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VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS
During the 2008 calendar year, the museum had 1,220
visitors, who signed the guest book.

Thanks to our museum volunteer staff who helped with
the various tour groups. Visitors and volunteers always
welcome.

Thanks to Board Member Dave Sakmar for donating the
lumber to repair the handicap ramp at the museum.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION
We extend our sincere thanks to our recently joined
members and to those who have renewed for the 2009
calendar year. If you have not already joined or donated
you may use the form below. The Museum is a non-
profit organization under 501 (C) (3).

MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME______________________________
SPOUSE'S NAME________________________
ADDRESS______________________________

CITY__________________________ZIP CODE____________
STATE________________________

PHONE NUMBER (_______)____________________
CURRENT/FORMER UNIT____________________

Send a Tax Deductible Membership Fee (select type):
[ ] Individual $10 [ ] New
[ ] Family $25 [ ] Renewal
[ ] Organization (Include name if applicable) $50

Extra donations are welcome $______

Total enclosed $______

Make checks payable and send to:
Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum
Building # T-8-57
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STATE HONORS WWII
STEVEDORES WITH HISTORICAL MARKER

During WWII, The Stevedore Training Site at Fort Indiantown Gap consisted of three wood and concrete dry landships, where the Transportation Corps became efficient in loading and unloading techniques. The training at FTIG allowed for rapid mobilization and deployment and played a crucial role in victory in the European Theater of Operations fighting from D-Day to VE Day.

MEDAL OF HONOR

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The PNG Military Museum's application for the Medal of Honor was recently approved with assistance from the Adjutant General thru the Army's Human Resource Command (HRC). It was engraved "For Exhibit Only" and is currently on display in the museum along with the photographs of the three members of the 28th Infantry Division who received the medal during wartime service to the nation (photo below).

TRANSPORTATION CORPS UNIT TRAINING CENTER

MERCI TRAIN GETS PLAQUE

The PA Merci Train, or Gratitude Train, was one of 49 original boxcars sent from the citizens of France in 1949 as a gift to the people of the United States to show their gratitude for the more than 700 box cars of relief goods individual Americans sent to the citizens of France in 1948. The 250 tons of gifts from more than 6 million families included books, toys, magazines, glassware, candle holders, paintings, embroidery, pictures, slippers, ashtrays, gloves, and other objects.
HONORING A LIFE, LEAVING A MEMORY

When a death in the family occurs, there are many details to be considered. One task is to decide what to do with the lovely flowers thoughtfully sent in remembrance of the deceased. Unfortunately, flowers fade and die and must be thrown away. However, there is another way to honor the deceased that lives on for years to come. In place of flowers, monetary donations can be directed to the PNG Military Museum as a lasting mark of respect. It’s as simple as including instructions in the obituary that say, “In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum, Fort Indiantown Gap, Building T-8-37, Annville, PA 17003.” The museum will send the family a list of those who have donated and will acknowledge each gift with a “Thank You” note to the donor in honor of the deceased, thanking the donor for considering this last tribute.

NEW CAVALRY DISPLAY

The Cavalry exhibit (located on the 2nd floor of the museum) represents a cavalry trooper’s horse with equipment for one of the twelve troops of the First Pennsylvania Cavalry Regiment circa 1915. The display contains the M-1904 McClellan saddle with Model 1885 rope lariat, Butler Varney Hobbies, feedbag with rolled blanket and canteen with a non-issued cup. Strapped to the front of the saddle is a rolled overcoat. Under the saddle is a M-1910 saddle cloth and a wool blanket. The Pennsylvania National Guard used horses until 1941. The Cavalry equipment was donated by Richard Armstrong.

MUSEUM ACQUIRES COLLECTION OF J. DUNCAN CAMPBELL

The museum received a donation of 6 frames of pre-WW1 PA National Guard insignia, mostly very rare hat badges and collar insignia, from the estate and family of the late COL (ret) J. Duncan Campbell. An avid military collector, he wrote several books on the military uniforms and insignia and was the last living original founder of The Company of Military Historians. The organization, founded in 1949, is an educational, scientific, and literary institution, devoted to the study and dissemination of “information on the uniform, equipment, history and traditions of the US Armed Forces worldwide and other nations serving in the Western Hemisphere.”
**WISH LIST**

- 3 Air conditioners, no less than 10,000 BTUs.
- Archival Boxes & Sheet Protectors (Heavy Weight).
- Metal archival bookshelves for storage of our various historic books, military manuals, and film products.
- 4 Large showcases (6' or 8') for Range House and 2 Flat showcases for books and patches. Along with 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).

**HOURS**

Hours are 10:00-4:30 (Monday & Friday). To schedule a visit to the museum at a time not listed, call Museum Director-Curator Charles Oellig at 717-861-2402, Command Historian Sgt Damian Smith at 717-861-2464, or the Cultural Resources Manager, Ms. Rita Meneses at 717-861-9415.

**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, Korean era tank and the museum signs on the right hand side.