Letter from the Executive Director, AHCF

Both the Army Heritage Center Foundation and the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center (USAHEC) are excited by the progress we are making at USAHEC. With your support, we continue to build on our past successes to develop this world-class institution dedicated to preserving the personal history of our Army and “Telling the Army Story . . . One Soldier at a time.”

All at USAHEC are focused on providing an excellent experience for our visitors and our researchers as we honor our Soldiers and their families; preserve their memories; and educate the Army and the public on the contributions of our Army and our Soldiers.

I want to voice my praise for the great support we receive from the USAHEC staff and COL Peter Crean, USAHEC’s Director. Their efforts on our behalf have smoothed the way for the current expansion of the Visitor and Education Center and other Foundation sponsored projects. These include the pending renovation of the “old” Ridgway Hall lobby, so the space better supports exhibits and displays, and the Foundation’s financial sponsorship of the upcoming Korean War Art exhibit. Our relationship is a true partnership.

The Foundation wants to thank our donors and supporters. The backing that you provide—both financial and verbal—has been critical to the Foundation’s ability to continue to grow USAHEC; to promote the facility; and to enhance its programs. The current expansion project is just the next step. In the future, the Foundation, in partnership with the Army and our supporters, seeks to complete the final phase of the Visitor and Education Center and to build the Army Heritage Center. These two projects will provide additional galleries to enhance the telling of the Army’s and its Soldiers’ stories and facilities to support Veteran reunions and other special programs.

The Foundation is also pleased with a continuing partnership with Kanani Fong at Fire Squad Outreach For Films. She has recognized USAHEC’s ability to showcase military focused films. Over the past year, Fire Squad Outreach for Films has brought us Sebastian Junger’s documentary, Korengal, and most recently the British film Kilo Two Bravo and the Oscar nominated film from Denmark, A War which highlights the contributions of our Soldiers and our allies that supported our Nation’s efforts in Afghanistan.

I would ask that you take some time to visit our newly redesigned website which is mobile friendly and better reflects our programs and that you visit our online store which is highlighted on the website. Over the past few months, the store staff has added many more items for purchase.

Finally, as we move into spring and summer, please come to visit USAHEC. Come see the new Vietnam and Treasures exhibits. Consider attending both USAHEC’s and the Foundation’s special programs to include Army Heritage Days in May and the Army Birthday Dinner in June.

For those who have visited, please spread the word of what has been accomplished here and what a great place USAHEC is for Veterans and for families.

Mike Perry
Executive Director
USAHEC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The new year has brought about many changes. One of those changes is the implementation of a new Army Gift Regulation. This is due to the Army recently approving USAHEC to begin implementing changes in the year 2016, in order to improve the quality of the gift process with you. We are excited about the new process, which has brought about a different process for the acceptance of gifts by the staff of the U.S. Army. The process has been improved due to the implementation of these new procedures. If you have material you would like to gift to the U.S. Army, contact one of our USAHEC staff requests your patience as they work through the process locally, dealing with archival collections and ensuring that the right scoping is done by the best trained and experienced gift accepting staff in the Army. Throughout the decision-making period, the USAHEC staff worked its way through a series of challenges, while implementing a new system and the changes it brings.

Dr. Xiaoming Zhang
June 15, 2016 (Wednesday)

Title: Fearful Odds: A Vietnam Story
Mr. Charles Newhall
July 11, 2016 (Wednesday)

Title: Drugs, Thugs, and Diplomats: U.S. Policy Making in Columbia
Dr. Winifred Tate
August 4, 2016 (Thursday)

Title: Shock and Awe: An Introduction to Military History Roundtable
Mr. Shawn Naylor
August 26, 2016 (Friday)

Title: Invasion of Serbia, 1915
Mr. Angelo Gepponi
September 21, 2016 (Wednesday)

Title: Life in the Kremlin, 1992
Ms. Amanda Ginter
October 19, 2016 (Wednesday)

Title: African American Army General Officers
Mr. Derek Leo
November 16, 2016 (Wednesday)

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Development Update

VEC EXPANSION PROJECT

Thanks to you, we have broken ground!

This is an exciting time for USAHEC, the Foundation, and its supporters as construction of our 7,500 square-feet expansion to the Visitor and Education Center is currently underway and making steady progress.

In January, excavators arrived to prepare the site for construction. Despite challenges posed by multiple winter storms, crews managed to remove topsoil and pour concrete footers that will anchor “The Hall of the American Soldier.” In the coming weeks, the foundation, block walls, and underground plumbing will be finished. In April, steel will arrive and the building structure will take shape. Construction should be completed by July 31st!

