The past few months have been busy for both the staffs of the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center (USAHEC) and the Army Heritage Center Foundation. Both organizations have worked hard to continue the development of USAHEC and its programs in several very exciting ways. For those who have not recently visited USAHEC, please plan a visit in the near future. You will find much has changed since the spring of 2012.

The most visible change on the campus is the Foundation sponsored construction project that is in the last stages of completion. With assistance from a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant and private donations, the Army Heritage Center Foundation initiated an infrastructure construction program this past summer to support the master plan for the USAHEC complex. The program installed a third parking area that improved the ability of USAHEC to support larger events, two special event plazas that enhance the venue's ability to support outdoor programs and ceremonies, and storm water management assets to ensure that the complex minimizes the impact on the Leport Spring Run, an internationally recognized cold water trout stream. The project also included the movement of the commemorative bricks and pavers to a more visible location as discussed later in this newsletter.

Additionally, with the support of Soldiers from the 103rd Engineer Battalion, a unit of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, and donated materials from HESCO Bastion Ltd., the current operations exhibit on the Army Heritage Trail expanded. During the week of August 20th, a dozen Soldiers from the unit trained at USAHEC with newly issued equipment. As part of their training, the Soldiers modified the existing exhibit and prepared the location for the scheduled arrival of a Bradley Fighting Vehicle and the hoped for procurement of an M1 Abrams. With these modifications, USAHEC hopes to illustrate how our Soldiers manned checkpoints in Iraq and Afghanistan and how the Army sought to protect those who served.

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The most significant change, however, is internal to the campus’ facilities. USAHEC will open the Soldier Experience Gallery, the first of its “permanent galleries” within the Visitor and Education Center on November 9, 2012. The gallery will highlight the story of the American Soldier from the Spanish-American War through the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. The displays will include both artifacts and documents drawn from the Veteran Survey collection. This exhibit, when opened, will be one of the finest in the country and those who have supported our efforts will be proud of the Army’s gallery that is “Telling the Army Story . . . one Soldier at a time.” COL Dawson, the Director of USAHEC, discusses the exhibit and other activities of his staff in support of the U.S. Army War College and the Army in his portion of this newsletter.

The Foundation’s Fifth Annual Membership Dinner on September 14th also was a great success. More than 350 attended the event held at the Radisson Hotel Harrisburg. I want to thank all our sponsors and the awardees: the Honorable Tom Ridge, Command Sergeant Major Mellinger, U.S. Army Retired, and the Army Arlington Ladies. Thanks too to the Army Band’s Brass Quintet, the String Quartet from the Cumberland Valley High School, and Tom Russell for acting as our Master of Ceremonies. See our Development update for additional details and photos.

I would also ask you to read our Education Program Update. Recent reports indicate how poorly our Nation’s educational program is preparing our students. One article indicates that few newly minted college graduates could identify George Washington as the commander of the Continental Army at Yorktown. Our educational programs, that supplement and amplify those of USAHEC, continue to promote historical awareness especially with our elementary and high school students. See how their Soldier Stories on the Foundation’s website, their efforts managing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s National History Day program, and their student-veteran oral history program all seek to promote the study and use of history.

Finally, I must appeal once again for your financial support. We have accomplished much; however, much remains to be done. Your financial support to the Foundation allows us to continue our efforts to advance the project. In a few weeks, you will be receiving our annual appeal letter. I would ask that you be as generous as your means allow. Help us as we work to build a campus dedicated to “telling the Army Story . . . one Soldier at a time.”

Mike Perry
Executive Director
Development Update

FIFTH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER
AND SILENT AUCTION

Thanks to all who attended, sponsored, or supported our Fifth Annual Membership Dinner! The event honored past and present Soldiers and recognized the Foundation’s many charitable partners who help to promote and enhance the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center. By all accounts, the evening was a huge success.

Local CBS21 Meteorologist Tom Russell returned to serve as master of ceremonies. The Cumberland Valley High School Orchestra String Quartet and The U.S. Army Band Brass Quintet also returned to entertain our guests.

Special thanks to our generous corporate sponsors for making the event possible. Platinum Sponsors included Members 1st Federal Credit Union and CA Technologies. Gold Sponsors included R. S. Mowery & Sons, Inc. Silver Sponsors included Highmark Blue Shield, QinetiQ North America, Chris and Janet Gleason Family, Capital BlueCross, and Anonymous. Bronze Sponsors included Booz Allen Hamilton, Range Resources, Orrstown Bank, Association of the U.S. Army, The Patriot-News, and VFW Post #477. We would also like to thank our numerous table sponsors and silent auction donors.

