



Army Heritage Center Foundation

Update

Winter 2009 Newsletter

Letter from the Executive Director, AHCF

I apologize for the delay in the publication of our Fall 2008—Winter 2009 newsletter. I wanted to determine that we would be successful in our major endeavor before we provided you an update on activities at the Foundation and at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center (USAHEC).

Great news on the construction front! On December 17, 2008 the Board of Directors of the Army Heritage Center Foundation selected R. S. Mowery & Sons, Inc. to finalize design of the Visitor and Education Center (VEC) and to build Phase One. Having raised funds sufficient to support design and construction, the Foundation has decided this was the time to move forward with the first non-federally funded facility at the USAHEC. The construction of Phase One of the VEC, a 37,000 square foot facility, will provide the first exhibit gallery and urgently needed public space for educational programs, veterans' reunions, and other public gatherings. Phase One will also include a museum store and other services for visitors. Ground breaking for the VEC is planned for the Summer of 2009.

The Foundation is now working to raise additional funds to construct Phase Two which is an element of the current design and construction effort. Such an approach will significantly reduce the cost of construction. Phase Two of the VEC will bring additional exhibit and meeting space that will enhance the visitors' experience. The Center's icon image and the architectural focal point for

visitors will also be included in Phase Two. Please help us continue to raise the necessary funds. Please contact us if you know of individuals, corporations or foundations that we should get in touch with to help bring success to the USAHEC's efforts "to Tell the Army story . . . one Soldier at a Time."

I hope all of you had an enjoyable holiday season, and I wish you and your families the best for 2009. Please come and visit the USAHEC to see one of its new inside and outdoor exhibits or to attend one of its public programs.

Mike Perry
Executive Director



Photo by Gary Johnson

An early Christmas present: technicians probe the bedrock where the footers for Phase One of the Visitor and Education Center will be set.

Development Update

Thank you for a great 2008!

Thank you Members, Donors and Friends of the Army Heritage Center Foundation for making 2008 a record fundraising year despite the downturn in the economy. For the calendar year, your help raised more than one million dollars to support construction, educational programs and other activities of the Foundation and the AHEC. As you saw in the Executive Director's letter, we are now able to begin construction of the Visitor and Education Center (VEC). Thank you again for your support of your Foundation!

First Annual Membership Dinner 2008

The Army Heritage Center Foundation's First Annual Membership Dinner was held on September 19, 2008 at the Allenberry Resort in Boiling Springs, PA with 154 members and guests in attendance. The colors were posted by the Dickinson College ROTC Color Guard.

Our keynote speaker was U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel (R-NE) who, due to the banking crisis, addressed the audience by telephone from Washington, D.C. Senator Hagel spoke about the financial crisis and the government's response. He discussed his service in Vietnam and how important it is for an institution like the U.S. Army Heritage



Photo by Gary Johnson

The Foundation's First Annual Membership Dinner

and Education Center to make Soldiers' stories available to scholars and the public.

After the introduction of our special guests and sponsors, Board Chair, Major General Robert H. Scales, Jr., gave a "State of the Foundation Address." His upbeat remarks have been borne out by our initiation of the VEC construction program.

The reviews were fantastic. One Foundation member commented, "The dinner was a stunning success from where I was sitting. The food was the best ever at a buffet, truly superb. Even by phone, Senator Hagel's presentation was excellent."

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Education Program Update

Fall interns for the Foundation's Education Department were Shippensburg University students Shawn Connery and Matthew Pollart. The two young men did a terrific job in completing the transcriptions of Luther Prentice Bradley's journal for the years 1867-1868. They paginated the entries; used a roster of Bradley's unit to provide full names and ranks of Soldiers mentioned in the journal; and identified and transcribed letters found within the 15 boxes of Bradley's archives in the Military History Institute (MHI) collection.

Their project and all 2009 intern tasks are funded through our current U.S. Department of Education Funds for the Improvement of Education award. The award is enabling us to add more information and research on our soon-to-be-updated website. Additional resources that address National Standards of History will be made available to educators and students via the web. The materials will supplement the Foundation's CD-ROMs (*Stories We Could Tell*, *Defending the Long Road to Freedom* and *Eye of the Army*) and DVD (*Army Nurses of World War I: Service Beyond Expectations*).

