Just a few years ago, late fall and winter was a quiet time at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center (USAHEC). Back “then,” when only the research library and archives in Ridgway Hall was open, only a few hardy researchers visited. That is no longer the case. For as the Foundation and the Army have partnered to grow the campus infrastructure, the Army and the public have more fully recognized the outstanding resources, exhibits, and programs that are available. Today, many more have stopped by to explore USAHEC, and calendar year 2017 was a banner year for visitation. More than 230,000 conducted research, toured the exhibits, or attended programs that allowed them to discover the history and heritage of our Army at the USAHEC campus!

As COL Geoffrey Mangelsdorf, USAHEC’s Director, notes many of these visitors are families looking for a fun as well as educational opportunity. USAHEC supports both of these efforts and continues to change exhibits and gallery stories. In 2018, six new Soldier stories will be highlighted in the Soldier Experience Gallery and a new Soldier art exhibit – Battle Babies will open in June in the Omar N. Bradley Art Gallery.

What USAHEC’s departmental updates touch on, and what is consuming significant staff time, is a test program to make the manuscript and archival collections of USAHEC more accessible to the interested public. More to come, but this past January USAHEC began testing a concept to digitize and make available its collections world-wide. Hopefully, the concept is proven successful and researchers abroad and in remote areas will be able to use the collections for investigation and study.

The Foundation staff has also been fully engaged, and I would invite you to review their summary of activities. Notable events included our Annual Membership and Recognition Dinner where we honored Vietnam Veteran Bill Beck for his exploits during the Battle of the Ia Drang Valley, Joe Galloway for his great service to Soldiers as a reporter and author, and Don Mowery and Mowery and Sons for their great support to our construction program.

We are now in the midst of planning for both the Army Birthday Dinner at USAHEC on June 2nd and our Membership Dinner and Recognition Dinner on November 3rd. We are proud to announce that GEN Frederick Franks, who commanded U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command and VII Corps during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, will be our guest speaker at the Army Birthday Dinner. Invitations for this event will go out in early April. Stay tuned for an
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## Museum Store News

**New Merchandise Arriving In March & April**

- Army Heritage Days Clothing  
- Games & Puzzles  
- Outdoor Adventure Items  
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**Check out our extensive list at:**

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## Normandy Battlefield Tour

**Fall 2018**

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This program provides support to the Army Heritage Center Foundation.
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announcement of our honorees for our Membership Dinner in early June.

The Education Department has been focusing on several key efforts to continue to reach out and promote the Telling of the Army Story. These include the Veterans’ Café program that is bringing Veterans together for meals and conversation, continued efforts to engage students and Veterans in our Veterans Oral History Project, and our capstone effort – National History Day in Pa. Please see Jeff Hawk’s update for additional details and for information on his Soldier Experience History Camp that will again be conducted this summer.

As always, we are planning for future construction at USAHEC and our focus currently is to raise funds necessary to complete the Hall of the American Soldier. This continuation of past construction will provide needed space to support new exhibits and expanded education programs. We are now validating requirements for this new project and conducting primary design work. We are most pleased that we recently received a major gift from Mrs. Dorothy Beavers Pecora that will greatly enhance our efforts. A WWII era nurse who provided medical care to Soldiers and death camp survivors, Mrs. Pecora has participated in programs at USAHEC and has donated her oral history, artifacts, and photos.

The Foundation understands that your support allows us to continue our efforts to grow USAHEC and its programs. As such, we want to use your funds judiciously. We appreciate that our semi-annual update is important to you and we plan on continuing to send hard copies. However to conserve funds, we plan on posting our annual report online and sending you a postcard directing you to the site. Should anyone like a hard copy, we will mail one to you.

We hope to see you at one of the many programs at USAHEC especially our dinners in June and November and at Army Heritage Days this May 19th and 20th. Back by popular demand, this year’s program will again showcase historic armored vehicles and include a tank obstacle course.

Thank you for your support of our efforts to enhance the “Telling of the Army story . . . one Soldier at a time.”

