Letter from the Executive Director, AHCF

Thanks! Your support has allowed us to have an extremely busy spring, summer, and fall.

Both the Army Heritage Center Foundation and the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center (USAHEC) enjoyed a spring and summer of activities that help in “Telling the Army Story . . . One Soldier at a Time.” I invite you to read all the updates – from COL Peter Crean, the new Director of USAHEC, the various USAHEC components, to those from the Foundation staff – that detail the great effort all made during the past several months to support daily operations, our visitors, and continued growth of USAHEC.

The growth in programs at the Center is the result of your support – financial and through visitation. Your support encourages all at USAHEC and the Foundation to work hard to build new exhibits, new programs, and to enhance our outreach to the public. These activities included the July opening of the exhibit *Cook Pot and Palette* which features the water colors and pencil sketches of WWII Army cook Angelo Gepponi to the expanded *Soldier Experience Living History Camp* that the Foundation’s Education Director, Jeff Hawks, developed.

Because of your support, the upcoming months will be equally as busy. Most significantly, the Foundation will undertake an expansion of the USAHEC campus – building the *Hall of the American Soldier*. We will break ground on this new $2.25 million expansion on November 23. The expansion will initially provide a new gallery and multipurpose room for USAHEC exhibits and programs. However, through your continued support, this addition will ultimately serve as the grand hall of the completed Visitor and Education Center.

The USAHEC staff is equally engaged and the highlight of their efforts will be the opening of the Vietnam exhibit in the Soldier Experience Gallery – *Courage, Commitment and Fear* this November. We want you to visit. So please come see this outstanding effort that combined all facets of the USAHEC collection – artifacts, photos, and archival materials, to tell the complicated experiences of our Soldiers who served in Vietnam. While you are here, plan to visit the Foundation’s museum store for holiday gifts.

Finally, I want to thank our honorees that we recognized at our annual dinner this year – COL Marm, our *Living Legend* awardee, and Cavan McIntyre-Brewer who received our *Boots on the Ground* award. COL Marm epitomizes the qualities of our Soldiers who deployed to Vietnam in 1965. Cavan, a 14 year old Military Child of the Year, quietly supports our Soldiers and their families through his Socks for Vets program. If you wish to find out more, both individuals have video bios that highlight their accomplishments on the Foundation’s YouTube page.

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In closing, your backing has been critical throughout this entire effort. Your support—financial and emotional—sustains us as we continue to grow USAHEC's campus and programs. Please visit the Center, and please continue to give generously as you have in the past. The Foundation continues to need your support as we move forward to complete this current expansion and plan for the final phase of the Visitor and Education Center. Thanks. Have a great Thanksgiving and a peaceful and family-filled Holiday Season.

Mike Perry  
Executive Director
Development Update

**VEC EXPANSION PROJECT, GROUNDBREAKING IN SIGHT**

Congratulations, you did it! Thanks to your generosity, we have reached another milestone in USAHEC’s development! On November 23rd, we will break ground and commence construction of a 7,500 square-foot expansion to the Visitor and Education Center. This addition, recognized as “The Hall of the American Soldier,” will contain a second exhibit gallery, a divisible multi-purpose room, and increase Café Cumberland's seating capacity.

I pose this encouraging thought as we look ahead to that start of construction...since 2004, more than 1 million visitors—students, historians, Veterans, and their families—have come to USAHEC to study its research collection, participate in its educational programs, and explore its exhibits. Your involvement in expanding the Visitor and Education Center insures that the next million visitors will have greater access to USAHEC’s collection and leave with a deeper appreciation for the service and sacrifice of American Soldiers.

Again, thank you for your support. Without your private contributions and major grants received from The Donald B. & Dorothy L. Stabler Foundation, G. B. Stuart Charitable Foundation, Land O'Lakes Foundation, Josiah W. and Bessie H. Klune Foundation, Inc., and Tawani Foundation, we would not have been able to finalize our $2 million grant agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to sponsor this project!

**COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN**

(FCF) fundraising drive. Given the release of this newsletter during the height of the CFC promotional period, we wanted to remind our friends—particularly those who are Soldiers or federal employees—that the Foundation qualified for the program again and is listed in your campaign brochure under Military Support Groups of America. The Foundation’s national charity designation code remains 44284.

For the past two years, the Foundation has participated in this fundraising drive and benefited greatly from the program’s notoriety and exposure. We have broadened our outreach, grown our ranks, and raised critical funds to advance our mission. The 2015 campaign grants us another opportunity to raise awareness of USAHEC’s role in maintaining the Army’s heritage and our efforts to develop USAHEC’s abilities of “Telling the Army story...One Soldier at a time.”*

We appreciate that there are many worthy charities, doing amazing work, equally deserving of your attention and support. However, if you are inspired by USAHEC’s mission and passionate about its commitment to honoring Soldiers and preserving their legacy...please consider the Foundation in your CFC donation plans. Your support will help us to expand and enhance this wonderful facility!

**CELEBRATING THE ARMY’S 240TH BIRTHDAY**

“Be All You Can Be”—This unforgettable Army recruiting pitch from the 1980s and 90s was the theme of our 3rd Annual Army Birthday Celebration this past June. Guests were able to meet the slogan’s creator and see the original design concept, a truly unique and significant piece of Army history donated to USAHEC earlier this year.

Dr. Lewis Sorley provided an interesting perspective on the Army’s drab marketing tactics of the 1970s and their attempts to invigorate its recruiting strategy before introducing Mr. Earl Carter (above left), the man responsible for creating a new theme that lasted twenty years and helped the Army transition into an all-volunteer force.

Mr. Carter, an Army veteran himself, came up with the “Be All You Can Be” slogan while working as a senior copywriter for N.W. Ayer & Son, the agency contracted by General Max Thurman to create a new advertising campaign for the U.S. Army. Mr. Carter spoke candidly about the inspirations behind the message and what it meant to work on the project. Afterward, the audience watched a rousing video clip of old (ok, not that old) “Be All You Can Be” television commercials from USAHEC’s audio/visual collection.

Thank you to all who attended or supported our Army Birthday Celebration, especially our event sponsors BAE Systems, George Fischer, Gregory Attorri, and USA, Carlisle Barracks Chapter. We look forward to seeing you all again at our next event!

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2015 RECOGNITION DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

Many of our supporters joined us at the Foundation’s annual Recognition Dinner & Silent Auction on Saturday, November 7th at USAHEC. Our guests were given the opportunity to explore USAHEC’s new Vietnam exhibit and hear more about the Foundation’s next expansion project scheduled to begin later in November!

This year’s honorees included Living Legend recipient COL (Ret.) Walter Marm, Jr. and Boots on the Ground recipient Cavan McIntyre-Brewer. A Pennsylvania native with 30 years’ service in the U.S. Army, Colonel Marm received the Medal of Honor for his actions in 1965 in Vietnam during the Battle of Ia Drang. Cavan, a 14-year-old from Perry County, is the 2015 Military Child of the Year for the Army and the Founder and President of Socks for Vets, a charity that collects and distributes socks and other items to wounded warriors. He is also involved with a Pack Goat project that uses goats to assist wounded warriors carry their backpacking equipment during hiking trips. Both of our honorees represent exceptional service to our Nation and its Soldiers.

We would like to thank all who attended and supported the membership dinner, including the evening’s event sponsors Members 1st Federal Credit Union, the Degenstein Foundation, George Fischer, Verizon, Highmark Blue Shield, M&T Bank, R.S. Mowery & Sons, Giant, BAE Systems, and the Cumberland York Area Local Defense Group.

ANNUAL FUND APPEAL

While you may certainly be proud of what we’ve achieved this year, we must also remind ourselves that our work is far from finished! The expansion project we are about to embark on will not complete the Visitor and Education Center as we’ve envisioned it, nor will it fully satisfy USAHEC’s growing demands and visitation. The Foundation needs your continued support to forge onward!