Honoerees included CSM (R) Jeffrey Mellinger, The Army Arlington Ladies, and former Pennsylvania Governor Thomas Ridge. Mellinger was recognized as a Living Legend by being the last Vietnam War-era draftee to retire from active duty. Mellinger’s remarkable 39-year career is a testament to his selfless character and his devotion to his country, the U.S. Army, and his comrades. The Army Arlington Ladies received the Boots on the Ground Award for their vow to stand vigil at every Soldier funeral held at Arlington National Cemetery since 1973. Lastly, Governor Ridge received the Major General John Armstrong Award for his leadership and commitment to the development of the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center.

SOLDIERS WALK COMPLETED

If you have visited the campus recently, you no doubt witnessed the presence of construction equipment and USAHEC’s external improvements. Among the most obvious renovations was the completion of a new event plaza flanked by the long anticipated Soldiers Walk.
For years, the Foundation has offered a commemorative brick program as a way for families to honor and recognize their loved one’s military service. Purchased bricks and pavers were temporarily displayed in a plaza adjacent to Ridgway Hall until the Soldiers Walk could be built.

As the event plaza took shape, construction crews began the painstaking process of delicately transferring the commemorative bricks and pavers from their previous location to their permanent position next to the plaza.

Although challenging, the move was successful. If you purchased a brick and/or paver, come out and see it prominently displayed in front of the Visitor and Education Center. There is lots of available space remaining if you want to participate in the program. Proceeds support future campus expansion. Please contact Kristopher Ruth at (717) 258-1102 or dvlpast@armyheritage.org for more information or to place an order.

**DAR COMMEMORATIVE BENCH DEDICATION**

Over the Memorial Day weekend, the Foundation hosted a commemorative bench dedication ceremony by members of the Cumberland County Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center.

Members of the organization gathered outside on the Army Heritage Trail to pay homage to past veterans and to unveil their recently installed commemorative bench recognizing American patriots for their service.

The bench plaque reads, “Dedicated May 2012 by the Cumberland County Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution to honor the patriots who led this country to independence and all those who uphold its freedom.”

More than just a place for weary visitors to sit and relax while walking the trail, the bench will remain as a lasting memorial to those who fought and sacrificed to preserve our cherished liberties.

“We are happy to provide this symbolic memorial honoring our military past, present, and future” said Debra Kohr, Regent of the Cumberland County Chapter DAR, “and what more appropriate time to commemorate those heroes than during the Memorial Day weekend.”

Visitors can find the DAR’s bench beside the Redoubt #10 exhibit—a re-creation of the British defensive position captured by Alexander Hamilton’s Colonial forces during the Battle of Yorktown in 1781.

The Foundation continues to offer commemorative benches. Please call for more information.

**BUILD ON SUCCESS UPDATE**

A year ago, the Foundation embarked on a new fundraising campaign seeking to support construction of Phase Two of the Visitor and Education Center. The **Build on Success** campaign has already generated over $50,000 from private donors like you! Not to be considered insignificant by any means, this seed money has demonstrated our project’s broad appeal and will allow the Foundation to more aggressively seek government, corporate, and foundation support to meet our $10 million goal.

Your belief in our mission and financial commitments are important to us and will help us continue to expand USAHEC and its public outreach efforts. We cannot improve USAHEC’s ability of “Telling the Army Story...one Soldier at a time” or complete the Visitor and Education Center without your support.

Help the Foundation finish the year strong! Please consider renewing or initiating your support of the Foundation’s **Build on Success** campaign when you receive our next appeal letter later this fall or help us increase our network of friends by promoting our efforts and asking others to join our cause. You are our strongest ally and with your support, we can continue telling Soldier stories and reminding the public that freedom comes at a price.

**Kristopher A. Ruth**
**Development Assistant**
Education Program Update

Spanish-American War Veteran John D. LaWall once wrote:

There is a time in the life of nearly every boy when he is obsessed with the desire to become a soldier. Some boys delight to read of great battles, they are never so happy as when they are in the possession of fire-arms, and they regard the Fourth of July as the holiday of holidays. They are thus cultivating, unconsciously, their warlike propensities; so when they have an opportunity later on in their lives practically to demonstrate their tastes, they sometimes take advantage of it by enlisting. But nothing takes the romantic ideas out of a boy's head so thoroughly as eating moldy bacon and hardtack, and nothing dampens his enthusiasm for the glamor and glitter of war so much as lying all night in a heavy rain fighting mosquitoes.