Mike Perry  
Executive Director

Development Update

ARMY BIRTHDAY DINNER

Please join us to celebrate the Army’s 243rd birthday on Saturday, June 2nd at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center! Our featured speaker will be General Frederick M. Franks, Jr., USA Ret. General Franks led the largest armored force in United States history, as commander of the VII Corps during Desert Shield and Desert Storm. VII Corps led the main attack on Iraqi forces on February 24, 1991.

Visit www.armyheritage.org for more information.

U.S. CAVALRY MEMORIAL FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT

In December 2017, the U.S. Cavalry Memorial Foundation awarded the Foundation a $500,000 grant. The funds will be used to establish an endowment which will support the study and preservation of the history of our Horse Cavalry troopers and

authorized horse mounted units. Let us not forget our history!

TAX CHANGES FOR 2018

Congress’ action at the end of 2017 changed how many approach their donation this year and into the future. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act passed in 2017 preserved the charitable tax deduction for donations; however, the increase to the standard deduction may impact whether you can itemize your tax deductions in the future. We hope that you value the work that the Foundation has done over the past years and ask that you continue to support our efforts if you are able.

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However, not all has changed. If you have an IRA and have to take a required minimum distribution, please consider making a gift to the Foundation through an IRA charitable rollover. This gift, made directly from your IRA, reduces your taxable income and can be an effective way to support the Foundation if not itemizing your deductions.

We would ask that you also explore other ways to support the Foundation. If you have a donor advised fund, please consider designating the Foundation as one of your recipients. Additionally, if you wish to leave a legacy gift – a charitable remainder trust or an estate gift – please contact the Foundation, and we will assist your efforts.

We encourage you to consult with your advisors to determine your best way to continue supporting the Foundation. Your gift to the Army Heritage Center Foundation supports the continued growth of the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center.

SPRING APPEAL

Please watch your mailbox for our spring appeal! We’re moving forward in our support of USAHEC, but can do more with your continued support.

WELCOME NEW LIFETIME MEMBER!

Thank you to Kathy Condon for becoming our newest GI (Lifetime) member! If you’re interested in becoming a lifetime member, please contact Rhonda Newton at dvlpasst@armyheritage.org or 717-258-1102 for more information and pledge options.

CHARTER AND GI MEMBERS – DO YOU HAVE A MEMBERSHIP CARD?

Effective April 12, Foundation members will receive a larger discount on used books at the Museum Store than the general public. New and renewing members usually receive their membership cards within 2-3 weeks of receiving their membership acknowledgments. Charter members – those who supported the Foundation at the very beginning – and GI members are both lifetime members. If you’ve lost your membership card or never received one, please contact Rhonda Newton at dvlpasst@armyheritage.org.

FOUNDATION GRANTS

Thank you to two local foundations for their generous support of the Army Heritage Center Foundation and the continued development of USAHEC. We received a $10,000 grant from the G.B. Stuart Foundation to support final design of the Hall of the American Soldier. We also received a $10,000 unrestricted grant from the Donald B. and Dorothy L. Stabler Foundation.

EDUCATION PROGRAM DONORS

We would like to thank individuals and corporations which support our education programs. You can learn more about the programs themselves in the Education Department section of this newsletter.

M&T Bank, First National Bank of Pennsylvania, and Avalon Insurance contributed to our programs through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit program operated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. The Foundation has three programs approved for EITC support – National History Day in Pennsylvania, the Veterans Oral History Program, and the Schools to Careers internship program.

Humana sponsored the 2017 Walk with a Veteran Program. United Concordia, Humana, and Hoffman Funeral Home have also served as Veterans’ Café sponsors.

The Foundation currently administers two fellowship programs. Dr. Barbara Bowie-Whitman financed an endowment which supports the LTC John William Whitman Research Grant, funding research at USAHEC on under-explored military history topics. The 2017 Whitman Fellow was Douglas Cubbison, Chief Curator at the Wyoming Veterans Museum, whose research focused on frontier Army scouts west of the Missouri River during the Indian Wars.