Soon, we will seek your support for the Foundation’s Annual Fund campaign. This campaign is especially important to our mission, as the Foundation will incur additional costs managing the expansion of the Visitor and Education Center. We must be prepared and armed with adequate resources to meet any challenges we might encounter during construction!

Please renew your support when you receive our Annual Fund appeal in the coming weeks. Your contribution helps to ensure a smooth, efficient, and successful construction program. By next summer, USAHEC will have a greater capacity to inform the public of the contributions of American Soldiers and we’ll be looking ahead to the next project!

Kristopher A. Ruth
Development Program Specialist

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Education Program Update

We are pleased to welcome **Rhonda Newton**, who came on board as our new Education Assistant in September. Rhonda is a long time NHD in PA judge and comes to us from the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation. With a wealth of experience in museum education, she is a valuable addition to the team.

Recent updates to the **Soldier Stories** on our website include the story of Ruth Rappaport, the librarian who built the Army's library system in Vietnam, which eventually included 39 branch libraries and 117 field collections.

We also recently conducted an interview with Specialist 4 (SP4) Bill Beck, a Veteran of the Battle of Ia Drang, the first major battle of the Vietnam War. Mr. Beck provided us with copies of his photographs and drawings, which will appear on our website in an upcoming Soldier Story.

As part of our efforts to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, our upcoming stories also include Colonel (retired) Walter Marm, who received the Medal of Honor for actions during the Battle of Ia Drang and Lieutenant Colonel Terry Walters, the Brigade Surgeon for the U.S. Army's Quick Reaction Force during Operation Restore Hope, Somalia, in 1993. Please visit SoldierStories.net to read these and other stories.

Over the summer, our dedicated team of **interns** conducted much of the research for these stories. Emma Beckert from Dickinson College, Megan Vogel from the University of Pittsburgh, and Marissa Chamberlin from Shippensburg University collaborated on research on the Battle of Ia Drang, as well as sidebars on the UH-1 helicopter and Air Mobility. Duke University student Alec Kunzweiler engaged in an intensive study of the Battle of Mogadishu in preparation for the story about LTC Walters.

Education Director Jeff Hawks is continuing his appearances on **ABC 27's Good Day PA**. Their **Mid-State Memories** segments focus on local history and provide an opportunity to highlight the service of Soldiers connected to South Central PA. In July, he shared the story of Sergeant First Class Randall Shugart, a native of Newville who was awarded the Medal of Honor for actions during the Battle of Mogadishu in 1993. In September, he highlighted the actions of Staff Sergeant John Minnick, who died during the Battle of Hurtgen Forest in 1944. SSG Minnick also received the Medal of Honor for his heroism. Both he and Shugart are buried in Carlisle not far from USAHEC. Jeff is scheduled to appear on November 17 and December 29 and has been asked to return for more appearances in 2016.

We continue to offer **professional development workshops for teachers**. In September, we conducted a workshop on the use of primary sources and the NHD program. In November, we are offering teachers an opportunity to explore USAHEC's resources on the Cold War. Our plans for 2016 include a series of workshops in partnership with California University of Pennsylvania on the use of primary sources and the second annual Art Symposium, through which teachers learn how art and literature capture history.

We continue to partner with Cumberland Valley School District and the Silver Spring Veterans Memorial Committee to offer high school students the opportunity to participate in the **Veterans Oral History Project**. Foundation members interested in participating should contact the Education Department.

2015 has been a banner year for **National History Day in Pennsylvania (NHD in PA)**. 750 students attended the State Contest in May, and 60 were selected to attend the National Contest in June. Of the 36 projects that went to nationals, 11 reached the final round. When the final results were announced, PA students had claimed three 2nd place wins and two 3rd place wins. All in all, PA students made up 2% of the students attending the contest, yet brought home over 9% of the medals, an outstanding achievement by any measure.

Members of the PA delegation to the NHD National Contest at the awards ceremony with Ms. Libby O'Connell (far left), Chief Historian for the History Channel and A&E Network.