Another task for the fall interns was to "fact-check" the oral histories of 30 World War II veterans. Pennsylvania Cable Network contracted the Foundation's Education Department for the project which will result in a PCN publication.

We were excited to learn that the Foundation's DVD and book, *Army Nurses of World War I: Service Beyond Expectations*, were credited and cited in the bibliography of a new publication, "Answering the Call: The U.S. Army Nurse Corps, 1917-1919," edited by Lisa M. Budreau and Lt. Col. Richard M. Prior and published by the Office of the Surgeon General, Department of the Army.

Casandra Jewell, Education Assistant, has left the Foundation for another position. She was with us for over six years, and we wish her well in her new job.

On November 22nd, we sponsored the "Military Records and Genealogy Seminar" in the conference room at Ridgway Hall. AHEC staff—Louise Arnold-Friend, Michael Monahan and Marty Andresen—presented sessions to an audience of 20 on how to conduct genealogical research through military records highlighting genealogical resources



Casandra Jewell

available at the AHEC. A similar workshop will be offered in the summer of 2009.

For the second year, the Foundation will sponsor National History Day in Pennsylvania. Over 4,000 Pennsylvania students in grades 6 through 12 participated in 2008 with 800 of these students advancing to the Foundation-sponsored state contest in May at Millersville University. This year's theme is "The Individual in History: Actions and Legacies." Regional contests begin in March, and the state contest will be May 7 and 8 again at Millersville University. Volunteers to help with logistics and to judge the students' entries are needed.



Students at the 2008 State Competition Pep Rally

In addition to U.S. Department of Education funds, the Education Department is generously supported with supplies donated by Target (1,000 folders for National History Day in PA) and financially by Wal-Mart (\$1,000.00 grant facilitated by summer intern Stewart Beattie); M&T Bank (\$2,500.00 through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit program), \$5,000.00 (the Anne J. Caudal Foundation managed by the Bank of America) and, most generously, \$20,000.00 from Universal Health Services, Inc. (also through the PA Educational Improvement program).

We thank all our supporters who make the Foundation's educational program possible.

Any questions or for more information about the Foundation's Education Program, please contact Lorraine Luciano, Education Director, lluciano@armyheritage.org, 717.258.1102.

Lorraine Luciano
Education Director

AHEC Director's Update

Happy New Year!! It is my immense pleasure to inform you of the wonderful accomplishments achieved by the outstanding members of the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center (USAHEC) since the last Director's Update in April 2008.

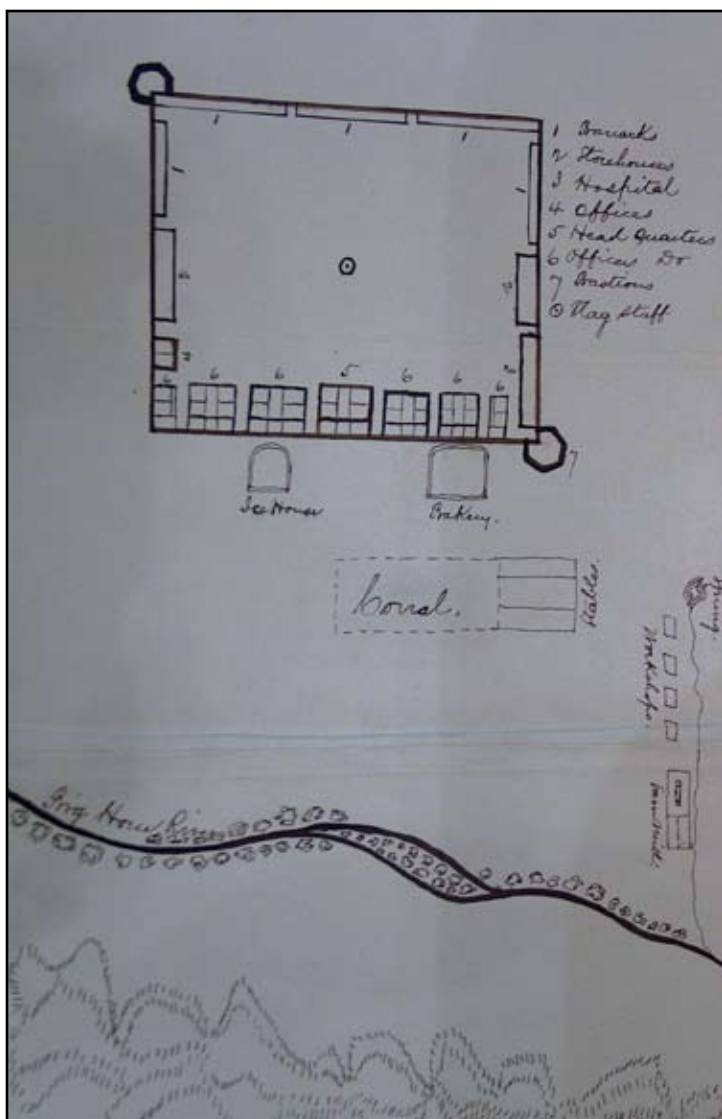
In May 2008, USAHEC sponsored "Army Heritage Day" which included a special VTC presentation by General David Petraeus, the then Commanding General, Multi-National Force – Iraq. Other action-packed events included a parachute demonstration by the 101st Airborne (Air Assault) Division Parachute Team, a variety of U.S. Army equipment static displays, and a simulated building search and seizure exercise by members of the 1st Cavalry Division. Over 4,500 visitors attended these

