The Army Heritage Center Foundation gives a hearty welcome to COL Matt Dawson who arrived this past January to serve as the Director of the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center (USAHEC). COL Dawson spent the last 19 months as the Chief of Plans for United States Forces – Iraq, and we are glad that he has arrived to help us advance the development of the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center that supports the U.S. Army and our Nation.

Last year was a successful year for the Foundation, the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center, and the Carlisle Barracks community. Highlights include:

- Outfitting the VEC, the museum store, and café and opening the facility to the public
- Developing and opening two new exhibits – A Great Civil War and Understanding War Through Imagery
- Completing construction of the Conservation Facility
- Enhancing on-site educational programs and organizing and managing the National History Day in PA competition for more than 800 students and teachers
- Supporting more than 127,000 visitors to the USAHEC campus

The Foundation continues to focus on three core areas – development of the campus; promoting the Center as a resource for our Army and our Nation and as a travel destination; and providing services to our visitors. This public-private partnership has achieved much, yet our efforts are unfinished. This past month, the Army provided the Foundation with a new statement of need that confirmed the vision for the USAHEC campus and the Foundation’s need “to expand the Visitor and Education Center (VEC) and build the Heritage Center to house exhibits and interpretive galleries.” We want to build on our past successes; however, all three areas will need your support. Most critical, as COL Dawson discusses in his article, is our effort to build the second phase of the Center in the near term.

VEC Phase Two will contain an additional gallery and multipurpose rooms that will expand the ability of USAHEC to support veterans group reunions, educational programs space, and exhibits. This project is expected to cost approximately $10 million. This spring, to stage ourselves for VEC Phase Two, the Foundation will begin construction of the additional parking area, storm water management facilities, and an event plaza in accordance with the campus’ master plan, a $1 million project funded with private donations and a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania grant. However, we need your help to raise funds for VEC Phase Two. Please give if you can or encourage others or your employer to contribute. Details are contained in our Development Department’s article.
Our efforts to promote the campus as a resource for the Nation continue. Last year, the USAHEC campus drew more than 127,000 visitors. With Foundation sponsored promotional material in local and regional visitors' guides and an insert in the U.S. Airways Magazine in April 2012, we hope to draw more this year. Please if you have not visited, come. If you have visited in the past, please consider a return trip for one of the USAHEC special weekends in May or September or for the opening of the new Soldier Experience Gallery that is scheduled to open in November 2012. Please see COL Dawson's and the Foundation's Education Department's articles on their programs and the schedule of events for details on lectures, readings, and special events at USAHEC.

Please "save the date" for our 2012 Membership Dinner. This year, the Foundation will honor CSM Jeffrey Mellinger who was the last "Vietnam era draftee" to depart active duty and the Honorable Tom Ridge for his efforts to facilitate the development of USAHEC while serving as Governor of Pennsylvania, and the Army Arlington Ladies. The dinner is scheduled for September 14, 2012 at the Harrisburg Radisson in Camp Hill, PA.

Mike Perry
Executive Director

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Development Update

With our first newsletter of 2012, we want to thank all of those who generously donated throughout 2011. Particularly deserving of praise are our corporate partners and contributors to the Build on Success campaign. You can all be proud of your involvement in making 2011 a benchmark year for the Foundation!

Now that the bar is set high, we need to maintain momentum. As steadfast Foundation supporters, you are vital to our mission, and we are looking to you to be our strongest advocates. Please consider renewing your annual membership when the time comes or continuing to support our Annual Campaign drive this upcoming year. Share our mission with others and invite them to join as well. We are counting on you to carry the torch.

April 15th is just around the corner! While preparing your 2011 tax return, did you remember to itemize charitable giving? Don't neglect a deduction! If you made a donation in 2011, you should have received an end-of-year letter from our office indicating your annual giving amount. That information should be taken into consideration when you prepare your federal income taxes. Keep this in mind so you don't miss an incentive again.

One additional reminder, the Foundation encourages its friends and supporters to consider establishing planned gifts. Legacy giving can be accomplished relatively easily and offers donors an opportunity to make a lasting charitable impact. Planned gifts can be restricted to a specific program or offered generically to assist the Foundation in advancing USAHEC’s progress and public outreach. If you would like to discuss your gift plans, please call our office to arrange for a personalized consultation.