I cannot fully express how rewarding it is watching the next phase of USAHEC take shape! Without your support, commitment, and determination, this project would not be possible. I hope you are proud of your accomplishment and take an opportunity to visit during construction to see your contribution at work.

2016 SPECIAL EVENTS

Save the Date(s)! This year, the Foundation plans to host two special events at USAHEC. The presence of ongoing construction will not disrupt our ability to host events.

The first, associated with the Army’s 241st birthday, is scheduled for Friday, June 3rd. This event is the only celebration of its kind in Central Pennsylvania and will again recognize the service of American Soldiers and the Army’s contributions to the world.

BECOME A MEMBER

and support the heritage of the American Soldier!

- Minuteman (Annual Dues) $25
- Continental (Annual Dues) $50
- Regulars (Annual Dues) $100
- Rough Rider (Annual Dues) $250
- Doughboy (Annual Dues) $500
- Ranger (Annual Dues) $1000
- Quartermaster (Corporate Annual Dues) $2500
- GI (Lifetime Membership for Individuals) $5000
- Regulars (Corporate Annual Dues) $250

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Spring 2016
to our Nation's history. Guests will have an opportunity to explore the Soldier Experience Gallery and get a glimpse of USAHEC’s new art exhibit, “Sleepless Nights: Korean War Veteran John A. Cook’s Midnight Drawings.”

Our second event, the Foundation’s 9th Annual Membership Dinner and Silent Auction is scheduled for Saturday, October 29th. As usual, this event will be dedicated to recognizing a Living Legend, supporters of Soldiers and their families with the Boots on the Ground Award, and those who have made a significant contribution to USAHEC’s development.

You are all cordially invited to attend both events! We hope to see you, particularly at the Army Birthday, so that you may witness the ongoing construction firsthand.

We are currently accepting event sponsorships for both events and silent auction items for our Membership Dinner. If you would like to contribute to our silent auction or become an event sponsor, please contact Amanda Neal at (717) 258-1102 or info@armyheritage.org, for more details.

Help advance our mission with the $$$ IRA Charitable Rollover

**ACT NOW!**

If you’re 70¼ or older, avoid taxes on transfers from your IRA.

**IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER**

Did you know? - Congress passed a new provision that permanently extends the ability of individuals who are 70½ years of age to exclude from their taxable income qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) from Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs).

If executed correctly, QCDs can be more advantageous to donors than taking an IRA distribution and then contributing the proceeds of that distribution to a charity...because funds that have been distributed from the IRA to the IRA owner must be reported in the owner’s taxable income, while QCDs are not counted.

To make a QCD, instruct your IRA custodian to make a transfer from your IRA directly to the charity of your choice. We hope that your contribution might come to the Army Heritage Center Foundation. Many custodians already have forms and procedures in place to make this transfer. Your donation will not qualify as a QCD if your custodian makes the mistake of putting IRA money into a non-IRA account of yours as an intermediate step or if the check is made out to you. The distribution must go directly to the charity.

We’re here to help you! Please contact us if you are interested in donating to the Foundation through an IRA and need assistance navigating the appropriate steps.

**PLANNED/DEFERRED GIFTS**

“The most important charitable gift you’ll ever make is a planned gift.”

Planned or deferred gifts are charitable donations that a supporter makes arrangements for in the present that aren’t gifted until the future. Many people assume that planned gifts are exceedingly complicated to accomplish or that they are only a realistic approach for the “wealthy.” I assure you, this is not true and that no one is incapable of making a planned gift.

There are a variety of deferred gift options available to donors wishing to make an enduring contribution to the Foundation. The simplest method is leaving a bequest in your will. Bequests can be designated to the Foundation in a lump sum amount or in a determined percentage of your residual estate. Bequests can be restricted to supporting specific programs or written more broadly to advance the Foundation’s mission. Either way, you will leave a lasting impact you can be proud of!

Another easy way to accomplish a planned gift is through a life insurance policy. Life insurance may seem daunting with its wide-range of policy choices, but it can also be a rewarding instrument that benefits your heirs and the Foundation. You can create a policy, or adjust an existing policy, that includes the Foundation as a named beneficiary and you can designate how much each beneficiary receives.

If you are interested in naming the Foundation as a beneficiary in your will or life insurance, please contact us so we may help you through the process and offer you our deepest gratitude.

**SPRING APPEAL**

The Foundation needs your continued support—NOW MORE THAN EVER—to swiftly and efficiently complete the current expansion project. You’ve helped us break ground...now help us cross the finish line!