Looking forward to 2016, the Foundation secured a state contract to reconstitute NHD in PA **Region 5**, which had continued on page 6
been defunct since 2010. Working in partnership with Central Intermediate Unit #10, we will hold the Regional Contest at Lock Haven University on February 20, 2016. The 2016 State Contest is scheduled for May 10 and 11, at Millersville University.

The Soldier Experience Living History Adventure Camp returned for the second year. Eighteen campers attended two sessions. The program provides an opportunity for campers to participate in drills based on historic infantry training manuals. The exercises are modified for safety and practicality, and the camp is conducted at USAHEC on the Army Heritage Trail. Campers spend a week learning how Soldiers prepared to meet historic threats to our nation, eating MRE’s, and participating in a mix of structured and unstructured drills designed to hone their ability to plan, lead, and work as a team. Popular activities include trench clearing, patrolling, and the free-form tactical game “capture the chicken,” a variant of capture the flag.

This year, the program added Counselors in Training (CIT). Frank Torres, a rising high school senior and JROTC cadet at Cedar Cliff High School, joined the team and took an active role teaching basic drill and ceremony. Rising high school junior Michael Hickey, a graduate of the 2014 program, shared his knowledge and experience with tactical drills. An unqualified success, the CIT program will become a regular feature of the camp moving forward.

Looking towards the future, the Education Department is engaged in a fundraising effort to support the implementation of the Medal of Honor curriculum at Lambertton Middle School in Carlisle. The curriculum uses the stories of Medal of Honor recipients to teach kids about history, character, service, and sacrifice, and is part of our efforts to reach out to bridge the growing civilian-military gap. Our goal is to raise funds for a pilot project to test the implementation strategy and prepare for larger scale implementation.

Jeff Hawks
Education Director
USAHEC Director’s Update

Colonel Peter D. Crean, Sr.

In a ceremony at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center (USAHEC) on August 13, we said farewell to Colonel Rick Harney, our Director for the past year. I’ve known Rick for over 20 years, and in addition to recognizing his many talents as a professional Army Officer and Logistician, I’m proud to call him my friend. His time at USAHEC was short, but Rick’s contributions to our mission were great. Rick applied his experience as the past Commandant of the U.S. Army Logistics University and Assistant Commandant of the U.S. Army Quartermaster School to refine and focus our strategic plan and to help expand our activities in the educational support arena. He was heavily involved in the local community and represented the U.S. Army War College (USAWC) and USAHEC very well. He clearly understood his role as the leader of a team of talented professionals in a variety of specialized fields and was USAHEC’s greatest advocate and cheerleader.

Perhaps the greatest change at USAHEC during Colonel Harney’s tenure was the consolidation of the USAHEC and USAWC libraries. I am happy to say the consolidation is complete, and the results are fantastic. Both of the previous libraries were excellent in their own right but suffered from critical drawbacks. USAWC Library patrons were not able to directly access the vast holdings of the Ridgway Hall Library, while patrons at the USAHEC library missed out on the current affairs and curricular focus of the Root Hall Library. Those days are gone, and we have one integrated library that has two branches. The fantastic “please disturb” customer focus of our world class librarians remains unchanged, and the assets available to them have expanded. Most importantly, patrons can now conduct research at both locations without ever leaving their computer monitor.

The other significant change in the library is the recent departure of Dr. Steve Crocco as our Head Librarian. Dr. Crocco departed for Yale University, where he is now the Head Librarian of the Yale Divinity School Library. If there is one lesson I have learned during my time in uniform, it is that no great unit is dependent on only one person for success. Steve will be missed, but our library team is strong, and we will continue our positive momentum.

If you have not done so lately, I invite you to visit the improved USAHEC website. The Operations Division led an overhaul team of the site to make it more user-friendly and add new content. After careful research, the team discovered over 40 percent of our online visitors use mobile devices to access our website. The small buttons and links of the old website were not conducive to the smaller screens of mobile devices, and we were losing an opportunity to reach a wider audience. The new layout streamlines search fields too, so it is easier for researchers to find source material from our holdings quickly. In addition to the more “user-friendly” layout of the website, the content improved too. We added a new rotating feature highlighting artifacts from our archival and museum collections and significant Soldier stories from “This Date in History”.