inspiring and esprit de corps building programs and events.

Also during the month of May 2008, USAHEC was able to acquire one of our most significant archival collections—the papers of Brevet Lt. Col. Jacob Lyman Green, Assistant Adjutant General to General Custer, which were donated from the archives of the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company. The collection consists of 200 documents, including official and personal correspondence from the Civil War and after. General Custer is featured prominently in the letters and several of the pieces of correspondence have his original signature.

During the month of July 2008, USAHEC acquired yet another historically significant archival collection from the estate of Colonel Burton C. Andrus, who became famous as the commandant of Nuremberg Prison during 1945-46. The papers include ten boxes of papers of personal letters, official documents, and Nuremberg trial transcripts.

During the month of August 2008, the Secretary of the Army tasked USAHEC to be the lead agency for the design, construction, and historical oversight of the renovation of the Army Secretariat's corridors of the Pentagon's E-Ring. After four months of extensive research, installation, hard work, and oversight efforts by over 30 members of the USAHEC staff, the Department of the Army announced the opening of this new Pentagon exhibit honoring Soldiers currently serving our Nation and the veterans who have gone before them by dedicating the exhibit called: "U.S. Army Pentagon Exhibit - A Living History." On 15 December 2008, the Secretary of the Army, Pete Geren, and Chief of Staff of the Army, General George Casey officially dedicated the exhibit with a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by former Secretaries of the Army and former Chiefs of Staff of the Army and many other General Officers of all branches of the service and other military and civilian dignitaries. The exhibit, located on the Pentagon's second and third floors in the area of the fifth and sixth corridors, showcases



Fort C.F. Smith aerial ink drawing, circa 1867
from the Jacob Lyman Green Collection

400 artifacts, hundreds of photos, and 80 pieces of original artwork from the Revolutionary War to the present. It allows viewers to see the Army's history through art, photographs and artifacts and to enter into a deeper understanding of the contributions of Soldiers past and present—from Yorktown, VA, to the mountains of Afghanistan and the battlefields of Iraq.

Also in August 2008, USAHEC personnel conducted a staff ride of the Saratoga, NY battlefield for a Congressional delegation consisting of Rep. Steve Israel (NY-2) and Rep. Joe Crowley (NY-7), their families and other staff members. Three New York state legislators and Army OCLL staff officers participated as well. This staff ride was accomplished in conjunction with the USMA History Department. In another event, many of the USAHEC staff were involved in an acquisition mission to Valley Forge to recover the U.S. Army's 314th Infantry Regiment collection. This operation involved two full days and required USAHEC staff to inventory, pack, load, and return this important collection to USAHEC. The 314th Collection is truly a time capsule of one regiment's service during WWI and includes artifacts, manuscripts, photographs, and even a stuffed regimental mascot!

In September 2008, USAHEC conducted the second "Market at Washingtonburg" historical and educational experience drawing over 7,000 visitors during this three day event. This simulated 18th Century village included over 200 era specific re-enactors who operated a working re-creation of the Carlisle forge, a way-station, a cavalry camp, over 50 different historic craft and living history demonstrations and recreations. Educational programs included 18th Century military formations and parades, weapons demonstrations, special lectures, and an 18th Century military court.