Soon, we will again request your support for the Foundation’s Annual Fund campaign. This campaign is necessary to sustain the Foundation’s ability to manage construction activities. Although the work going on outside is clearly visible to all of you...it’s only the “tip of the iceberg.” As the project manager, the Foundation is responsible for all the less obvious, yet undeniably essential, duties involving project administration. We have, and will, incur additional “soft costs” while preforming this important task.

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Please renew your support when you receive our Annual Fund appeal. You are instrumental to our efforts in expanding the Visitor and Education Center! Through your past support, more than 1 million visitors—students, historians, Veterans, and their families—have benefitted from USAHEC’s research collection, educational programs, and engaging exhibits. Your contribution insures that the next 1 million visitors will have greater access to USAHEC’s collection and gain a deeper understanding of the service of American Soldiers!

Kristopher A. Ruth
Development Program Specialist

Education Program Update

The Education Department is pleased to announce the initiation of a new program: the Veterans’ Cafe, an opportunity for Veterans of all services to meet to share breakfast and fellowship and remember and share their stories of service. We kicked off this program with a breakfast on March 19, 2016 at USAHEC. During the event, we marked the 25th anniversary of operation Desert Storm. The Veterans’ Cafe will become a regular, reoccurring event at USAHEC and other locations throughout the Central Pennsylvania region. We thank Hoffman Funeral Home for sponsoring and helping to plan the event.

Plans for the 2016 Soldier Experience Living History Adventure Camps are underway, and new and expanded activities and challenges are our camps for the works. We are offering three camps this year: July 11-15, July 25-29, and August 8-12. Camp activities are based on historical training manuals and exercises, modified for safety and practicality. Campers will learn battlefield movement techniques, patrolling, hand and arm signals, battle drills, and how to function as a squad in a fun and challenging environment. As always, campers will be introduced to basic leadership principles and have the opportunity to experience the challenges of leading a fire team through various drills. To heighten the realism of the experience, campers will eat MREs in field conditions throughout the week. Last year’s Counselors in Training, Mike Hickey and Frank Torres, will be returning to assist with the program. Please join us in congratulating Frank, who graduates high school in June and will only be available for two of the three sessions due to his scheduled induction into the Marine Corps in August.

Thanks to a grant from the Carlisle Barracks Spouses’ Club, we will pilot the implementation of the Medal of Honor character development program. Education Director Jeff Hawks attended a training session at the Constitution Center, in Philadelphia, and will implement weekly meetings with students at Lamberton Middle School in Carlisle this spring. Students will view recordings of interviews with Medal of Honor awardees then meet to engage in a guided discussion of the meaning and value of service and sacrifice. The program will help raise awareness among the students of the service and sacrifice of Soldiers and the values that permeate the Army.

Our latest additions to the Soldier Stories on our website include Lieutenant Colonel Terry Walters who served as brigade surgeon during Operation Restore Hope in Somalia during 1992 and 1993. This story includes her first person account of treating casualties after a Pakistani armored column was ambushed on June 5, 1993; an event that was part of the ramp-up to the Battle of Mogadishu in October of 1993. We also recently added the story of Colonel Benjamin Purcell. A Korean and Vietnam War veteran, Colonel Purcell spent five years as a prisoner of war of the North Vietnamese after his helicopter was shot down in February of 1968. After his release, Colonel Purcell was stationed at Carlisle Barracks, and the materials in his story include remarks he made to the students at Carlisle High School on Veterans Day in 1973.

Our interns this spring include Jacob Compton, a homeschooler living here at Carlisle Barracks while his father attends the War College. Jacob is studying U.S. Infantry
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weapons and tactics in Vietnam in preparation for an interview with a Vietnam veteran.

As we prepare for the NHD in PA State Contest on May 10 and 11, 2016 at Millersville University, another of our interns is providing great support. Justin Wilkins, an Accounting Major at Penn State, is providing critical assistance for the program by managing accounts payable. We expect over 800 students will attend this year to compete for the opportunity to represent Pennsylvania at the National Contest in June. The number of students attending the State Contest should increase this year thanks to a partnership between the Foundation, Central Intermediate Unit #10, and Lock Haven University to revitalize the NHD in PA Region 5 competition. Region 5 went dormant in 2010 when the organization that had managed the program reorganized and decided not to continue administering the competition. The Pennsylvania Department of Education provided funding to restart the program, and on February 20, 2016, we held the regional contest at Lock Haven University. 60 students from 12 schools participated, a number which represents phenomenal growth in a single year.