On the website, you will also find an exciting new offering that supports our education outreach mission. Using teacher interns, the Visitor and Education Services Division created an “Educator’s Toolbox,” which contains complete high school lesson plans, photos, and supporting material from our collection. New lesson plans will be added as we receive feedback from teachers and students. The “Toolbox” concept has great potential as we look to expand into Military Officer Professional Development and Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development programs.

These advances in the digital arena are only possible through great teamwork across the various USAHEC divisions. The Military History Institute (MHI) recently welcomed Rebekah Padron, our new Digital Archivist. With over 12 million documents in our archive and the growth of online research, our emphasis in that area continues to increase. MHI has been digitizing our high-use materials already, but Ms. Padron’s arrival will greatly add to our capability.

The Historical Services Division is small but influential well beyond the local USAHEC area. In addition to their USAWC teaching responsibilities, Dr. Conrad Crane and Dr. Michael Lynch have been busy conducting research and analysis for projects in support of the Army Chief of Staff and other Army senior leaders.

There are big changes on the way for the entire Army Museum System. Since last summer, leaders from the Army Heritage Museum Division and I have been participating in an Integrated Planning Team (IPT) looking at the overhaul of the Army’s Museum System. The Director of the Army Staff and the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army are leading the effort on behalf of the Army Chief of Staff. While there will be big changes across the system, preliminary indications show an appreciation of the unique nature of the USAHEC mission. We are working with the Center of Military History and other leaders across the historical community as plans are developed. Reshaping a system consisting of over fifty museums and holdings will take time, but I am confident our central mission and structure will remain unchanged.

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I will provide further updates in this column as we move forward on this initiative.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the fantastic work of the Army Heritage Center Foundation to make the next phase of the Visitor and Education Center construction project a reality. As this newsletter goes to print, construction will get underway to add additional exhibit space, multipurpose rooms, and cafeteria seating to our already top-notch facilities. Mike Perry and his amazing team are to be congratulated for their efforts. Join us at Army Heritage Days on May 21-22, 2016 to see the results of their work.

Let me finish by saying how excited I am to be part of the USAHEC and USAWC team at such an important time. As our reports indicate, our advances in outreach and education, our support to senior Army leaders, closer ties within the Army history community, greater volume of archival material made available to researchers, and our improved web presence demonstrate that USAHEC is a driving force in the Army’s History Program. It is a great time to be here doing work that matters to our Army and its Soldiers.

USAHEC Divisions Updates

HISTORICAL SERVICES DIVISION

The pace in the Historical Services Division (HSD) continues to be high despite personnel changes. Our two research analysts, Dr. Jim Scudieri and Mr. Joe Williams, departed at the end of their contract in August, having provided great research service over the past year. Also, we were very pleased to learn that USAWC Leadership named Dr. Richard J. Sommers a Distinguished Fellow at the Faculty Awards ceremony in May.

HSD completed historical studies on a variety of current topics of interest to Army senior leaders including “Passing the Colors: Leadership Transitions of the US Army Chiefs of Staff,” a special project requested by the Chief of Staff of the Army’s Strategic Studies Group (CSA SSG). We then worked with the CSA Transition Team, providing products and research. We also conducted research and provided historical material to the 1st Infantry Division and its new commander, MG Grigsby. Also, Dr. Scudieri completed a study for Strategic Studies Institute (SSI) titled, “Strategic Success in a Continuous Competitive Environment” and provided copies of numerous previous studies to senior Army staff offices.