Chris Gleason, the Foundation’s Board Vice Chair, supports the Robert L. and Robert C. Ruth Fellowship for a graduate student to conduct up to three weeks of research at USAHEC. The 2017 Ruth Fellow was Caitlin Cawley, a graduate student at Fordham University who was researching representations of war after 1989.

2017 MEMBERSHIP AND RECOGNITION DINNER

Thank you to everyone for joined us for our 10th Annual Membership and Recognition Dinner on November 4, 2017 and to those who supported our silent auction so generously! We were honored to recognize a group of outstanding individuals. Don Mowery, on behalf of R.S. Mowery and Sons, received the MG John Armstrong Award for Mowery’s support of the Foundation’s construction program.

Bill Beck, recipient of the Living Legend Award, gave a
moving remembrance of his experiences as a machine gunner at the Battle of the Ia Drang Valley, for which he received the Silver Star. Journalist Joe Galloway received the *Boots on the Ground Award* in recognition of his support of Soldiers through his work as a war correspondent. Galloway co-authored *We Were Soldiers Once and Young* with then-Colonel Hal Moore about the Battle of the Ia Drang Valley.

Please mark your calendar for November 3, 2018 and join us for our 11th Annual Membership and Recognition Dinner. Details will be available at www.armyheritage.org this fall; invitations will be mailed to members in September.

**Rhonda Newton**
Development Assistant

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**Education Program Update**

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the main formations of the American Expeditionary Force in France and the long awaited arrival of the U.S. Army to the battlefields of World War I. Among the more than one million troops who arrived in 1918 was Bugler Howard Munder, a Pennsylvanian, who had joined shortly after the U.S. entered the war. A prolific letter writer, Howard typically sent two or three letters a week home to his parents. He corresponded also with many others. After the war, his letters were collected, transcribed, and typed and placed in a volume that is now part of the collection at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center.

To honor Bugler Munder’s service, and to mark this significant anniversary for the Army, the Foundation’s Education Department is publishing his letters on our website, each on the 100th anniversary of the day he wrote the letter. This provides visitors to our website a rare glimpse into the past, allowing them to experience Howard’s story as his parents did; never knowing day to day when a letter would arrive and what details it would reveal.

The Foundation continues to host the Veterans’ Cafe events, bringing Veterans of all eras and services together with their friends and family to share stories and to honor the men and women who have served our nation. Our October event at the Bridges at Bent Creek was well attended by a number of World War II Veterans, including one Merchant Marine Veteran of more than a dozen Atlantic crossings. On November 14, 2017, more than 65 Veterans and community members joined us for a bus tour of Fort Indiantown Gap and the National Cemetery at Fort Indiantown Gap.

In January, Aldersgate Church in Mechanicsburg helped us host a breakfast meeting. Marine Corps widow, Ms. Darlene Zack spoke to a packed room about her husband James’ struggle with PTSD. U.S. Army War College student Lieutenant Colonel Timothy Baer spoke about his experiences in the current conflicts, sharing inspirational stories about the dedication of today’s young Soldiers. And on February 22, we
hosted a Vietnam Veterans Pinning Ceremony at Hoffman Funeral Home. Assisted by students from Carlisle High School and Hoffman’s staff, Education Director Jeff Hawks presented official Department of Defense 50th anniversary pins to fifty-three Vietnam Era Veterans. The ceremony was well-received by attending Veterans, and we are planning another ceremony at Hoffman on November 13.

Sixteen students from Cumberland Valley High School are interviewing Veterans for the Veterans Oral History Program that the Foundation sponsors. We have an ongoing need for Veterans for interviews, so Foundation members interested in working with students to preserve their stories should contact the Education Department.

This year, the Foundation has taken a significant role in the management of the National History Day in Pennsylvania program at the regional level. Through a contract with Central Intermediate Union 10, the Foundation has facilitated a transition of leadership in Region 1 from Edinboro University to Allegheny College. We have also provided significant administrative support to Region 5 as the new leadership at Lock Haven University and Central Intermediate Unit #10 transition to full autonomy and have provided management and support for Region 9 during a transitional year.