Students from Cumberland Valley High School are hard at work on the Veterans Oral History Project. This year’s student participants have successfully completed the first round of veteran interviews and are preparing for round two.

Education Director Jeff Hawks continues to make regular appearances on ABC27’s Good Day PA for the Mid-State Memories segments. In his appearances, Jeff relates history through stories of battles and conflicts involving local Soldiers. Recent appearances have highlighted Vietnam Veterans Bill Beck (the Battle of la Drang) and Joe Boslet (MACV), and Civil War Medal of Honor recipient from Carlisle, Jacob Cart. Other upcoming programs include professional development workshops for teachers in April and May. Also, please be on the lookout for more information regarding upcoming Veterans’ Cafe programs, we hope you will join us.

Jeffrey G. Hawks
Education Director

Fall 2016 Normandy Tour

- Small Group Format
- 4.5 days in Normandy, including 2 Museums
- Pleasant Accommodations
- Highlighted locations based upon historical events
- Tour Leader Brooke Blades, PhD, Archeologist, and Historian

For more information, email aurigblades@gmail.com.
This program provides support to the Army Heritage Center Foundation.
The winter was not quiet at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center (USAHEC) this year. We hosted international events, opened a new gallery, have been growing physically, and continued our support to important elements of our Army. It is an exciting time to be a Soldier and at USAHEC.

The fall got off to a fantastic start as USAHEC hosted the Carlisle Barracks Oktoberfest again. Beautiful weather, great food, and fellowship resulted in new attendance records for the post’s MWR event. Our two lecture series continue to draw eager audiences, and in the last several months, the Visitor and Education Services (VES) team also executed events to commemorate Native American Heritage Month and the 100th Anniversary of World War I. The Native Pride Dancers performed traditional Native American dances in a variety of styles to a standing room only crowd in November. Prior to Veterans Day, we were asked by the Canadian Consulate in New York to collaborate with them on an event to mark the 100th Anniversary of the famous poem, “In Flanders’ Fields.” The event was attended by the Consul General of Canada and Canadian Forces dignitaries from Washington, DC as well as a large crowd from throughout the central Pennsylvania region.

A section of the newest exhibit at USAHEC, “Courage, Commitment, and Fear: The American Soldier in the Vietnam War,” which features a display of Soldiers’ stories and corresponding artifacts.

Also in November, the Museum Division staff, in collaboration with others from across USAHEC, designed, fabricated, and opened our newest exhibit, “Courage, Commitment, and Fear: The American Soldier in the Vietnam War.” The exhibit features Soldier stories and immersive displays, allowing visitors to experience the challenges faced by Soldiers in different areas of Vietnam. In addition to the exhibit, our team created a companion film titled, “Our Journey Through War.” A poignant piece, the half hour film features interviews with Vietnam Veterans and their families and covers all aspects of their deployment from the day they arrived “in country” to the different receptions they received as they came home.

A significant part of USAHEC’s mission is to provide service to the Army as it relates to our history and heritage. Two projects since my last update serve as great examples of that side of our mission. The Historical Services Division (HSD), under the leadership of Dr. Con Crane, authored a series of thirteen historical studies titled, “Military Unpreparedness and the Complexities of Landpower, 1917-2010.” The studies were part of a larger U.S. Army War College project for the Army Chief of Staff showing the complexity of land warfare and the consequences of not preparing for it adequately. Mr. Greg Statler, the Chief of our Collections Management Section, has been spearheading the second project supporting the U.S. Army Center of Military History and the Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army as they re-write the Army’s regulation governing gifts and donations.

Providing exceptional customer support remains a top priority of USAHEC. Though improvements are not always visible to visitors using our resources, the staff of the USAWC Library and the Military History Institute (MHI) continue to enhance support procedures and practices. Taking advantage of reduced visitation over the winter holiday period, the Library team initiated work to move USAHEC’s Rare Book Collection to increase shelf space. During this move, the team evaluated the condition of the items and created new containers to protect the fragile works. MHI is also working on behind-the-scenes projects to make more archival materials available to researchers and with a team from the Army Corps of Engineers to assess previously un-processed items from the collection. The team examines archival material to determine each item’s condition and historical value in order to establish conservation and processing prioritization. Their work has made a tremendous difference in our ability to make materials accessible to our customers while ensuring the preservation of these historic documents for future generations.

There is no doubt that the Perspectives and Bradley lecture series, our film series, Heritage Museum and Trail exhibits, and special events are popular. Our growth in popularity is testimony to the great efforts of the USAHEC staff, but we have nearly reached capacity with our present space. As I look out the window, concrete foundations are being laid as the Visitor and Education Center expands. The expansion adds two new multi-purpose meeting rooms and provides

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additional exhibit space to display more of the fantastic items from our collection. The entire project is possible due to the ceaseless efforts of the Army Heritage Center Foundation, and we are looking forward to the completion of the next phase in July of this year.