This year, we hope to build on the success of the past few years that helped us build the first phase of the Visitor and Education Center. However, we are not done. We hope that in the near term, the Foundation will be able to build the second phase of the facility, a $10 million project. While this is a sizeable sum, we need your assistance to demonstrate the broad appeal of our effort.

MATCHING GIFTS EASILY DOUBLE YOUR GIFT

A simple, yet profound way to drastically increase your contribution to the Foundation is by participating in a matching gift program!

Did you know that your employer might offer to match any charitable contribution you make to recognized non-profits like the Foundation? Without a lot of trouble or any extra expense to you, these programs can double or even triple the size of your gift! For instance, a modest gift of $25.00 yields a cumulative gift of $50.00; or a more generous gift of $1,000.00 produces $2,000.00 of support. This snowballing effect significantly impacts our fundraising efforts and can help us meet our goals in half the time.

To find out if your company has a matching gift program, please consult your Human Resources representative or contact your company’s personnel office.

If your company does offer such a program, request a matching gift form and send the completed documentation along with your gift to the Foundation. WE WILL DO THE REST! It's that easy!

Whether you are renewing your membership, purchasing a brick, or contributing to our annual campaign drive, consider making your next gift count twice as much! Please check with your personnel office to determine what type of gifts to the Foundation your company might match.

2012 MEMBERSHIP DINNER NEWS

Save the Date! The Foundation’s Fifth Annual Membership Dinner and Silent Auction will be taking place on September 14 at the Radisson Hotel Harrisburg in Camp Hill, PA beginning at 6:00 p.m. Formal invitations will be mailed in July. This year we are honored to have former Pennsylvania Governor and Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge; CSM Jeffrey Mellinger, USA Ret., the last Vietnam era "draftee" to retire from active duty; and the Army Arlington Ladies, as our awardees and special guests. So join us for a wonderful evening of camaraderie between Soldiers past and present.

We have already begun to collect silent auction items, and there is sure to be something for everyone, so start your Christmas shopping early at this year’s dinner. The auction will include Southwest Airlines tickets and several autographed items from members of the Pittsburgh Penguins, to name a few. There are silent auction donation and dinner sponsorship opportunities available. If you would like to make a donation to our silent auction or become a sponsor of the dinner, please contact Amanda at (717) 258-1102 or ahcfadmin@armyheritage.org for more details.

Kristopher Ruth
Development Assistant
SAVE THE DATE

The Foundation's
Fifth Annual Membership Dinner & Silent Auction

Special Guests and Honorees:
Former Pennsylvania Governor and Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge;
CSM Jeffrey Mellinger, USA Ret., the last Vietnam era “draftee” to retire from active service;
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Education Program Update

The Citizen Soldier has served as the backbone of our Army and critical to their success is a well-informed citizenry. History education provides the knowledge and critical-thinking skills our citizens need. With access to treasures contained in the USAHEC collection, the Foundation’s education staff seeks to use these materials to promote public understanding of our Soldiers’ contributions. We seek to bring their memories to life and enhance history education across the Nation.

Our ongoing programs include the Voices of the Past Speak to the Future Veteran’s Oral History Program. Currently focusing on World War II Veterans, the program provides students with an opportunity for face-to-face interaction with the men and women of an earlier generation. The Veterans help the students learn that selfless service consists of a willingness to do what must be done regardless of whether the work is fun, glamorous, or even safe. Now in its second year, the program has expanded to include nearly 100 students in three school districts, and we are working to make this program an exportable model for other school districts.

We continue to expand the educational materials on our website with the aid of our hardworking and dedicated interns. This year we have two returning interns, Sam Rogers and Rachel Moats, who continue to do outstanding work, and a new intern, Tim Lehotsky, who is already distinguishing himself as a researcher. Recent additions to the website include Paul Totten, a Soldier who went to North Russia with the 339th Infantry in 1918; Samuel Shute, a Revolutionary War Soldier; and a three part article on the history of the Women’s Army Corps. Our most recent addition is CPT Kevin Borne, whose collection includes documents he used for travel through East Germany to his posting with the Berlin Brigade. See these Soldier stories at www.armyheritage.org/education-and-programs/educational-resources/soldier-stories.html.