LaWall is one of the Soldiers highlighted on the Education Department's web page. Through Soldier Stories like his, students and members of the public can learn about the history of our Nation through the perspective of the men and women who have defended it. With the help of our interns, we continue to update our website with new stories, photo galleries, and other resources that help teachers put USAHEC's materials to use in the classroom. Current projects include Lloyd Blair, a World War I Soldier from the 92nd Division; Robert Speer, a chaplain deployed to Vietnam; and the Soldiers whose stories will be highlighted in the Soldier Experience Gallery due to open this fall.

Our resources also now include seven photo galleries: Civil War, Gettysburg, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and the 8th Ranger Company. To view these materials please visit www.armyheritage.org.

Through our workshops for educators, we introduced 64 teachers, school administrators, and pre-service teachers to the USAHEC archives and resources in recent months. The Foundation partners with the Pennsylvania Department of Education to provide professional development credits to certified teachers for our workshops and programs. Altogether, the Foundation provided over 450 hours of professional development training to more than 100 teachers over the past year. Additionally, the Foundation conducted a series of genealogy workshops to teach members of the public how to use USAHEC resources to research their military heritage.

In August, the Foundation hosted a “Day at the Museum” event for Carlisle Barracks youth with support from the Carlisle Barracks Spouses Club and the Cumberland Valley Chapter of AUSA. Attendees enjoyed a tour of the Army Heritage Trail complete with re-enactors and a pizza party in the Visitor and Education Center. We hope to develop this program into an annual event.

This year's Ruth Fellow was Earl Catagnus from Temple University. A former recipient of the Foundation's Weigley Award, Mr. Catagnus spent several weeks at USAHEC researching the development of Infantry doctrine in the interwar period. The Ruth Fellowship honors the service of Robert L. and Robert C. Ruth and is funded through the generous support of Foundation Board Member, Mr. Chris Gleason.

More than 1,100 students, teachers, and family members attended the 2012 National History Day in Pennsylvania (NHD in PA) state contest on May 4 and 5 at Cumberland Valley High School in Mechanicsburg. This is the fifth year that the Foundation has managed the state contest and the first year at a new venue since leaving Millersville University due to a calendar conflict. With outstanding support from the staff at Cumberland Valley, the transition went smoothly, and the participants' reactions to the new venue was overwhelmingly positive. Sixty-six students were selected to represent Pennsylvania at the national contest at the University of Maryland in June.

This year's program included a number of special events. Fourteen vendors, representing area attractions and businesses, participated in the Central Pennsylvania Heritage and Tourism Fair at Cumberland Valley to showcase the local area to the students and their parents attending the state contest. More than 700 students and their family members also attended the Trail Day event at USAHEC, where they had the opportunity to meet re-enactors, explore the Army Heritage Trail and
USAHEC Galleries, shop in the Museum Store, and eat at Café Cumberland in the Visitor and Education Center.

NHD in PA would be impossible without the support of dozens of volunteers and interns. This year, we received support from the Cumberland Valley School District Key Club, student volunteers from Cumberland-Perry Vo-Tech School, and from various members of the local community. The contributions of our interns, Sam Rogers, Rachel Moats, and Tim Lehotsky, are particularly noteworthy, as are the contributions of the Rogers family, who all volunteered to help at the state contest.

We are also thankful to Giant Foods, Osprey Publishing, and the Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau, who sponsored the NHD in PA program. The following companies also supported the program through their generous product donations: The Pittsburgh Steelers, the Pittsburgh Pirates, the Philadelphia Flyers, the Harrisburg Senators, and Utz Quality Foods. For the first time in anyone’s memory, the state contest received media coverage from a local television station.

The Foundation continues to garner support as a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania approved Educational Improvement Organization through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit program. Recent donations to the education department have included $10,000 from Universal Health Systems, $2,500 from Capital BlueCross, $2500 from Metro Bank, and $600 from PPG Industries. We are grateful to our donors for their support and commitment to education and workforce development.

This level of sponsorship and media coverage represents a significant increase over previous years and reflects a growing awareness of the value of the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center, the Army Heritage Center Foundation, and the programs and opportunities we provide. We thank you, our members, for helping make these opportunities possible. With your continued support we will be able to grow and continue “Telling the Army Story...one Soldier at a Time.”

Jeffrey Hawks
Education Director

TESTIMONIALS

“Amazing what you and your team make possible!”