Between now and then, I invite you to attend a number of the fun and educational events we have planned. Our “Perspectives in Military History” lecture series in April and May cover U.S. policy making in Columbia and the American Expeditionary Force in World War I, respectively. This year’s Army Heritage Days event will take place on May 21st and 22nd. Although Army Heritage Days includes displays and activities covering all of America’s wars, the theme this year honors the 50th Anniversary of major combat operations in Vietnam and will feature The Moving Wall, a half-size replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall.

I am happy to announce that Dr. Con Crane was selected to receive the Society for Military History’s Samuel Eliot Morison Prize for Lifetime Achievement. The Morison Prize is the highest award given by the Society of Military History and is one of the most prestigious for all military historians. The award will be presented at their international conference, in Ottawa, Canada in April. Dr. Crane’s success is a source of pride for all of us and once again highlights the caliber of professionals we have working at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center. It truly is a unique place to work and in the words of a Pulitzer Prize winning historian, is a “national treasure.”

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USAHEC Divisions Updates

USAWC LIBRARY
Over the winter break, the Library completed a book-shifting project to increase available shelf space in the Rare Books Collection. Most rare books are in a physical condition that requires them to be rehoused in a custom-made container for preservation. With the shifting now complete, rehousing and cataloging of these materials continues, and with more space available, this collection can continue to grow and be provided the highest standards of protection.

The Library continues to refine processes, policies, and procedures between our two locations to improve its services and provide consistent, quality support to its users. By educating U.S. Army War College students, faculty, and staff about the holdings in our Ridgway Hall location, we have seen a steady increase in the number of patrons utilizing our unique archival collections.

An upcoming pilot project will explore the ability to automatically update the Library’s reference bibliographies (“RefBibs”), providing patrons with the most current resources on a vast array of topics and more detailed information on the unique holdings of USAHEC, including manuscripts, photographs, books, and other materials.

VISITOR AND EDUCATION SERVICES DIVISION
Though the winter months at USAHEC are a bit quieter because of the weather, the Visitor and Education Services (VES) Division remained busy, wrapping up projects and events for 2015 and kick-starting new initiatives for 2016. In the New Year, the VES team continues to expand the outreach component of USAHEC, through partnerships and social media, increasing the number of educational opportunities at USAHEC, and presenting thought-provoking programming, such as the Winter History Programs and partnered events with the Army Heritage Center Foundation (AHCF), for both public and military audiences.

This past summer, the VES team started to expand the USAHEC outreach mission and scope by attending military and educational conferences. These conferences help USAHEC to build partnerships in both the history world and the military sphere. Throughout the winter months, the VES team continued to build on this objective by creating new and expanding old professional partnerships. Recently, USAHEC partnered with the World War I Centennial Commission and the Vietnam War Commemoration in an effort to raise awareness about the significant anniversaries of both wars (Vietnam War 50th and World War I 100th), the historical artifacts USAHEC holds from these periods of history, and the opportunities USAHEC offers to veterans. The partnership with the World War I Centennial Commission comes on the heels of a very successful public program in November, which resulted from USAHEC’s collaboration with the Canadian Consulate for a commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the famous poem, “In Flanders Fields,” written by Canadian Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae.

In addition to partnerships, USAHEC expanded its promotional outreach sphere, by enhancing its social media and web presence, while also increasing its print media exposure. In an effort to increase web traffic, the newly redesigned USAHEC webpage now features a Historical Highlight of the Week, which helps to publicize our wonderful

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and unique archival and museum artifact holdings. Explore this new section to learn about some of the fascinating items from the USAHEC Collection, and check our website, as well as Facebook and Twitter pages, regularly for exciting news and information about upcoming events too! While taking advantage of the publicity web technology offers, USAHEC has also partnered with AHCF, to gain a greater foothold in print. Promotional outreach media for USAHEC’s Vietnam Exhibit and Army Heritage Days 2016 will soon appear in the national publication, Vietnam Magazine, so keep an eye out!