Preparations continue for the 2102 National History Day in Pennsylvania state contest on May 4 and 5 at Cumberland Valley High School in Mechanicsburg, PA. More than 800 students and teachers are expected to compete. This year, the contest will feature the Central Pennsylvania Heritage and Tourism Fair on Friday May 4, to provide an opportunity for local organizations to share information about their programs with the students. On Saturday, May 5, the Foundation will also host a living history event for the students on the Army Heritage Trail at USAHEC. We are also pleased to announce that Giant Food Stores, the Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau, and Osprey Books have made generous contributions as program sponsors.

In January, the National History Day program received special
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recognition at a White House ceremony -- the National Humanities Medal. The award honors National History Day for its efforts to deepen the Nation's understanding of the humanities, broaden our citizens' engagement with the humanities, and help preserve and expand Americans' access to important resources in the humanities. The medal is rarely given to organizations, and this occasion marks the first time the award has been given to a K-12 educational program.

The Barnes Club of Temple University and the Foundation honored Mr. Martin Clemis, a doctoral candidate in the History Department at Temple University with the 2012 Russell K. Weigley award, presented at the Barnes Club conference in Philadelphia, for his paper "Violent Pacification: Force, Coercion, and the 'Other War' in Vietnam, 1968-1972". Mr. Clemis was the Foundation's 2010 Ruth Fellow and conducted extensive research for this paper at USAHEC with the assistance of this fellowship.

Our public outreach continues to grow with our upcoming series of genealogy workshops. Through these workshops, we seek to engage the large and growing community of genealogical researchers and introduce them to the USAHEC collection. We are also working to develop summer programs for children, including history-themed summer camps. Current plans include two week-long sessions, one on the Civil War and one on the Army of the Cold War. For more information, please visit our website.

In the past year, more than 50 teachers have attended our various professional development workshops and events, earning more than 300 hours of continuing education credit. Teachers receive these credits for attending the Perspectives on Military History Lectures and the Brooks E. Kleber Memorial readings, as well as our Teaching with Primary Sources workshops funded by a grant from the Library of Congress.

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, and $600 from PPG Industries. We are grateful to our donors for their support and commitment to education and workforce development.

Education plays a vital role in preparing students for the challenges of citizenship, whether casting an informed vote or embarking upon a productive career. The story of the Army is the story of millions of Soldiers who triumphed over adversity by fulfilling their duty to themselves, their fellow Soldiers, and the entire Nation. Their stories illuminate history and demonstrate the value of hard work and selfless service for today's students.

Jeffrey Hawks
Education Director

WACs circa 1945
Team, I am honored to be part of the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center. This first note for the Foundation Newsletter makes my assignment as Director official. This newsletter offers the opportunity to thank you for all you have done - and will do - for the Center, as well as honor your commitment and selfless service. It is well and widely known that the Army owes the Foundation and other “Friends of USAHEC” a debt of gratitude.

First, I am glad to be here. The first two months passed very quickly. In those two months, the team has clearly shown me that we have some very dedicated professionals who are focused on taking USAHEC to the next level. They have also clearly demonstrated that the Center is in good hands and that this will be a great assignment. The team continues to provide world-class customer service every day, steadily building the reputation of our Center, supporting the force, and connecting the people of our Nation with their Army.

Since the start of the New Year, the team has continued to provide world-class customer service and support to the force. Some statistics from the Military History Institute might help “paint the picture” for you:

1. Research support: 3,403 off-site contacts and 459 on-site contacts add up to 3,862 support requests
2. Cataloging: 653 items cataloged; 98 submissions to the National Authority File of the Library of Congress
3. Circulation: 9,586 transactions (pulling, checking-out, and returning materials)

Some highlights include remote users via sister facilities: Defense Technical Information Center, U.S. Army Center of Military History, Gray Research Center (USMC, Quantico), Libraries of the Combined Arms Research Center, the U.S. Military Academy, the FBI Academy, and the Naval War College. Additionally, we supported several inquiries from the U.S. Army Legal Services Agency-Environmental Law Division and the Deputy Director, Afghanistan Management Element-Forward. From the public sector, the staff supported personnel from the offices of Congressmen Peter T. King (NY), Todd Young (IN), Aaron Schock (IL), Brett Guthrie (KY), and James Langevin (RI), not to mention nationally-renowned columnist and commentator Tom Ricks and LTG (R) Claudia J. Kennedy. We have also provided assistance to British Major General (R) Mungo Melvin regarding the creation of a program similar to that of USAHEC in Great Britain.