This past summer, the Foundation received an inquiry from a WWII Veteran, a sailor who had serviced on the USS Blackfin (USS-322), who remembered his submarine’s rendezvous with American Soldiers in the Philippines to secure important intelligence documents. He wanted more details and if possible the names of the Army officers who boarded the sub. The staffs of the Foundation and USAHEC were able to determine that on November 24, 1944, the USS Blackfin rendezvoused with an Army commando team off Mindoro’s northern coast. The troops had captured a small Japanese patrol boat which carried many current Japanese ciphers and codebooks. The submarine picked up the classified material and proceeded to take the materials to Australia for exploitation. The specific officers could not be identified, however, the Foundation staff was able to obtain the History of the Mindanao Guerrillas and provide a list of more than 180 Soldiers who fought in the Philippines after the fall of Corregidor and the U.S. Army’s return to the islands in late 1944.

Also, the Foundation was recently contacted by a relative of a World War II veteran, who had been wounded while serving in France in 1944. The veteran had recently passed away and had not discussed his wartime experiences with his family. Being told that his service record no longer existed, the relative requested assistance from the Foundation. Researchers searched through paperwork for the 143rd Infantry Regiment, 36th Infantry Division and discovered a casualty report for the veteran, with details of the wound, and date and location received. With information retrieved through our research, the veteran’s family is putting together information to send to the National Archives in order to rebuild his service record.

If you have comments or feedback about your experiences while visiting USAHEC or interacting with staff of the Foundation or USAHEC, please let us know. We would love to hear from you.
USAHEC Director’s Update

Colonel Matthew Dawson

Team, it is hard to believe I am coming up on almost a year of serving as Director of the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center (USAHEC). I am lucky to be a part of such a great organization as it continues to expand. The past several months have been quite active for the USAHEC staff. Our busy spring and summer included a significant number of tours and VIP visits to the facility, a continued increase in the use of our conference space, education programs, and lectures, several large events, and a reorganization of our operational infrastructure, which allows us to better support and educate both the U.S. Army and the public. We also made some facility infrastructure improvements to USAHEC, including the construction of a parking lot and an event plaza that are a welcomed addition to our campus. These physical changes to USAHEC, that were supported by the Foundation, allow more people to visit the campus and expand the options for groups seeking to use the facility as they learn more about the history of the U.S. Army.

The newest addition to the USAHEC campus is currently under construction in the Visitor and Education Center and is an immersive and interactive exhibit entitled, “The Soldier Experience,” which chronicles the history of the Army. Always “Telling the Army Story, one Soldier at a Time,” the experiences and stories of Soldiers from the USAHEC collection feature prominently throughout the exhibit, beginning with the Spanish American War and continuing through Current Operations. New technology and specially developed interactive exhibits allow visitors to experience different aspects of Soldiers’ lives; including a test of their marksmanship at an electronic rifle range and feeling the sounds and intensity of war in a Korean War bunker simulation. With the Grand Opening scheduled for November 9, 2012, we invite you to take some time on your next visit to Carlisle to tour this remarkable exhibit and learn more about the history of the Army.

We continue to support the Army through research, education, and in a more recent development, as a venue for training and conferences. The U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) Senior Leader Conference was a highlight for us this year, as we hosted General Robert Cone and our TRADOC Army leaders for a week-long conference in our Visitor and Education Center. We next look forward to hosting the G3/5/7 (U.S. Army Directorate of Strategy, Plans, and Policy) Council of Colonels in town at the end of October. In addition to these conferences, we provide an excellent venue for training and change of command ceremonies for Army and Air Force units and continue to serve as a popular offsite location for U.S. Army War College seminars. We also maintain our instructional programs for the JFK Special Warfare Center, provide staff rides to various units as part of their development, and our training opportunities look to increase in the next year as we introduce some new programs for Military History Detachments at USAHEC in association with the Center of Military History.

We continue to add new historical materials to the USAHEC collection. In the past three months, we have finished processing more than 170 boxes of technical and field manuals from Tobyhanna Depot to add to our world class collection. Researchers, military hobbyists, and even Army units in the field today utilize these manuals for background on a variety of Army operations and equipment. We are also in the process of bringing two new staff people on board that are critical to the preservation of our collections. We have recently filled our Paper Conservator position and are in the process of filling our Objects Conservator position for the new Conservation Center. Please welcome Ms. Jordan Ferraro, our Paper Conservator, to our team the next time you are in the facility.

Telling Soldier stories to visitors, active duty military, Veterans, and the public alike remains a core part of our mission, whether we provide training, conference space, or tours and orientations. Over the past six months, we have had the pleasure of welcoming a number of different visitors and groups to USAHEC, including the U.S. Army War College Classes of 1982 and 1987 reunion groups, participants in the Coalition Joint Forces Land Component Command (CJFLCC), members of the Department of Distance Education Class, a unit of the Mississippi National Guard, and numerous groups of Veterans. Our education programs continued on page 9
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continue to attract schools from across the region, as we host field trips in the spring and camp groups during the summer, allowing the students an opportunity to interact with re-enactors and complete a scavenger hunt on our outdoor Army Heritage Trail. In addition to programs geared specifically to children, our large living history events remain popular, drawing thousands of visitors to our Army Heritage Trail for a timeline event in the spring, Army Heritage Days, and a themed event in the fall, this year entitled, “Training for the North African Campaign: WWII Living History Event.” This event featured World War II re-enactors camped on our trail, with lectures and demonstrations occurring throughout the weekend, including a panel of WWII Veterans who interacted with members of the public about their experiences.