The USAHEC team remains committed to the education of military members and veterans, as well as the public. Through the fall and winter months, the VES team provided several staff rides and classes to ROTC and Special Forces Warrant Officer groups. These programs help educate future military leaders and provide them with a place where they can familiarize themselves with important historical documents that can help to shape the future of Army leadership. In the same vein, USAHEC launched the new, online “Educators’ Toolbox” last fall. This resource provides teachers with one easy spot for USAHEC related lesson plans and worksheets, sources from our collections, opportunities for professional development, instructions about conducting online research, and information about participating in our very popular field trips. This expansion of our educational offerings allows USAHEC to easily provide ready-made materials to educate students across the country about U.S. Army history. Look for the launch of our military education version of the toolbox next summer!

While introducing these exciting new initiatives, the VES team also continues to develop, promote, and execute public events, as they are one of the biggest draws for visitation at USAHEC. The center hosted the Native Pride dancers to a “packed” house for Native American Heritage Month. Through USAHEC’s relationship with the Carlisle Barracks Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR), the MWR Catering Branch at USAHEC helped to plan and execute Oktoberfest, which is held annually on the Army Heritage Trail. Last fall, the event brought over 17,000 people to the campus. November and December were relatively quiet, but programming has amped back up with the kick-off of the Winter History Programs. February featured the 5th Annual Reenactor Recruitment Day, and in March, USAHEC hosted a number of events, including the Discussions in Military History Roundtable, the annual Women’s History Month Commemoration, and the Army Heritage Center Foundation Veterans’ Cafe, just to name a few. For more information about any of USAHEC’s programs, please call: 717-245-3972 or visit our website: www.usahec.org.

HISTORICAL SERVICES DIVISION

The Historical Services Division (HSD) continues at a fast pace with many high-profile projects. Fortunately, recent staff changes have increased our capabilities. Dr. Jim Scudieri joined the staff as Senior Historian, filling a three-year old vacancy. Jim served as a contract research analyst from 2014-2015, having retired from the Army after a 30-year career, culminating as a faculty member at the U.S. Army War College (USAWC). Mr. Shane Reilly joined us this year as contract research analyst, and both he and Jim have hit the ground running with several major projects. We were also joined briefly by Cadet Anna Page from Wellesley College, who completed a three-week internship with us. Anna quickly grasped the mission and contributed a great deal to several studies.

HSD recently completed its most comprehensive project to date. The Chief of Staff of the Army (CSA) asked USAWC to conduct several studies. HSD completed a series of thirteen historical studies titled, “Military Unpreparedness and the Complexities of Landpower, 1917-2010,” and delivered them to the CSA. Those studies have now been shared with U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) and several other major Army commands. We also shared the studies with the USAWC Department of Distance Education, which intends to use them in the curriculum.

The Office of the Chief of Staff has called on HSD for several other projects in the last several months, including requests for information on GEN Creighton W. Abrams’ USA speeches and on GEN Matthew B. Ridgway’s report on the future of the Army. The National Commission on the Future of the Army used three HSD studies, as well as information we provided on
GEN Creighton W. Abrams, in the production of its recently published “Report to the President and the Congress of the United States,” Dr. Con Crane and Dr. Michael Lynch also served on the Advisory Committee for a special project for the Chief of Staff and reviewed the initial drafts of the final paper, “Engagement and Forward Presence: Critical Tools to Prevent Conflict, Deter Aggression, and Shape the Security Environment.” Dr. Lynch also completed a report on the number of brigades in the Army in 1986, in response to a request from the Army. HSD has also provided information to the Department of Defense Office of Net Assessment.

Dr. Crane’s doctrinal expertise, Counterinsurgency (COIN), remains in demand, and he attended the NATO Partnership for Peace COIN Curriculum Working Group in Budapest, Hungary and spoke at the Joint Airpower Control Centre Conference on Airpower and Strategic Communications in Essen, Germany. He will attend a Counterinsurgency Workshop in Moldova hosted by the Partnership for Peace (PfP) Consortium. Dr. Crane also conducted his semiannual seminar for the Medill School of Journalism.

HSD also supported the Senior Leader Seminar-II (a general officer course), with archival exhibits and a tour of the facility. Dr. Lynch worked with GEN (Ret.) Gordon R. Sullivan to identify and display specific items from his papers and a video presentation from his time in office, as aids to GEN Sullivan’s presentation. Dr. Crane then led the group on a short tour of the facility, culminating with a display of archival materials available for research. The materials were tailored to address senior leader specific requirements and included several historical and analytical studies HSD completed using the materials.

HSD completed several other studies for other agencies. Mr. Reilly completed a short history of the 94th Division (Training), requested by that unit’s incoming Command Sergeant Major (CSM). This request for information was a result of the CSM’s visit to USAHEC during the Executive Leader Course. Cadet Page completed a short study on the history of NCO authority in response to a request for information from the Army University Provost CSM/CAC-Education CSM at Fort Leavenworth.