We can also report that the Soldier Experience exhibit design documents were received, reviewed, and returned to the designers for preparation of the final design - the 95% review is complete. The exhibit will fill the 7,000 square foot gallery in the Visitor and Education Center, which was funded by the Foundation. The more than 400 pages of script, design drawings, and graphic elements were reviewed by several teams to ensure historical accuracy, consistency, and clarity of thought, as well as grammar, punctuation, and length. The final design will be received in April and we anticipate an opening date of November 9, 2012.

The recently completed Conservation Facility (CF) is the new home to the 64,000 artifacts under the care of the Army Heritage Museum. This irreplaceable material was moved from Building 315 on Carlisle Barracks and the Interim Storage Facility (ISF) to this new state-of-the-art storage facility in record time. We can rest easier now, knowing the facility has advanced environmental controls and security systems to preserve and protect the artifacts. Additionally, a compact storage system with movable units was installed, so there is more than enough room for our current collection and room to receive recent additions such as Brinton’s Ledger, Becker’s Jacket, and Wilson’s Jacket.

The Conservation Facility

The CF is also home to our curators and museum technicians. At the same time the exhibits staff moved from Carlisle Barracks to the USAHEC Campus, we prepared the ISF to become the exhibits design and fabrication facility. Very soon, we will have all our people and artifacts in one new (very nice) facility.

The Visitor and Education Center team also supported and led a variety of projects, involving folks from across the organization, over the past couple of months. Some of the
highlights here include providing several hundred photos to the Army’s Office of the Chief, Public Affairs (OCPA) for a new initiative on the Army’s Facebook page. The OCPA wanted to launch the page with a historical photo that illustrated each of the Army’s campaign streamers on a very short suspense and USAHEC rose to the occasion. The new format went live on March 1, 2012 and all of the photos provided have direct links back to our webpage. We continue to work with OCPA to provide captions.

In January, the team launched a series of winter programs designed to support the public and increase usage during a traditionally slow period. This effort will run through April and features a variety of presentation-style, one day programs. So far we have executed a review of the collections for people doing genealogical research; a recruiting day for reenactment groups; and a lecture by a prominent military historian that focused on using the collection for publication. All were very successful, with more than 760 total attendees and a large number of “first time” visitors. Our last program will be on April 21 at 1:00 p.m., featuring BG (R) Harold Nelson, “Discovering the Campaign Experiences of Your Ancestors at USAHEC.”

Distinguished visitors during this period included Mr. Harold Koh (Legal Advisor of the U.S. Department of State), Lady Sarah-Jane Shirreff (wife of General Sir Richard Shirreff, Deputy Supreme Allied Commander in Europe), and Mike Perry invited me to spend time with BG (R) Wilma Vaught (Director of the Military Women’s Memorial at Arlington).

Having said all this, a note on the future is in order. Our operating environment is changing, the Army is changing, and, generally speaking, things can always get better. The changing environment refers to everything from the economy to the end of operations in Iraq, which drives changes in our Army. While we cannot predict the future, the Center is on a strong foundation and positioned to weather the coming storms of transformation, personnel reductions, and budget cuts. Regarding things getting better, our team is focused on the following:

1. Maintaining and improving our world class customer service
2. Executing the FY12 plan to the highest standard: events, new gallery, educational programs, etc.
3. Developing a strategy and five year plan (FY13-18)
4. Developing and enforcing routine processes and procedures across the board
5. Taking care of people - making this the best place to work in the History business

Recently, the Foundation received a Statement of Need from the Army War College, and the document focused on the need to complete the USAHEC campus as described by Secretary White in 2001. As you well know, achieving this vision is impossible without the friends of the Center - you. As we lay out our five year plan, one significant gap is our inability to predict the completion of the campus. This uncertainty could influence the future direction, so together we need to work towards achieving our shared vision and coordinating our planning efforts.

I have had the pleasure of meeting a few of you and look forward to the day when I can spend time with all of you. My door is always open, at home and work. I look forward to leading this great team into the future and seeing the vision for this campus through to completion. One team, Army Strong.

All my best, V/r,

COL Matthew Dawson
USAHEC Director

USAHEC Collection Update

ITEMS OF THE COLLECTION RECENTLY ADDED OR MADE ACCESSIBLE.