The Foundation’s Education Department will hold the State Contest on May 11 and 12, 2018, at Carlisle High School. This year’s theme is Conflict and Compromise in History. Students are required to address the theme in their projects in order to show the historical significance of their topic. Those that qualify for the State Contest will converge on Carlisle where judges will examine their projects and evaluate each on the quality of the research, analysis, and historical accuracy. First and second place winners will be eligible to compete at the National Contest.

On September 21, 2018, the Foundation will again host our Walk With a Veteran. Humana will again serve as event sponsor. The program will focus on middle school students who will tour USAHEC’s exhibits accompanied by Veterans. The Veterans will share their experiences and lessons learned from their service and place the exhibits into context. The 2017 program involved 220 students and 50 Veterans, and we are expecting substantial growth of interest in the program due to the extensive media coverage the event received.

Other workshop topics for the year include World War I and introducing teachers to NHD in PA. We have also received a grant from the Starbucks Foundation to plan and execute an Honor Bus trip to Arlington National Cemetery on April 19.

Jeffrey Hawks
Education Director

USAHEC Director’s Update
Colonel Geoffrey Mangelsdorf

I Like the Stripy Tank!

Dear friends of USAHEC, I want to thank you for the wonderful experiences I have almost every day, but most recently had on a cold February afternoon. That afternoon, I met Ethan and his mother who had traveled from New York. “I like the Stripy Tank!” is what Ethan declared to me while sitting in the Jeep by the Museum Store. One of the perks of serving at USAHEC is interacting with the many children that come through our doors.

Ethan and his mother were visiting family in the area and spent a few hours at USAHEC. The Heritage Trail clearly made an impression on young Ethan. His pleasure was typical of the “under four feet tall” crowd—my favorite visitors. He was excited to hear about the tank

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obstacle course at the upcoming Army Heritage Days, 19-20 May 2018. We will be packed with reenactors and displays of all periods. I hope to see you and your family there along with Ethan’s family.

While Ethan got busy operating the Jeep’s controls, his mother and I chatted about the behind the scenes research done in the library and archives, the new exhibits, and how our expert conservators are preserving a sword for the Secretary of the Army. She shared that after walking through the Soldier Experience Gallery she understood her father-in-law much better.

We touched three generations of Ethan’s family that day and brought them a little closer. That’s really what we do at USAHEC, isn’t it? Educating and connecting people through our Army’s heritage. It only happens because of your generous support.

“I like the Stripy Tank!” Ethan reminded me as we waved goodbye, and he departed to rejoin his grandfather. I am incredibly grateful to serve at USAHEC because our collective work is important—to our Nation, our Army, and our children like Ethan. Please help us continue, dear friends. Your generous efforts make an enormous difference to families.

You make public outreach possible. Come visit us soon, and see the results first-hand. Thanks!

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USAHEC Divisions Updates

VISITOR AND EDUCATION SERVICES (VES)

The crowd at Army Heritage Days 2017 watches as the tank crew of an M4 Sherman maneuvers their way through the obstacle course.

Tanks are back! You asked for it, and we listened! This year we're bringing back the Armored Vehicle Obstacle Course for Army Heritage Days! Held on Armed Forces Weekend every year, Army Heritage Days is a weekend-long event that is free and open to the public. This year will feature reenactors from all eras of U.S. military history, world-renowned speakers, weapons demonstrations, a Veterans Meet and Greet, and our very own tank obstacle course, on which armored vehicle drivers will be able to test their skills in front of the crowd. Make sure to come out, and join in the fun on Saturday, May 19th and Sunday, May 20th from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. each day!

You don’t have to wait until Army Heritage Days to visit USAHEC for an event though. Our upcoming lectures includes a talk by Mr. Patrick O’Donnell, about his book “Washington’s Immortals: The Untold Story of an Elite Regiment Who Changed the Course of the Revolution” on May 16th.