Dr. Crane is serving as a seminar historian for the Army War College’s 2016 resident class and taught classes on airpower, spacepower, and cyberpower for the Basic Strategic Arts Program Course and portions of the Joint Flag Officer Warfighting Course. He is always in demand for his Counterinsurgency (COIN) doctrinal expertise and has presented for the Pakistan Delegation (Near East and South Asia Center, NDU) and the University of Illinois and assisted with Partnership for Peace (PfP) COIN Curriculum (Budapest) and the annual PfP meeting, education working group (Vienna). Dr. Crane also served as a mentor for the Senior Leadership Seminar. Dr. Lynch taught a USAWC elective titled, “Challenges of Command in the American Civil War” and is part of the faculty teaching the Strategic Research Course, a new course in the USAWC core curriculum. Dr. Lynch is also serving as a faculty mentor for a 2016 USAWC Fellow. Dr. Lynch also taught seminars during the Strategic Broadening Program Course at USAWC and at the University of Louisville. Dr. Lynch also taught portions of the Field Historians Course at USAHEC. Dr. Lynch assisted this year’s Ruth Scholar, Tyler Bamford (Temple University) with beginning his research on military attaches in the interwar period.

Dr. Crane has also completed two books: Cassandra in Oz: Observations on the Long War (Naval Institute Press) and American Airpower Strategy in WWII (University Press of Kansas). Both books are due out in the spring of 2016. He also completed numerous articles, essays, and book chapters for publication. One of those chapters, “Political Expediency vs. Military Necessity: Allied Disputes over the Bombing of Occupied Europe: in Museum Man: Essays in Honor of Gordon H. “Nick” Mueller, received a Madigan Award at the Faculty Awards ceremony in May. Dr. Crane and Dr. Lynch also each completed chapters for a forthcoming work titled, Drawdown: The Liberty Dilemma (New York University Press), due out this fall. Dr. Crane wrote “Post-Vietnam Drawdown: The Myth of the Abrams Doctrine”, while Dr. Lynch completed “The American Way of Post-War: Drawdowns and the Effects on Readiness.”

Dr. Crane commented on a panel on transforming militaries at the Society for Military History (SMH) Annual Conference in Montgomery, Alabama. Dr. Lynch presented a paper titled “Political, Societal, and Professional Foundations of World War I: Why?” at the American Psychological Association Symposium in Toronto.

Dr. Crane represented the War College at the Unified Quest 15 Historical Lessons Learned Workshop at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab in Laurel, MD. The gathering aimed to determine Army force structure implications of contemporary conflicts, ranging from Afghanistan to the Ukraine. Dr. Crane served on a panel analyzing Iraq and provided other commentary. Dr. Lynch completed the Joint Land, Air, Sea Strategic Exercise at Maxwell Air Force Base.

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He also represented USAHEC at the USAWC Integrated Research Projects Adjudication.

Dr. Crane was interviewed by a Japanese film crew about the incendiary bombing of Japan during World War II. Dr. Lynch provided information to the BBC World Service on U.S. Soldiers in Korea in 1945 and was interviewed by Soldiers magazine on the importance of cooks in the Army.

**ARMY HERITAGE MUSEUM DIVISION**

The following are recent artifact additions to USAHEC’s Museum Division.

**The Lewis Kapnek Collection**

Technician 3rd Grade (T/3) Lewis S. Kapnek served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a medic with the Medical Detachment, 327th Glider Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division. He conducted his basic and field medical training at Camp Grant, Illinois. He participated in the Normandy, Central Europe, Ardennes, and Rhineland campaigns and performed eight glider flights from August 1944 - July 1945. Incidentally, glider infantry and associated personnel did not receive hazardous duty pay, which paratroopers received. He was wounded on April 12, 1945 in Dusseldorf, Germany and awarded the Purple Heart Medal.

The collection is composed of archival materials and several library books. The archival component contains approximately 5 linear feet of documents, correspondence, newspaper clippings, a photo album, and approximately 317 loose photographs, which were taken during his service, from training in the U.S. through Europe (England, France, Holland, Germany, and Switzerland). The library materials concentrate on the 101st Airborne Division history published in Europe at war’s end.

**The Marion Myers Collection**

The Marion H. Myers collection is approximately 1.5 linear feet of 512 letters, postcards, and v-mail to his wife and mother, from 1944 - 1946. The collection also contains 747 photographs, reprints, print negatives, and color slides of men and equipment of the 746th Railway Operating Battalion (ROB) and locations such as Paris, Luxemburg, Antwerp, Brussels, Louvain, Munich, and Hertford.