During the month of October 2008, USAHEC members participated in the Association of the United States Army's annual convention in Washington, D.C. by opening and operating a USAHEC booth thereby showcasing the activities of the USAHEC to the entire Army leadership. October 2008 also saw the culmination of two years of effort to obtain

the historical records, personal stories, artifacts, photographs, and journals from the 44th Bomb Group, famous for their 1943 low-level bombing raid on the Ploesti, Romania oil refinery complex. Additionally, Mr. Leon Abbot, grandson of General (then Colonel) Leon Johnson, who led the raid for the 44th Bomb Group, donated General Johnson's Medal of Honor to USAHEC to be part of the 44th Bomb Group collection.



"The Vietnam Experience"

During November 2008, USAHEC dedicated our newest exhibit on the Army Heritage Trail: "The Vietnam Experience." The dedication ceremony was a solemn, respectful, and an emotional event. The dedication honored all Vietnam veterans to include many local veterans who were members of the 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry at the 1965 Battle of the Ia Drang Valley, and key individuals who assisted in the design, construction, and spirit of the exhibit. The Mike Novosel Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America performed their "Cross Ceremony" honoring fallen Vietnam Veterans. Over 125 guests attended the dedication to include the keynote speaker, Mr. Joe Galloway co-author of **We were Soldiers Once...And Young**. Mr. Galloway also read a note of congratulations from retired Lieutenant General Hal Moore, the 1965 battalion commander of the 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry and co-author of **We were Soldiers Once...And Young**.

Please review our new web-site at www.usahec.org for upcoming Perspectives and Kleber lectures as well as exhibits and events to include this year's "Army Heritage Day."

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Finally, I want to sincerely thank all of you once again for your unwavering support of the U.S. Army Heritage Center Foundation. Without your help, our Foundation could not continue to support the trusted USAHEC mission to acquire, to preserve, to make available, and to ultimately educate the public concerning the central role that the U.S. Army has played in the growth, development, and preservation of our Nation and our democratic way of life. You can be thoroughly proud of this organization and especially the dedication and professionalism of the organizational members that truly make USAHEC an organization of unparalleled excellence. Your support is critical to our continued success and it enables us to continue "Telling the Army Story... One Soldier at a Time."

As always, I look forward to seeing you at one of our many informative and educational programs that are scheduled throughout the upcoming year.

Colonel James Pierce
Acting Director of AHEC



Combat photographer Tony Vaccaro presented his retrospective called "Across the Elbe River with the Thunderbolt Division" during the AHEC-hosted reunion of the 83rd Infantry Division. Mr. Vaccaro donated his photographs to the USAHEC.



AHEC Collection Update

Artifacts and Collections

General Leon Johnson's Medal of Honor and Colt Model 1903 General Officers Pistol 380 Automatic. General Johnson was awarded the Medal of Honor for his efforts leading the 44th Bombardment Group during the Ploesti Raids. His artifacts complement the manuscript collection of the 44th Bombardment Group that was donated last year.

Collection of materials related to General Fred Franks service extending from Vietnam to Desert Storm. The arrival of these artifacts and documents are an addition to his previous donations.

Korean War Russian Made PPSH-41 picked up by Richard Regal, a medic, in Korea and brought home after the War. Richard Riegel found the abandoned weapon next to his unit, the 8055th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital, near the Kansas Line near the Imjin River

WWI uniform to include the leather jerkin (exterior leather vest), from Corporal Ruben Pounder, 329th Infantry 83d Division.

Processed and available Manuscript Collections

Post WWII Army War College Collection

General Donn Starry Papers - The Donn A. Starry papers include materials from his West Point student days to his work on post-Vietnam force structure and doctrine.

The Tasker H. Bliss Manuscript and Photo Collections

The Spanish American War Veteran Survey Collection

U.S. Army Paymaster Records, Harrisburg, PA 1861-1868

Second Annual Membership Dinner 2009

Make plans now to attend the Army Heritage Center Foundation's Second Annual Membership Dinner next fall. The date, time and place will be announced as soon as possible. Expect a Friday night in late September or early October.

Our guest speakers will be Band of Brothers veterans Joe Lesniewski and Ed Joint from Erie, PA, as long as their health permits. We have also extended the invitation to Babe Heffron and Bill Guarnier of Philadelphia.

We are accepting individual, corporate and foundation sponsorships to underwrite the cost of the dinner to keep ticket prices for our members as low as possible. Contact the Development Office if you or your firm can help!