In other big news, the Veterans Ambassador Program (VAP) is now in full swing. With the aim of capturing the oral histories of Army Veterans, VAP has been an important project for VES for the past few years as the program went through its planning and test phases. Now with the program’s official kick-off, VAP will be a nation-wide initiative that will capture the stories of Soldiers and Veterans from across the country with the help of Veterans organizations, educational facilities, and historical institutions. We currently have training programs set up in Pittsburgh, Erie, Missoula, MT, and Niantic, CT and are looking to expand into other cities across the country. If you know someone who would like to become a Veteran Ambassador or wants to become part of the training program and help with this amazing project, please contact Mr. Karl Warner at 717-245-4491.

USAHEC’s outreach initiatives also remain as important as ever, so VES staff members are continuing to travel across the country in an effort to raise awareness about USAHEC and our resources. A trip to Tampa, Florida in December proved incredibly successful, as we connected with two major ROTC groups at the University of Tampa and the University of South Florida and shared archival resources for articles published in the Tampa Bay Times. An upcoming trip to Raleigh, North Carolina has our VES staff reaching out to local media stations, Army ROTC groups, and Veterans organizations in that area to help to create interest in our Collections and VAP. And to add to all of that, a recent USAHEC article picked up by the Military Writers Society of America and published in their Newsletter is helping VAP to gain traction already in other parts of the country!

If you would like to find out more about any of our events and programs, please visit the USAHEC webpage at www.usahec.org or call 717-245-3972 for more information. And don’t forget to follow the USAHEC Facebook page and Twitter account for updates!

U.S. ARMY WAR COLLEGE LIBRARY

The USAWC Library has been incredibly busy. Library staff attended the Military Libraries Training Workshop in December. Topics included a briefing by Pew Research on the continued on page 8
future of Libraries, a discussion of disaster planning, a briefing on the Army University, and the utilization of statistics to “tell the story” of a Library. Members of the staff also attended the Associated College Library of Central Pennsylvania Fall meeting and a workshop on “Copyright and Oversharing in the Digital Age” at Franklin and Marshall College.

HISTORICAL SERVICES DIVISION (HSD)

The Historical Services Division continued to operate at a fast pace. HSD’s studies and research assistance informs a wide range of senior leaders at HQDA and DOD level, and HSD remains involved in cutting edge contemporary issues. In addition to research, the team maintains a heavy schedule of teaching, conferences, publishing, and committee work.

HSD’s research skills and USAHEC resources remain in great demand, and the group completed several study requirements for senior leaders and staff agencies: “Riding the Hydra: How the Army Enterprise Went to War, 2001-2007” (Army G-3/5/7); “Goldwater-Nichols at 30: Studies of Army Acquisition Reform.” (Army Futures Command); “Lessons Denied: The Army’s Failure to Reform Acquisitions.” (Army Futures Command); Four short vignettes to support a planned handbook on Strategic Influence (Army Research Institute); A study on the consolidation of command structures during the Korean War (OCSA).

Dr. Lynch is working with two USAWC elective faculty teams this spring. He will co-teach “Total Mobilization-Growing the Military for War” with the Department of Military Strategy, Plans, and Operations (DMSPO), and he and Dr. Crane will co-teach “How to Win the Peace and Achieve an Enduring Political Victory” with the Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute (PKSOI). Dr. Crane presented case studies for the Army Strategic Education Program (ASEP)-A and ASEP-B courses. Dr. Crane conducted classes for the Basic Strategic Arts Program (BSAP) titled, “Airpower” and “Cyberpower” and Advanced Strategic Arts Program (ASAP) classes titled, “Strategic Dissent.”

Dr. Crane presented two lectures at the National World War II Museum Annual Conference in New Orleans and presented the keynote address for the Air Command and Staff College Airpower Course at Maxwell AFB. Dr. Lynch presented a lecture on the Korean War at the Winter Symposium 2018 at Fort Drum, NY, and a lecture on X Corps at a Korean War symposium in Springfield, VA.