Outreach to Veterans and Veterans' organizations have become a top priority for USAHEC, as we look to preserve the important stories and experiences of the men and women who have served this Nation. This summer, members of the USAHEC staff traveled to Reno, Nevada for the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Convention and Indianapolis, Indiana for the American Legion National Convention. These outreach opportunities, including attendance at local, regional, and state wide Veterans events allow USAHEC to connect with Veterans to help us preserve their stories and incorporate important parts of the Army's history into our collection.

USAHEC continues to be an exciting and engaging place to work, as we expand and re-focus our mission to serve the Soldier, the Army, our Veterans, and the visiting public. We strive to continue to serve as an excellent resource for researchers and a state-of-the-art venue for conferences, to provide high quality educational programs for children and adults, and to develop into a source of information for the Army and units looking for training. We continue to value our partnership with the Army Heritage Center Foundation as we move toward the next phases of development for the USAHEC campus.

COL Matthew Dawson
Director, USAHEC

USAHEC Collection Update

Items of the Collection Recently Added or Made Accessible.

The Spencer Cosby papers. COL Cosby was the Military Attache to Paris during WW1. His papers include many reports he made on the progress of the early stages of the War, development of new weapons, changes in uniforms, and tactics employed by both the Allies and the Germans. There are also official French reports on battles such as the Marne and Campagne. COL Cosby made several official visits to the front and his reports on these trips also include photographs he took showing trench construction and conditions at the front. There are also hand drawings detailing trench construction and positions in the official reports on his visits to the front. There are reports on the early use of asphyxiating gases employed by the German Army. This is a great firsthand account of the early stages of WW1 as well as showing the information that was made available to the U.S. Army during the build-up prior to U.S. involvement in WW1.

In keeping with the WW1 theme, we also received an artifact and archival collection from an early member of the Tank Corps. PVT John S. Mood served with the Tank Corps as a medic. PVT Mood was one of the Soldiers who brought back 218 French Renault Tanks and 28 Mark V Tanks to Fort Meade to establish the Armor school under COL George Patton. His discharge is signed by COL Patton. Among the artifacts is his uniform with a hand sewn Tank Corps Shoulder Sleeve insignia. The Tank Corps pin on his overseas cap is a very rare pin with the word Tank on a banner under the Mark V tank that makes up the Branch Insignia. Among the archival portion of the donation is his diary from his time in Europe as well as several letters and postcards sent to his family. He has several photographs of early ambulances. This is a good Soldier's collection from the early days of the Tank Corps.
USAHEC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

November 14, 2012 (Wednesday)
Mr. George Daughan
Title: “1812: The Navy’s War”

December 12, 2012 (Wednesday)
Mr. John Gordon
Title: “Fighting for MacArthur: The Navy and Marine Corps’ Desperate Defense of the Phillipines”

January 16, 2013 (Wednesday)
MAJ Greg Tomlin, Ph.D.
Title: “Gods of Diyala: Transfer of Command in Iraq”

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

November 1, 2012 (Thursday)
Dr. Lisa Munden
Title: “American Militarism and Anti-Militarism in Popular Media”

February 7, 2013 (Thursday)
Dr. Ling-Yang Nguyen
Title: “Honor’s War: An International History of the War for Peace in Vietnam”

SPECIAL EXHIBITS and EVENTS

Current Exhibit, 2nd Floor, Ridgway Hall
Title: “America’s Last Five Star General”
An in-depth look at the life of “The Soldier’s General”
General of the Army Omar N. Bradley

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,
Grand Opening in the Visitor and Education Center on November 9 at 4:00 p.m.
This exhibit is a showcase of USAHEC’s artifacts and Soldier Stories.

January 19, 2013
Genealogy Workshop
Learn to Research in USAHEC’s Collections, 10:00 a.m. (reservations required)

February 16, 2013
USAHEC Re-enactor Recruiting Day - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

May 18-19, 2013
Army Heritage Days: Timeline Living History Event, Army Heritage Trail
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
The U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center will hold the Grand Opening of the **Soldier Experience Gallery** on November 9, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. This event is open to the public, so please plan to join us.
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