Directions
From I-81, take exit 85B, Fort Indiantown Gap exit, and proceed north on Route 934. At the first red light on post, turn right onto Service Road. The museum is located at the corner of Service Road and Wiley Road, building number T-8-57. Look for the Civil War Cannon, World War II Tank and the museum signs on the right hand side.

Hours
Hours are 10:00-4:30 (Monday & Friday). To schedule an appointment to visit the museum at a time not listed, call 717-861-2402 or 717-861-9415.

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Membership
Membership rolls and “Friends of the Museum” contributions continued since our last newsletter. In addition to the membership fees, we are very grateful to the many who submitted generous extra donations for use by the museum. These extra donations are greatly appreciated.

There are currently 236 memberships for the museum. The Board extends its sincere thanks to these members and donors, and we continue to solicit additional participation.

Individual $10 per year
Family (3 or more) $25 per year
Business/Organization $50 per year

If you have not already joined or donated to the PNG Museum, the Museum is a non-profit organization under 501 (C) (3). You can do so by sending your tax-deductible dollars by check to:

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You may also contribute in person by visiting the museum during any of the operating hours posted in this newsletter. The goal for the current fund drive is $25,000, which will support the museum.

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NEWS FROM THE BOARD

Major General James M. Skiff, the Deputy Adjutant General-Air, has retired from the Pennsylvania National Guard. General Skiff was born in Cambridge, NY. He graduated from Greenwich Central High School in 1962 and received a Bachelor of Arts in Biological Sciences from Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, in 1966. He earned a Masters of Science degree in Business Management from the American International College in 1983.

General Skiff was commissioned a second lieutenant through ROTC in June 1966. He entered the USAF Undergraduate Pilot Training in October 1966 at Craig AFB, Alabama. Upon his graduation in October 1967, he attended F-100 upgrade training at Luke AFB, Texas. Following the completion of this training, he was assigned to the 29th Tactical Fighter Wing at RAF Wethersfield and RAF Upper Heyford, UK, from July 1968 to January 1971. He attended F-4 upgrade training in February 1971. While assigned to the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing, Ubon Air Base, Thailand, between March 1971 and October 1972, General Skiff flew 200 combat missions in Southeast Asia. Upon his return to the United States, he was assigned to the 366th Tactical Fighter Wing, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.

General Skiff became a member of the Connecticut Air National Guard in November 1972. During his career with the 103rd Fighter Group, he was assigned to the 103rd Tactical Fighter Wing chief of staff, 118th Fighter Squadron operations officer, 118th Fighter Squadron and the 103rd Tactical Fighter Wing acting deputy commander of operations. He served as the 103rd Operations Group commander from February 1992 until his appointment as 103rd Fighter Wing vice-commander from February 1992 until his appointment as 103rd Fighter Wing commander in July 1994. Prior to his assignment as commander of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard’s 111th Fighter Wing, he served as acting commander of the 111th Fighter Wing from January 1997. Skiff transferred to the Pennsylvania Air National Guard and assumed command of the 111th Fighter Wing in July 1997. He assumed his current position June 12, 1999.

General Skiff has completed Air Command and Staff College and the Industrial College of the Air Force. His military decorations and awards include: Distinguished Service Medal with one device, the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Meritorious Service Medal with two devices, the Air Force Commendation Medal with one device, the Presidential Unit Citation, the Air Medal with 12 devices, the Aerial Achievement Medal and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two devices.

He has 8,700 flying hours. General Skiff led the Air National Guard A-10 Gunsmoke teams in 1981, 1983, 1987 and 1989. He has also led contingency relief of active duty in 1993, 1996 and 1999 supporting Operation Denny Flght, Joint Endeavor and Operation Southern Watch, and flying over 25, A-10 combat missions in Bosnia and Iraq. The general currently holds the record for achieving the most flying hours in the A-10 aircraft for the entire USAF. He was promoted to the grade of brigadier general in July 1999 and to the rank of major general in July 2001. In this position he became the commander of the PA Air National Guard responsible for the operations and management of the 4,300 member organization and the aircraft assigned to the 11th Fighter Wing, 171st Air Refueling Wing, and the 193rd Special Operations Wing.

General Skiff was appointed to the Museum Board of Directors by the Adjutant General. As a valiant supporter of military history, General Skiff proved invaluable to the Board of Directors in leadership and moving the museum forward. Upon his retirement, he requested that donations be made to the museum instead of receiving personal gifts. The Board of Directors presented him with a certificate making him the first Board of Director’s “Emeritus” Member. With more than 40 years of military service, the General and his wife Lori retired back to Connecticut and now enjoy a well deserved retirement.

The 28th Infantry Division Association also has a new webpage under the direction of Executive Board Member and Webmaster Mr. Jeff Via. The link to the website is as follows:

http://28thinfantrydivisionassoc.org/index.html

For those people that are interested in joining the 28th Infantry Division Association, you may contact Mr. Walt Chmiola at the Association’s number at 717-787-9385 for more details.

Wish List
- 2 Air conditioners, no less than 10,000 BTUs.
- Archival Boxes & Sheet Protectors (Heavy Weight)
- Metal bookshelves for storage of our various historic books and military manuals.
- Large showcases (6’ or 8’) for Range House and 2 Flat showcases for books and patches.
- Several large map drawer cabinets for storage of guidons, regimental colors, and military maps.
- Various Pennsylvania DUIs (unit crests) and military patches of our different units. There is a great need to bring our military patch collection up to date especially in our aviation history. This includes our Army aviation and the many various Air Guard squadrons and detachments. We are looking for both current and past/obsolete items for our collection.
- HP Ink cartridges: #27 Black (C8728AN) and # 28 Color (C8728AN).

What of Future Generations?

If there is one thing we have learned over time, it’s that future generations need help to insure that they don’t forget the lessons of the past.

History books can be dry, and the past is too easily forgotten. The Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum at Fort Indiantown Gap keeps these lessons fresh and brings them to life.

The Museum demonstrates the importance and value of our Pennsylvania National Guard history in ways no text book can ever do. It provides a permanent and living memorial to the thousands of Pennsylvanians who served and the many who gave their lives in the defense of freedom, our state and our nation during the periods of history from the Civil War to the present.

Please consider joining the museum and making an additional donation so we can continue to illustrate and preserve our National Guard history.

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