Dr. Crane conducted an interview as part of a Netflix series on World War II and an interview with MHK-TV (Japanese television) on fire bombing in Japan. He also presented a short introduction to the film Dunkirk for the film’s premiere at the Arts Initiative of the Ben Franklin Global Forum in King of Prussia, PA. Dr. Crane and Dr. Lynch each recorded a podcast for the USAWC’s new online journal, War Room. The podcasts featured two of USAHEC’s prized artifacts:
the hand receipt for one of the original atomic bombs and the end of tour letter written by Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway when he retired as Army Chief of Staff.

Dr. Crane submitted an article titled “Creating Great Expectations: American Airpower and Strategic Communications” for publication as a Letort Paper and a review of Illusions of Victory (Carter Malkasian) to Joint Forces Quarterly. Dr. Lynch wrote an article titled, “Faculty Wellbeing: New Year, New You,” in the current (January 2018) edition of Educational Methodology Quarterly, the new USAWC faculty newsletter. Mr. Reilly reviewed Braddock’s Defeat: The Battle of the Monongahela and the Road to Revolution (David Preston) and A Christmas Far From Home: An Epic Tale of Courage and Survival during the Korean War (Stanley Weintraub) both for H-NET.

Dr. Crane served on the revision committee for Army Regulation 870-5, Military History: Responsibilities and Procedures. The Committee was formed by the Center of Military History and met at USAHEC in January. Dr. Crane is serving on the Search Committees for the Basic Strategic Arts Program (BSAP) and the Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute (PKSOI). He is also working with the Afghanistan and Restructuring North Korea Integrated Research Project (IRP) groups, while Dr. Lynch is working with the Mobilization IRP. Dr. Crane and Dr. Lynch conducted a “History of the Future” roundtable discussion with the USAWC Futures Seminar.

Dr. Crane serves as Executive Vice President of the Omar N. Bradley Foundation, and recently administered the General of the Army Omar Nelson Bradley Research Fellowship process, which awarded 20 research fellowships and one cadet award at West Point. Dr. Lynch chaired the General Matthew B. Ridgway Grant Committee, which is currently reviewing applicants for this year’s research grants. They have also given numerous tours of the USAHEC facility for VIPs. Mr. Reilly conducted a staff ride of the Antietam battlefield with the 11th Transportation Battalion (Port Operations), Fort Story, Virginia.

**ARMY HERITAGE MUSEUM**

The Army Heritage Museum continues to refine and interpret the artifact and art collection through research, exhibition, and programming. One recent addition to the Treasures of USAHEC exhibit includes the 7th degree Breast Order of Yun Hui (Order of the Cloud) Medal and Certificate awarded to then 2nd Lieutenant Arthur M. McEvoy by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek for his role in the formal surrender of Japanese troops in the Shanghai area of China, September 1945.

The story of Lieutenant Colonel Christopher D. Leljedal, former Deputy Director of USAHEC, was added to the Post-Cold War section of the Soldier Experience Gallery. It tells of then 2nd Lieutenant Leljedal’s service in Germany, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kuwait, and Iraq.

The Longest Winter, Battle Babies, The Story of the 99th Division will open on June 1, 2018 in the Omar N. Bradley Art Gallery. The exhibit includes the World War II Illustrations for The Checkerboard newspaper, featuring the drawings of Robert S. Robison, Soldier artist for the 99th Infantry Division.

One of the most popular exhibit venues on the Army Heritage Trail has been the Vietnam Fire Base, which depicts features that were common to U.S. Army Soldiers during the Vietnam War. One of the elements, the Guard Tower, was dismantled in 2016 due to materials beginning to deteriorate. To replace the Tower, the Museum and Operations Divisions at USAHEC coordinated with the 92nd Engineer Battalion, the Black Diamonds, to design and build a new Tower. The 92nd is a storied unit that served in Vietnam and thus recreated part of their history as well as adding to the interpretation on the Trail.