We remain engaged in support to the U.S. Army War College as well. Dr. Crane is serving as a seminar historian (Seminar 18) for the 2016 Resident Class and taught several courses so far this academic year. Dr. Scudieri joined Seminar 21 as seminar historian soon after his arrival and developed an elective course for Academic Year 16 titled, “The American Revolution, 1775-83: A Comparative Analysis in Ends, Ways, and Means.” Dr. Lynch serves as a faculty mentor, supervises Student Research Projects, teaches the new Strategic Research Course for several seminars, and substituted in Seminar 18 for Dr. Crane for several classes.

HSD responded to an inquiry from the USAWC Department of National Security and Strategy (DNSs) about the designation of theaters of war and theaters of operations. In addition to these duties, Dr. Lynch attended the Joint Humanitarian Operations Course. Dr. Crane and Dr. Lynch also met with GEN David Perkins, Commanding General, TRADOC, during his visit to Carlisle.

Dr. Lynch coordinated the visit of a PBS producer, who is interested in working with USAHEC on a Vietnam film and web project. The project will focus on the war’s impact on Central Pennsylvania and is due for completion in 2017. The producer met with COL Crean and the USAHEC Division chiefs and then toured the facility.

In conference support, Dr. Lynch chaired a panel titled, “Institutional Change in the Army Since 9/11,” as part of the USAWC Strategic Landpower Conference, and Dr. Scudieri participated as a panel member in a USAHEC-hosted history roundtable titled, “The Men Who Lost America.” Dr. Crane continues his duties as a Presidential Counselor of the National World War II Museum in New Orleans. He was also presented an award along with NBC Weatherman and TV personality, Al Roker.

Finally, USAHEC was notified recently that Dr. Crane will receive the Samuel Eliot Morison Prize for Lifetime Achievement from the Society for Military History (SMH) at its Annual Conference in Ottawa in April. This is the highest award presented by SMH.

**U.S. ARMY MILITARY HISTORY INSTITUTE**

The Military History Institute continues to focus on collection processing initiatives that facilitate making more of its archival materials available. These include the services of more than 10 contractors, who are assessing and processing our archival holdings for retention information, preservation and conservation condition, historical value, remediation of sensitive information, and processing prioritization. This effort includes significant work with classified materials.

The major addition to our processed collections is the Arthur S. Nevins Collection. Brigadier General Nevins, who served
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for 29 years in the Army, aided in the planning of World War II Operations TORCH (North Africa 1942), HUSKY (Sicily 1943), and OVERLORD (Normandy 1944). General Nevins was a lifelong friend of General Dwight D. Eisenhower. They met in 1917 in Texas and served together at multiple locations throughout their careers. The collection consists of 14 boxes and 21 oversized folders containing extensive documentation concerning the initial and detailed staff planning for the invasion of Normandy on D-Day, based on General Nevins’ central role in developing operational plans for these critical campaigns.

ARMY HERITAGE MUSEUM

The new year has brought about many changes. One of those has been the implementation of a new Army Gift Regulation, which has brought about a different process for the acceptance of gifts by the staff of the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center. Establishing this process has required coordination across the Army System. Throughout the decision-making period, the USAHEC staff worked its way through a series of challenges, while implementing a new system and the changes it brings.

The Army recently approved USAHEC to begin implementing part of the process locally, dealing with archival collections and printed materials. At this time, the Army is still determining the process for acceptance of artifacts.

USAHEC staff requests your patience as they work through the implementation of these new procedures. If you have material you would like to gift to the U.S. Army, contact one of our staff in Collections Management who will be happy to discuss the process with you.

USAHEC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 21 and 22, 2016
(Saturday and Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day)
Army Heritage Days

June 18, 2016 (Saturday)
Twentieth Century Military Records and Genealogy Workshop

June 25, 2016 (Saturday)
 Discussions on Military History Roundtable

August 20, 2016 (Saturday)
Mysteries in Military History Day and Military History Roundtable

August 26, 2016 (Friday)
Women’s Equality Day Event

Perspectives in Military History
Lecture Series—Visitor and Education Center—7:15 p.m.