Our collections team has had a good few months, accepting 74 new acquisitions and reviewing an additional 40 acquisition proposals. Some significant highlights of the new acquisitions include one from the Historic Preservation Trust of Berks County that included the ledgers and account book from MAJ Nathan S. Brinton, Paymaster U.S. Army. The ledgers detail all money received by MAJ Brinton, as well as all monies disbursed and who they were disbursed to, for the period December 1, 1861 through September 1, 1865. The collection of Mr. Ralph Becker is also noteworthy. He was a Navigator with the 8th Army Air Forces during World War II, and we received his A-2 flight jacket, with artwork on the back that included his mission “counter” and 47 mission maps that record all his missions over Germany. Another notable acquisition is an audio-visual collection donated by Dominic J. Mainelli that
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contains phonograph records, photographs, programs, and documents from the Army Special Services Entertainment Branch production of “Jumpin’ Jupiter.” “Jumpin’ Jupiter” was a USO-style musical program produced by the Soldier Show Section, Entertainment Branch, Mid-Pacific, which performed at Theodore Roosevelt High School on Oahu at the end of World War II. Mainelli was a Tech Sergeant and saxophone player with the Hawaii-based unit’s big band. Several future Hollywood and television stars were part of the unit: Corporal Hal David wrote the lyrics for “Jumpin’ Jupiter,” Carl Reiner served with the unit, and Mainelli’s company officer was CPT Allen Ludden (game show host in the 1960’s and 70’s). The collection details the talent and work that went into World War II Army entertainment. Finally, we acquired an excellent “Wilder’s Brigade” collection, consisting of a Soldier-identified mounted infantry jacket and Spencer rifle. This Civil War-era Brigade became a mounted infantry unit, receiving cavalry jackets in the transition. Soldiers, like J. S. Wilson of the 17th Indiana Mounted Infantry, removed the yellow piping from their jackets to show they were not cavalrymen. In Wilson’s case, he had to “whip stitch” the edges to keep the garment together, making this acquisition unique. It also fills a gap for the Western Theater of the Civil War.

Among newly processed materials now available for research use are collections of papers from Howard R. Eliason (an early 20th century U.S. Army Ordnance Officer), John T. Cheney (an Illinois Officer who served in the western theater of operations during the Civil War), and Harris W. Hollis (who commanded the 9th and 25th Infantry Divisions, 1969-1970). Cheney’s personal letters and service records are used in USAHEC’s current Civil War Photograph exhibit in Ridgway Hall. Two publications from troop transport ships processed and cataloged were REPUBLICATION (a newsletter from the U.S.A.T. REPUBLIC, 1932-44) and THE SALT (a mimeo newsletter from the USS GENERAL A.W. GREELEY, 1945).

Our runs of THE ARMY MEDICAL BULLETIN and THE QUICK RELEASE, a weekly newsletter of 11th Airborne Division when stationed in Germany, 1956-58, are also now fully accessible.

J.S. Wilson Jacket, photo courtesy of Jack Melton Photography

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USAHEC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

April 18, 2012 (Wednesday)
COL Greg Daddis
Title: “No Sure Victory: Measuring U.S. Army Effectiveness and Progress in the Vietnam War”

May 16, 2012 (Wednesday)
Dr. Peter Schifferle
Title: “America’s School for War: Fort Leavenworth, Officer Education, and Victory in World War II”

June 20, 2012 (Wednesday)
Dr. Judy Barrett Litoff
Title: “One Woman’s War in China: The World War II Letters of an American Red Cross Director in Yunnan Province”

July 18, 2012 (Wednesday)
Dr. Ethan Rafuse
Topic: McClellan and Lee

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

May 3, 2012 (Thursday)
David Finkel and COL Ralph Kauzlarich
Title: “The Good Soldiers” Iraq War

July 12, 2012 (Thursday)
To Be Determined
Title: To Be Determined

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.

A Great Civil War: 1861, The Union Dissolved Exhibit,
Currently in the Visitor and Education Center
This exhibit is a part of the Civil War 150th.

May 19-20, 2012
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9 AM – 5 PM

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The U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center will be open on the weekends as follows:

The Reference Room in Ridgway Hall: Monday through Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Closed Sundays

The Visitor and Education Center (VEC): Tuesday through Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Closed Mondays

The Visitor and Education Center will be open on the following Federal holidays
(or the day the holiday is observed):
• Memorial Day
• Independence Day
• Labor Day
• Veterans Day

The Visitor and Education Center will be closed on remaining Federal Holidays
(New Year’s Day; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;
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