A new exhibit on the U.S. Army in the Korean War is currently under development by the Museum and slated to open in the spring of 2019. In identifying artifacts and stories for the exhibit, an excellent collection of captured Chinese uniform pieces was discovered. The Army Heritage Center Foundation procured these items captured by Master Sergeant Charles B. Lamb in the Horseshoe area of the Yokkok Chon Valley in May 1953, while he performed Line Crosser duties in the 7th Infantry Division’s sector. This material will interpret the story of the partisan operation throughout the war. In addition, the Museum wishes to engage Army Korean War Veterans to help “get the story right” and to potentially temporarily display some
of their wartime materials in a “community case” during the run of the exhibit. The effort will not only make the exhibit accurate, from the Soldier’s point of view, but add to our overall knowledge about that conflict. Korean War Veterans are encouraged to contact Mr. Kaleb Dissinger at 717-245-3113.

MILITARY HISTORY INSTITUTE (MHI)

MHI’s three branches: Archives, Oral History, and Classified Records are devoted to USAHEC’s main effort: Digitization. The process is both complicated and complex. Three lines of effort have initiated what will be a comprehensive, synchronized, long-term endeavor. The Archives Branch has been demonstrating exceptional team cooperation as the Lead for Digitization. They have also been working with Collections Management to visit several Army installations with museum and/or archival collections for possible transfer to USAHEC. The Manuscript and Photograph Section has completed the processing of the LTG Harold G. Moore Collection. It is now open to researchers. There are numerous others processed for public access. These tell lots of Army stories, whether of units or individual Soldiers. One example is a listing of African-American units as of 28 November 1945. Another is the James W. Block Collection with a trove of documents and photos, some featured in the current USAHEC WWI Exhibit.

The Audio/Visual Section, consisting of one employee, has a particular niche within the overall Digitization process. Few understand the sheer variety of A/V media still in existence. He was also the architect for the selection, compilation, and packaging of film footage for the Foundation’s annual membership dinner in November 2017 which honored Vietnam War Veterans Bill Beck and Joe Galloway.

The Digital Management and Services Section (DMS) is the brains for Digitization. Their ongoing efforts to assemble functional, cross-walking data structures and metadata are truly cutting edge. They provide assistance to official researchers, as well as technical advice. Supported organizations included DA G-1 (Personnel), DA G-8 (Resource Management), and the Center of Military History (CMH).

The Oral History Branch continues to make great strides in interviewing and publishing a wide range of oral histories in the Senior Officer Oral History Program (SOOH) and Division Commander Lessons Learned (DCLL). Two unique opportunities presented themselves. The first is the Knollwood Project. This oral history features military spouses spanning four wars: World War II, Cold War, Korean War, and Vietnam. It focuses on their lives as they accompanied their spouses through varied military careers. The second was a special request from GEN (Ret.) Jack N. Merritt who entered the Army as a draftee private and over the next thirty-five years rose to four-star general. He had several assignments impacting Army education, one of which was USAWC Commandant. In July 2017, GEN (Ret.) Jack N. Merritt asked for changes to his original oral history published in 1997. He was not satisfied with the finished product. The Oral History branch fulfilled his request and published his new oral history in November 2017, prior to his passing in January. MHI was the USAHEC staff lead for two tours with international partners in January. One was the German Visiting Professor at the Navy War College, escorted by the School of Strategic Landpower (SSL) German Exchange Officer and the USAWC Class of 2018 German International Fellow (IF). The second was the recently-appointed UK Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff of the Army (CSA). This past fall, MHI welcomed CSM D. Brett Waterhouse on detail from Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC). He is blazing a new trail and inaugurated a new senior oral history program for former Command Sergeant Majors (CSM). Finally, MHI has filled all its personnel vacancies. The arrival of our two GS-5 Archives Technicians has already witnessed increased production in the processing of small collections. The third Non-Appropriated Fund (NAF) employee adds to the mission to process the Gen. Omar N. Bradley Collection and those of Soldiers who served under and with him.