2009 Fundraising Cycle

Many charities solicit their donors for contributions six to ten times per year. Out of appreciation for your generosity and understanding that most philanthropists like you support more than one cause, we limit our appeals to three per year.

We end the year with the Annual Appeal, which arrived at your homes around Veterans' Day. Annual Appeal donations build our capacity to fulfill our mission. We continue to receive contributions to the Annual Appeal well into the spring. Look for your next Annual Appeal solicitation in early November 2009.

In the spring, we send our *Voices of the Past Speak to the Future* Capital Campaign Appeal. Every "Voices Appeal" dollar goes into the building fund for the VEC. Your next Voices Appeal solicitation will arrive in mid-May.

Finally, we ask for your Membership contribution. We request membership renewals about 30 days before your annual membership expires. The timing depends on the month that you became a member. Membership dollars are split between operations, construction and "member/donor fulfillment" which helps to pay for your member benefits such as this newsletter.

Please consider joining the Foundation as a GI Lifetime Member. Your one-time \$5,000

membership contribution entitles you to our newsletters; an engraved membership plaque; a framed artist's print of a military theme; annual recognition; and a free ticket with priority seating at the Annual Membership Dinner.

Welcome New GI Lifetime Members

The Foundation extends its gratitude to the following new GI Lifetime Members in 2008:

E. Briner Ashway of Mechanicsburg, PA
James Beattie, M.D. of Bowling Green, KY
Angela Messer of McLean, VA

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In-Kind Donations

In lieu of cash, the Foundation can accept "in-kind" donations of material items or office supplies. The new Current Operations HESCO Bastion Entry Control Point at the entrance to the Army Heritage trail is an example. HESCO donated materials valued at nearly \$30,000 for the ECP, which was constructed by a Reserve Engineering Company as a training exercise.

Future Happenings

The Foundation has undertaken a major improvement project for our web site, www.armyheritage.org. When complete, we will have a much larger Internet presence and will conduct more business, including the solicitation and receipt of charitable gifts, via the Internet. Perhaps our next newsletter will be an E-Newsletter! If you prefer to be contacted via E-mail, please update your contact information at info@armyheritage.org.

Again, thank you for your kindness and generous support. Please continue to invite your family, friends and colleagues to join the Foundation. Many hands make light work!

AHEC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Perspectives in Military History Lecture Series—Ridgway Hall—7:15 p.m.

February 18, 2009 (Wednesday)

Dr. Peter S. Kindsvatter

Command Historian, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School

Title: “The G.I. Experience in the Korean War”

March 18, 2009 (Wednesday)

Lt. Col. John Grenier, Ph.D.

U.S. Air Force

Title: “The First Way of War: American War Making on the Frontier, 1607-1814”

April 22, 2009 (Wednesday)

Mr. Quang X. Pham

Independent Scholar

Title: “A Sense of Duty: My Father, My American Journey”

May 20, 2009 (Wednesday)

Dr. Robert F. Jefferson

Associate Professor, Xavier University

Title: “Fighting for Hope: African American Troops of the 93rd Infantry Division in World War II and Postwar America”

June 17, 2009 (Wednesday)

Dr. Reina Pennington

Professor of History, Norwich University

Title: “Wings, Women, and War: Soviet Airwomen in World War II Combat”

July 15, 2009 (Wednesday)

Mr. Barnet Schecter

Independent Scholar

Title: “The Devil’s Own Work: The Civil War Draft Riots and the Fight to Reconstruct America”

August 19, 2009 (Wednesday)

Title: TBD

Brooks E. Kleber Memorial Readings in Military History—Ridgway Hall—7:15 p.m.

February 5, 2009 (Thursday)

Dr. Edward G. Lengel

Associate Editor, Papers of George Washington

Title: “To Conquer Hell: The Meuse-Argonne, 1918”

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AHEC CALENDAR OF EVENTS Continued

TBD May 2009

Dr. Carlo D'Este
Independent Scholar

Title: "Warlord: A Life of Winston Churchill at War, 1874-1945"

August 27, 2009 (Thursday)

Dr. Randy Papadopoulos
Historian, Naval Historical Center

Title: "Pentagon 9/11"

Living History Event

May 16, 2009 (Saturday)

Army Heritage Day – 2009

Outdoor displays and military encampment celebrating the life of the Soldier

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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