Marion H. Myers graduated from Penn State University and was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad in Elmira, New York. After receiving his draft notice, he relocated his wife and son to Littlestown, PA. He then reported to the New Cumberland Army depot for induction on May 30, 1944. Based on his education and avocation with the railroad, he was classified and assigned to the Transportation Corps, Locomotive Repairman (135). He was sent to Camp Plauch, Louisiana for basic training and assigned to the newly formed 746th ROB. He was subsequently assigned to Company B of the battalion, which performed maintenance and repair of railway equipment and locomotive engines.

In July of 1944, the battalion was relocated to Pennsylvania, where it occupied the Harrisburg Academy facilities. It is here that the battalion received its specialized instruction in classrooms and labs at the Harrisburg Technical School and operational training on the Pennsylvania Railroad. Company B trained at the Enola shops while some members were sent to the Buda Company in Chicago. Tech/5 (Corporal) Myers was selected and sent with six officers and 254 enlisted men to Philadelphia, on August 5th, in anticipation of a transportation strike. The strike was averted and the detachment returned for training.

The 746th ROB arrived at Le Havre, France, on the morning of January 25, 1945. The battalion was assigned to the Railway Grand Division of the 2nd Military Railway Service and was detailed out to other units and locations. The battalion would not be completely reconstituted until well after the end of the

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war. As a result, Staff Sergeant, later Technical Sergeant, Myers travelled and worked locomotive repair across Europe, while living in a 40 & 8 railcar that was outfitted with double bunks and an oil heater. During his service, he pursued his hobby in photography, by building a box under the railcar to store his photographic and developing equipment. He also handcrafted a device that enabled him to enlarge his photographic prints.

**VISITOR AND EDUCATION SERVICES DIVISION**

The Visitor and Education Services (VES) Division has been active in many different endeavors over the past few months and is looking forward to expanding programming, educational opportunities, and outreach for USAHEC even further in the coming months. Attending outreach events, conducting staff rides, recruiting veterans for the new Veterans Ambassador Program, and continuing to present thought-provoking programming, such as lectures and roundtable events, for public and military audiences alike are just a few of the activities that VES has conducted to support the USAHEC mission.

The summer and fall months are always busy for the VES team as they, along with other team members of USAHEC, attend outreach programs across the country to promote awareness of our programs. During August, the VES team traveled to the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Convention in Pittsburgh and the American Legion National Convention in Baltimore, in an effort to reach more veterans to help contribute to the USAHEC collection of Veteran Surveys, which help to educate thepublic and the Army about past service and experiences. In September, the VES team traveled to the National Guard Association of the United States Annual Convention and to the Spirit of America Show, performed by the Old Guard, in Fairfax Virginia. These conventions and shows are the perfect opportunity for USAHEC to reach new audiences, both public and military, at a national level.

Back at the USAHEC campus, public lectures and programs continue to be a success. For example, in June, the organization continued its new Discussions in Military History Roundtable event with Mr. Kenneth A. Daigler, author of *Spies, Patriots, and Traitors: American Intelligence in the Revolutionary War*; and in July, it played host to Jim DeFelice, author of the acclaimed book, *American Sniper*, for the Perspectives in Military History Monthly Lecture. In September, USAHEC welcomed GEN (Ret.) James T. Conway, 34th Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, for another Discussion in Military History Roundtable event, and for the December Perspectives Lecture, USAHEC will host “Gettysburg, The Last Invasion”, featuring local historian and Professor Dr. Allen C. Guelzo.

In addition to the three lecture programs, USAHEC conducts several other programs that are open to the public throughout the year. In August, we welcomed back the ever-popular Mysteries in Military History Day. This event provided visitors with the opportunity to find out more about the historical items that they own and how to properly care for them, including a late 18th century American rifle. Later this fall, USAHEC will honor Native American Heritage Month with a special performance that highlights native culture and traditions. To see a full list of our upcoming events, please visit our website at www.usahec.org.