April 20, 2016 (Wednesday)
Dr. Winfred Tate
Title: Drugs, Thugs, and Diplomats: U.S. Policy Making in Columbia

May 18, 2016 (Wednesday)
Dr. Mitchell Yockelson
Title: Forty Seven Days: How Pershing’s Warriors Came of Age to Defeat the German Army in World War I

June 15, 2016 (Wednesday)
Professor Xiaoming Zhang

July 20, 2016 (Wednesday)
Dr. Jimmie Jones

Title: Shock and Awe: An Introduction to African American Army General Officers
September 21, 2016 (Wednesday)
Omar N. Bradley Lecture

October 19, 2016 (Wednesday)
Dr. Richard Di Nardo
Title: Invasion of Serbia, 1915

Brooks E. Kleber Memorial Readings in Military History—Visitor and Education Center—7:15 p.m.

May 5, 2016 (Thursday)
Mr. Shawn Naylor
Title: Operation Anaconda

August 4, 2016 (Thursday)
Mr. Charles Newhall
Title: Fearful Odds: A Vietnam Story

AHCF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 22, 2016
WWII Teacher Workshop

May 20, 2016
Vietnam Teacher Workshop

June 3, 2016 (Friday), beginning at 6:00 p.m.
Army Birthday Dinner

July 11 – 15, 2016
Soldier Experience Living History Adventure Camp

August 8 – 12, 2016
Soldier Experience Living History Adventure Camp

October 29, 2016 (Saturday), beginning at 6:00 p.m.
Ninth Annual Membership Dinner and Silent Auction

SPECIAL EXHIBITS

Understanding War Through Imagery: The Civil War in American Memory
Civil War Photographic Exhibit, 2nd Floor, Ridgway Hall
This exhibit is a showcase of USAHEC’s Civil War photography collection.

The Soldier Experience Gallery Exhibit, The Visitor and Education Center
This exhibit is a showcase of USAHEC’s artifacts and Soldier Stories.

Treasures of USAHEC
This exhibit highlights items within USAHEC’s collection that are distinctive in nature or provide a unique perspective on the history of the U.S. Army.

Cook Pot and Palette:
The World War II Artwork of Sergeant Angelo Gepponi, 77th Infantry Division, 305th Field Artillery
The General Omar N. Bradley Soldier Art Gallery
This exhibit of drawings and watercolors follows Gepponi’s service from Fort Jackson, Fort Indiantown Gap, Hawaii, Guam, Leyte, Cebu, and the occupation of Japan.
Letter from the Executive Director, AHCF

Both the Army Heritage Center Foundation and the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center (USAHEC) are excited by the progress we are making at USAHEC. With your support, we continue to build on our past successes to develop this world-class institution dedicated to preserving the personal history of our Army and "Telling the Army Story . . . One Soldier at a time."

All at USAHEC are focused on providing an excellent experience for our visitors and our researchers as we honor our Soldiers and their families; preserve their memories; and educate the Army and the public on the contributions of our Army and our Soldiers.

I want to voice my praise for the great support we receive from the USAHEC staff and COL Peter Crean, USAHEC's Director. Their efforts on our behalf have smoothed the way for the current expansion of the Visitor and Education Center and other Foundation sponsored projects. These include the pending renovation of the "old" Ridgway Hall lobby, so the space better supports exhibits and displays, and the Foundation's financial sponsorship of the upcoming Korean War Art exhibit. Our relationship is a true partnership.

The Foundation wants to thank our donors and supporters. The backing that you provide—both financial and verbal—has been critical to the Foundation's ability to continue to grow USAHEC; to promote the facility; and to enhance its programs. The current expansion project is just the next step. In the future, the Foundation, in partnership with the Army and our supporters, seeks to complete the final phase of the Visitor and Education Center and to build the Army Heritage Center. These two projects will provide additional galleries to enhance the telling of the Army's and its Soldiers' stories and facilities to support Veteran reunions and other special programs.

The Foundation is also pleased with a continuing partnership with Kanani Fong at Fire Squad Outreach For Films. She has recognized USAHEC's ability to showcase military focused films. Over the past year, Fire Squad Outreach for Films has brought us Sebastian Junger's documentary, Korengal, and most recently the British film Kilo Two Bravo and the Oscar nominated film from Denmark, A War which highlights the contributions of our Soldiers and our allies that supported our Nation's efforts in Afghanistan.

I would ask that you take some time to visit our newly redesigned website which is mobile friendly and better reflects our programs and that you visit our online store which is highlighted on the website. Over the past few months, the store staff has added many more items for purchase.

Finally, as we move into spring and summer, please come to visit USAHEC. Come see the new Vietnam and Treasures exhibits. Consider attending both USAHEC's and the Foundation's special programs to include Army Heritage Days in May and the Army Birthday Dinner in June.

For those who have visited, please spread the word of what has been accomplished here and what a great place USAHEC is for Veterans and for families.

Mike Perry
Executive Director