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 our Command Historian Sgt Smith at 717-861-2464, the Museum Director Mr. Charlie Oellig at the museum Monday & Friday at 717-861-2402 or the Manager of Cultural Resources Ms. Rita Meneses at 717-861-9415.
Change in the Board of Directors

After our last Board of Director’s meeting was concluded, it was learned that our Board member Dr. Samuel J. Newland, who has authored several books about the Pennsylvania National Guard, will retire in June and move to Kansas. Dr. Newland is a Professor of Military Education at the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. He holds two Master’s degrees in history and received his Ph.D. in history from the University of Kansas. In addition, he is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth and the U.S. Army War College. He has been a history teacher and a historian his entire career, both in civilian and military schools. He is the author of numerous articles, monographs, and books on German and United States military history. We will sorely miss his valuable knowledge and expertise and thank him for his considerable help to our museum. We extend our warm wishes for his continued success.

Our museum is also indebted to Becky Mione for her outstanding volunteer work during the past several years. She has accomplished volumes of secretarial work, always efficiently and on time. Among her many volunteer duties, she has painstakingly developed procedures to keep track of the membership records. In addition to typing and distributing our board minutes, she processes the museum’s quarterly newsletters, insuring that they were properly printed, folded, and sorted by zip codes thus saving us postage, and then transporting these hundreds of newsletters to the Annville post office. Unfortunately, Becky is no longer able to help our museum because of a recent increase in workload in the Air Guard office. Becky has advised that she cannot devote any more time on these volunteer museum duties. It will now be necessary to find someone else to volunteer to handle photocopying and mailing museum items.

Becky has been the key to our museum’s administration, and it will be hard to find a replacement to fulfill her volunteer duties. Indeed, she will be sorely missed, not only for her administrative duties but for her positive, can-do attitude and her pleasant personal style. We wish her God speed and sincerely thank her for all she has accomplished for our museum.

Brigadier General Stanley J. Jaworski has asked to step down as Secretary, due to other work related issues. The Board would like to thank him for his service as the Secretary the museum; however, he will continue to serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

As a replacement for Secretary on the Board, Sharon Flaig has volunteered to step up to the duties and responsibilities. Sharon adds a wealth of new ideas to the Board of Directors, and we hope that this will continue for years to come.

Dues Reminders to be sent Quarterly

We’ve received a number of inquiries asking when members should submit their renewals for museum membership. This is understandable because when we initially established our annual $10 membership fee, we received these fees spread out over many months. The result is that annual membership renewals are occurring throughout the year depending upon when the member made his or her initial application.

To facilitate the renewal processing, dues reminders will be sent quarterly. Our volunteer who processes membership applications has developed a data base that will allow us to better cope with processing renewals. At the beginning of the quarter when dues should be renewed, the members will receive a reminder in the mail. This will simplify the process and make it easier for our members to know when their annual dues must be renewed.

28TH Infantry Division Association Reunion

The 2007 annual conference/reunion is scheduled at Fort Indiantown Gap from 5-8 September 2007. The reunion headquarters will be located in the Community Club where most of the events will take place. They will be visiting the simulators, museums in the area including our own, and will be having a “Retiring of Colors” Ceremonies of those units that have been disbanded, reorganized or redesignated in the current organization structure.

The 28 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

Also from Oct 6-14, 2007, the Association will be having an European tour of Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany. They will be seeing historical sites of the 28th Division during World War II, touring the various cities as well as eating great food.

For those people that are interested in joining the 28th Infantry Division Association, or attending this year’s 2007 Reunion or European Tour, you may contact Mr. Walt Chmiola at the Association’s number 5002-857.

New PNG Military Museum Pins

Sharon Flaig had lapel pins manufactured that depict the museum’s distinctive logo. These pins have a very professional appearance and enhance the museum’s image. Pins are on sale for members and visitors, golf balls with the museum logo are also on sale.

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Wish List

- 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’ x 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.
- JP Ink cartridges: #27 Black (C8728AN) & #28 Color (C8728AN).
- Archival shelving for video and film products.

Keeping our Heritage

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 lessees 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.

MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name

Address

City__ State__ Zip Code__

Phone Number ( )___

Current/Former Unit_____

Send a Tax Deductible Membership Fee (select type): [ ] Individual $10 [ ] New Family $25 [ ] Renewal [ ] Organization (include name if applicable) $30

Extra donations are welcome $_____

Total enclosed $_____

Make checks payable and send to: Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum Building # T-8-57 Fort Indiantown Gap Annville, PA 17003-5002

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2007 ASMIC Meeting

The PNG Military Museum holds a bi-annual meeting of the American Society of Military Insignia Collectors (ASMIC). The organization is the oldest and largest organization of collectors of military insignia in the world. This non-profit society has more than 3,000 members in over two dozen foreign countries. When looking to do research on patches or insignia, the ASMIC society is a key resource for both the hard core collector and for the average student of heraldry and military history. Our next meeting will be held on November 21, 2007 and we hope to see you there.

Volunteer Muster

The Museum would like to thank all of the volunteer staff who have helped with cataloging, repairs, tours, exhibits and research in the past three months. Below is a picture of Mr. Chad Crawford from the CSMS shop doing some welding on our tank static display at the museum.

The PNG Museum welcomes volunteers, as our upkeep and administration requires many hands to insure continued growth and success. If you have some spare time and talent to contribute, in any amount, please contact us by phone at 717-861-2402 or 717-861-9415 or write to the museum. It’s the volunteers who make the museum projects come alive and ensure that the story of the PNG Museum is told.

2007 Visitors List

Visitors continue to come in to the museum throughout the year. Thanks to the hard work of our Curator, Charles Oellig; Manager of Exhibits, John Schreffler; Cultural Resources Manager, Ms. Rita Meneses, and other volunteer assistants who helped with the various tour groups.

Below are some of the groups visiting the museum since the beginning of 2007.

-During the week of the Battle of the Bulge Reenactment, there was numerous visitors as seen below.

New Static Display Updates

The new helicopter static display is put together on Fort Indiantown Gap. It contains three mounted helicopters mounted and is located in front of Muir Airfield. The EC-130E, nearby, is also for the most part completed.

The Pennsylvania Air National Guard will be having a formal dedication of the 193rd Special Operations Wing (SOW) EC-130E site on 23 September 2007 and the general public is welcomed to attend the event. The static display signs with information on the aircraft will be placed at the locations sometime in August 2007. The museum will also be conducting an open house shortly after the conclusion of the aircraft dedication.

Everyone is welcome to attend both events in September.

Items Donated to the Museum

-Examples of the new Pennsylvania Medals for Veterans

-Sea Cadets, 14 members.
-First Cavalry Division Veteran’s Group from NY, NJ, and PA, 65 members.
-Philhaven’s After School Programs Group #1, 18 members; Group #2, 17 members; Group #3, 39 members.
-BSA Troop 269 from New Cumberland, 18 members.
-Lebanon County Chamber of Commerce Meeting in the museum, 5 members.
-Milton Hershey Career Class of 8th Graders, 19 members.
-39th Infantry Regiment Veteran Guard coat, trousers, shoulder patches sewn on it. The red Keystone patch is the 3rd Regiment Veteran Guard coat, trousers, shoulder crossbelt with cartridge box, belt & buckle. The Veteran Guard is a veteran’s organization founded in 1879.

- Examples of the new Pennsylvania Medals for Veterans

-1878 engraving (print) of Indiantown Gap.
-Examples of the new Pennsylvania Medals for Veterans

-Heraldic items from the 276th Army Band from Philadelphia. These include the unit’s guidon, three horns, drum, mace, drum major’s sash, and a pair of gauntlets. (276th equipment is shown above)
-Nice group of World War II nurses uniforms including photographs and “V-Mail” letters.
-1941 photo of the 112th Infantry Regiment at J.G.M.R. circa 1960’s, heavy air crew jacket with fur lined hood.
-An Army post written “Mail” letters.
-A pair of handcuffs, army whistle, military police badge, U.S. POW Camp Matchbook, all from World War II.
-Handmade Keystone Clock that belonged to James Flynn, Anti-Tank Company, 109th Infantry.
-An 8” inch projectile dated 1944 and a photo of the 8” inch howitzer in a firing position.
-A World War I patch blanket with 134 rare WWI shoulder patches sewn on it. The red Keystone patch is in the center. Believed to have been made up by a 28th Infantry Division veteran shortly after World War I. (Blanket is shown below)