The USAHEC team is also committed to the support and education of military members and veterans alike. Since June, the VES team has provided several staff rides and classes to ROTC, Air Nation Guard, and Special Forces Warrant Officer groups. These programs help to educate future leaders of the military and provide them a place where they can familiarize themselves with important historical documents that can help to shape the future of Army leadership.

In support of preserving Soldier history and educating future leaders, USAHEC has also continued the Veteran Ambassador Program. This program collects veterans’ stories, through questionnaires, oral histories, and other historically significant artifacts and information, which is then preserved as part of Army history and used as an educational tool. There have been several Veteran Ambassador training sessions since the program’s inception in February, and recruiting for more volunteers is ongoing. If you are interested in learning more about this program or becoming an Ambassador Volunteer, please contact the USAHEC information desk at 717-245-3972.

**USAWC LIBRARY**

We recently completed the first full year of service following the 2014 merger of the libraries in Root Hall and Ridgway Hall. Our slogan has been “One Library, Two Locations.” On the surface, things look much the same with patrons being well served in both locations. However, behind the scenes there have been massive efforts to do the hard work of integration. That work includes the combination of two automated library systems—online card catalogs—each reflecting different collections of materials.

With a combined catalog, we went through the collections and identified the number of duplicate holdings between the two locations. From there, we’re determining how many copies of materials we need. To make all this happen and to provide better service to patrons, a large number of staff have

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been cross trained, we've written new policy statements, and we adjusted work flows. A central component of USAHEC's mission—that knowledge of the past contributes to an enriched understanding of the present—has a direct link to the Army War College curriculum through the USAWC Library. Patrons can do a single search and find materials whether they are housed in Root Hall or Ridgway Hall. Students and faculty who worked almost entirely in Root Hall are now discovering the riches of the USAHEC collections. Patrons who worked primarily in the Ridgway Reading Room are now able to examine the kinds of resources that are being used to educate senior military and civilian leaders.

One of the keys to these new initiatives is a revitalized Library website. It is now easier than ever for patrons to find their way around our collections. At the same time, we are striving to add more and more digital content to that website.

MILITARY HISTORY INSTITUTE

The Military History Institute continues two major collection processing efforts: a survey of MHI's archival holdings and reviews of manuscript and printed materials for public release. Ten on-site contractors have reviewed over 2,000 linear feet of materials to date. The work of both the survey and contractor teams are focusing on upcoming major historical anniversaries, such as the 25th anniversary of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, the 50th anniversary of major U.S. ground combat operations in Vietnam, and the centennial of World War I. A more recent initiative is a project to inventory the extensive holdings of the Classified Holdings Branch. Since June, a team of contractors has been inventorifying vault holdings and entering this information into a searchable database. Though just begun, this work has already improved the ability of the staff to identify specific documents for researchers more efficiently.

USAHEC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 16, 2015 (Monday) 7:00 p.m.
Native Pride Dancers,
Native American Heritage Month Commemoration

November 21, 2015 (Saturday) 10:30 a.m.
Showing of Kilo Two Bravo

December 5, 2015 (Saturday)
The Men Who Lost America and a discussion on the British in the American Revolution – Discussion in Military History Roundtable

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

November 18, 2015 (Wednesday)
Ms. Gayle Lemmon
Title: Ashley's War

December 16, 2015 (Wednesday)
Dr. Allen Guelzo
Title: Gettysburg, The Last Invasion

January 20, 2016 (Wednesday)
Dr. Sam Watson
Title: Reconciling Missions and Professional Identity: How Nineteenth Century Army Officers Saw Their Role on the Frontier

February 17, 2016 (Wednesday)
Dr. Matthew Meulbauer and Dr. David Ulrich
Title: Ways of War: American Military History from the Colonial Era to the 21st Century

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

February 4, 2016 (Thursday)
Dr. Jeffery Sammons and Dr. John Morrow
Title: The History of Black Combat Soldiers in World War I in Collective and Individual Context

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,
Visitor and Education Center
This exhibit is a showcase of USAHEC's artifacts and Soldier Stories.

Treasures of USAHEC,
2nd Floor, Ridgway Hall
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.
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