COLLECTIONS MANAGEMENT

The Collections Management section of USAHEC continues to work with the Center of Military History to transfer the selected archival materials from museums within the Army Museum Enterprise. So far, USAHEC has received materials from the Old Guard Museum at Fort Myer and the Fort Polk Museum. Materials from Fort Irwin should be arriving shortly, and the staff is planning a trip to Fort Meade to assess their collections.

Our conservation staff has been working diligently on a project in the Rare Books Collections. In cooperation with the Library and Archival staff, we were able to vacuum and assess the entire rare book collection in preparation for further cataloging. The data garnered from the assessment will be valuable in determining which materials will need further conservation work and to give us an overall better understanding of the condition of the collection. Additionally, both conservators traveled to Anniston, Alabama and served as instructors for the Intermediate Museum Training Course. The team was happy to share its expertise in preservation techniques related to the care of museum and archival collections.

The acquisition team continues to bring new materials into the archival, museum, and library holdings. Mr. Bill Rotella and his team have been purchasing many new and interesting titles for the library collections. Additionally, we have been identifying some rare and unique books that we do not have in the collections that we look to purchase in the coming year.

Of note this year has been a small but significant addition to the collection of General Don Starry. General Starry’s materials are always of interest to researchers and this new addition is greatly appreciated.
USAHEC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Perspectives in Military History Lecture Series—Visitor and Education Center

Wednesday, April 18, 2018; 7:15 p.m.
Title: What Have We Done? The Moral Injury of Our Longest Wars
Lecturer: Mr. David Wood

Wednesday, May 16, 2018; 7:15 p.m.
Title: Washington’s Immortals: The Untold Story of an Elite Regiment Who Changed the Course of the Revolution
Lecturer: Patrick O’Donnell

Saturday, June 16, 2018; 2:00 p.m.
Title and Panelists: TBD

Wednesday, July 18, 2018; 7:15 p.m.
Title: Home Front to Battlefront: An Ohio Teenager in WWII
Lecturer: Frank Lavin

Saturday, August 11, 2018, 2:00 p.m.
Title and Panelists: TBD

Wednesday, September 19, 2018; 7:15 p.m.
Title and Lecturer: TBD

Wednesday, October 17, 2018; 7:15 p.m.
Title: Vietnam: An Epic Tragedy
Lecturer: Sir Max Hastings

Brooks E. Kleber Memorial Readings in Military History—Visitor and Education Center—

Thursday, May 3, 2018; 7:15 p.m.
Title: The Treaty of Versailles
Lecturer: Dr. Michael Neiberg

Thursday, August 2, 2018
Title: Thunder in the Argonne
Lecturer: COL Douglas Mastriano

May 19 and 20, 2017
(Saturday and Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day)
Army Heritage Days; focus is Armor and Tet Offensive

Foundation Events

June 2, 2018:
5th Annual Army Birthday Dinner, USAHEC

July 9-13, July 23-27, August 6-10, 2018
Soldier Experience Living History Camp

September 21, 2018
Walk With a Veteran, USAHEC

November 3, 2018:
11th Annual Membership Dinner and Silent Auction, USAHEC

SPECIAL EXHIBITS

The Soldier Experience Gallery Exhibit
Treasures of USAHEC
Good-Bye Broadway, Hello France (World War I) – On Patrol (Current Operations)
An American in Paris: War, Soldier Morale, and the YMCA - the Works of Milton Bancroft
Opening in June: Battle Babies, Robert Robison, 99th Infantry Division artwork

THE FOUNDATION’S ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, November 3, 2018
Reception 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Silent Auction 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Dinner 7:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Amanda Neal at Phone: (717) 258-1102 or Email: info@armyheritage.org

Save the Date

An Army Birthday Celebration
Saturday, June 2, 2018
Reception 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Dinner and Program 7:00 p.m.

The Foundation’s Eleventh Annual Membership Dinner & Silent Auction
Saturday, November 3, 2018
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Silent Auction 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Dinner 7:00 p.m.

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