street, Lebanon; Autozone of 11th Avenue, Lebanon; Advance Auto of Palmyra; Pep Boys of Palmyra; Advance Auto of Hummelstown; Fisher Auto Parts of Harrisburg; and Keller Brothers of Lebanon.

MG Walter Pudlowski assessed the field of fine show vehicles, then presented the General’s Trophy to a lucky winner!

Some of the other people and entities responsible for the success of the car show and picnic include LTC Marshall, Post Commander, and his deputy, Mr. Weisnicht; Chief Worley and the Fort Indiantown Gap Police; CPT Vail and the 166th Regiment; State Reservation Maintenance; 1SGT Lehman and SSG Hendricks of the FTIG Warehouse; and SSG Dando of Post Billeting. Other donators of food, drinks, and services include CSM Tom Honkus (USA, Ret.) of Formula 5 Drinks; Mike Hoenie and Julie Bonini of Davis Beverage Group; Ellen Boyd of Frito-Lay; Tiffany Tipton of Pepsi-Co; Ashley Shirley of Texas Road House; LTC King-Sweigart of Public Affairs; Ms. Shannan Zerance; SGT Damian Smith; Ms. Stephanie Olsen; Mrs. Nedette Otterbein; and various board members.

Thanks to all for a great and successful car show and picnic!
As you will have noted on the previous page, we had a great and successful 1st Annual Military and Muscle Car Show and Picnic. In fact, there were so many nice classic vehicles at the show that I am including more pictures on this page. Luckily for us, General Otterbein has volunteered to host the car show and picnic again next year!

Now we have our eye on the next big event for the museum, which is the Major General Frank H. Smoker, Jr., 10th Annual Foxhole Invitational Golf Tournament. It will be on Saturday, 8 September 2018 at the Blue Mountain Golf Course in Fredericksburg, Pennsylvania. It is a four person scramble with a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. Free assorted beverages and snacks are provided throughout the day with a steak dinner, door prizes, raffle drawings, and an event winners presentation following the tournament. We welcome your sponsorship of this special fundraising event!

Sponsorships available include: Division $1500 (Presenting Sponsor - one available), Brigade (Gift Sponsor - provide 150 giveaway items or donate $700), Battalion $500 (Primary Hole Sponsor - includes one team), Cantina $400 (Drink Cart Sponsor), Marksmanship $300 (Contest Sponsor), Platoon $150 (Tee Sponsor), Private $50 (Friend of Museum), and Recruiter (donate raffle items). For details, please contact Mrs. Jamie Saphore at 717-813-7581 or at FOXHOLEGOLF@GMAIL.COM.

We were saddened in 2015 with the passing of Brig Gen Richard Posey (USAF, Ret), "Father of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard." However, we were pleased to recently receive various military items belonging to General Posey, courtesy of his family. Donations include five of General Posey's uniforms, photographs, certificates, patches, military papers, and a donation in memory of General Posey by his daughter, Mrs. Priscilla Circolo. General Posey was a WWII veteran, flying 22 B-17 combat missions in the European Theater and served the rest of his remarkable career building and eventually commanding the Pennsylvania Air National Guard.

Finally, we would like to extend our sincerest appreciation to COL Samuel E Hayes III for his many years of service to the Board of Directors and the museum. COL Hayes recently resigned due to moving to a new military position out of the area. We thank COL Hayes for his good work for the betterment of the museum and will miss his wise counsel and friendship at board meetings.

In other news, we welcome Captain Jon Williams, former member of the 193rd Special Operations Wing, as our newest board member and are already benefitting from his zeal and willingness to pitch in!
UPCOMING 2018 MUSEUM EVENTS

8 September  10th Annual Museum Golf Tournament
3 November  PNGMM Patch Show

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TOUR GROUPS
by Mr. Charles B. Oellig

Franklin Country Historical Society Group 1
(40 people)

Franklin Country Historical Society Group 2
(38 people)

Portraits of Life Adult Day Care Center from
Lykens, PA, Group 1 (7 people)

Mt. Gretna Historical Society (12 People)

St. Michaels Church (Hamburg, PA)
(15 People)

Portraits of Life Adult Day Care Center from
Lykens, PA, Group 2 (8 people)

PNGMM Annual Picnic and Car Show
(108 people)

Portraits of Life Adult Day Care Center from
Lykens, PA, Group 3 (7 people)

Hope Spring Farms
Hershey, PA Group 1 (6 people)

Hope Spring Farms
Hershey, PA Group 2 (5 people)

Hope Spring Farms
Hershey, PA Group 3 (5 people)

Hope Spring Farms
Hershey, PA Group 4 (6 people)
CURATOR’S CORNER by Mr. Charles B. Oellig

The Infantry Corps State Fencibles of Philadelphia were organized during the War of 1812 as an independent company, and later a battalion. They have a long and fascinating history in the Pennsylvania Militia and National Guard.

In 1900, the Fencibles withdrew from the National Guard and became a municipal guard of the city of Philadelphia, and did not return to the Pennsylvania National Guard until after World War I.

Private Robert Knowles, shown here in his Fencibles uniform circa 1879-1884, enlisted in Company C, August 5, 1879. The record shows he was 21 years old, five feet seven and three quarters of an inch tall, and that he was a stove dealer by occupation. Knowles was promoted to corporal in 1882 and was discharged August 5, 1884 at the expiration of his enlistment.

Throughout their history, the Fencibles would whip up a batch of the famous “Fencibles Punch” at every celebration, anniversary and holiday. If you would like to try this historic spirit, here is the recipe:

3 pounds of sugar,  
1 quart lemon juice,  
1 quart brandy,  
2 quarts Jamaican rum,  
1 quart peach brandy,  
1 bottle of champagne,  
3 quarts of water and  
12 pounds of ice.

Enjoy!

In today’s Pennsylvania National Guard, Troop B, 104th Cavalry claims lineage to the State Fencibles.
On the 15th of July, 1918, German troops launched what would become the last German offensive of the war. The Germans had 52 divisions, 609 heavy guns and 1,047 field batteries. The Allies had 44 French divisions, 2 Italian divisions, 408 heavy guns, 360 field batteries, and 346 tanks. During the battle, they were also joined by 85,000 American troops (8 American Divisions) as well as some of the British Expeditionary Force (4 British Divisions). The battle lasted until the 6 August 1918 and included the 28th Division, which was a fresh green division.

The Allies successfully pushed back the German offensive, and launched their own counteroffensive just three days later.

After suffering massive casualties, Germany was forced to call off a planned offensive further north, in the Flanders region stretching between France and Belgium, which was envisioned as Germany’s best hope of victory. The German army suffered 139,000 dead or wounded; 29,367 soldiers were captured; and lost 793 artillery guns.

The Second Battle of the Marne turned the tide of war toward the Allied armies. The Allies were able to regain much territory in the months following the battle. The Allies suffered 132,717 dead or wounded. The American army alone suffered 12,000 dead or wounded.

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