



Army Heritage Center Foundation

Update

Spring 2021 Newsletter

Letter from the Executive Director, AHCF

Spring has arrived, and hopefully you will be able to travel this summer and visit the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center (USAHEC). When you do visit, please drop by the Foundation offices and say hello. We hope too that we will be able to travel, and if you have groups that we should meet with to highlight the value of USAHEC to the Army and the Nation, please let us know.

COVID restrictions have had a negative effect on some of our in-person events. USAHEC cancelled Army Heritage Days that was scheduled for May 22 and 23, and the Foundation cancelled our celebration of the Army's 246th Birthday that we had scheduled for June. We are planning, however, to hold our Membership and Recognition Dinner that will honor Desert Shield/Desert Storm Soldiers on November 6th.

Though COVID restrictions have limited many in-person programs, USAHEC and the Foundation continue to use virtual events to remain connected. Please read the reports of the USAHEC Director and his team as they identify their efforts to support Army leadership, units in the field, the U.S. Army War College, and the public by enhancing their virtual presence. Throughout the fall and winter, you would have been amazed at the number of collections processed for digitization and the virtual presentations that the USAHEC staff executed. If you missed their programs, many are available on their website at www.usahec.armywarcollege.edu, under the events, exhibits, or watch tabs.

The Foundation also moved most of our programs online. We completed the Medal of Honor Program in December and continue a vibrant online lecture program. The development staff finalized the concept for the Washingtonburg Society for those individuals and families who wish to support USAHEC and the Foundation through estate plans and built a volunteer advisory panel to enhance our outreach. The Education program staff continues to conduct teacher workshops, engage high school students and veterans through the Veterans Oral

History Program, and reach out to Veterans through special commemorative programs. Please visit our website and YouTube channel to view some of our efforts.

The Foundation board and staff are working to meet our long term objectives contained in the Foundation's strategic plan. We seek to enhance the facilities on the USAHEC campus – construct public components, grow programs and services, and obtain private resources to provide margin of excellence support to USAHEC where federal funds are unavailable.

Your support is the source of our past success, and we ask that you continue to support us into the future. **You** allow us to continue "Telling the Army Story . . . One Soldier at a Time."

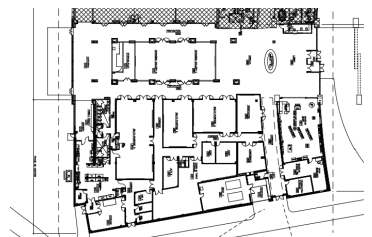
Mike Perry
Executive Director



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

A key component of the Foundation's strategic plan is the completion of the final phase of the Visitor and Education Center

– The Hall of the American Soldier. We have in the past showcased the exterior of the building in our newsletters and mailings. Last October, the Army approved the layout of the expansion to better meet the evolving needs of the Army and our visitors. The final concept retained a gallery as the core of the expansion but provided smaller and more flexible rooms



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**World War II Army Nurse and
Friend of the Army Heritage Center Foundation**

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Former Director of the Military History Institute

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for educational programs, meetings, and conferences. Visuals of the interior and a layout of the space are highlighted herein.

Since October, the Foundation has orchestrated efforts of our design team, the USAHEC staff, and Carlisle Barracks Public Works to finalize drawings and specifications.

Development Update

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

The Foundation's development programs seek to enhance our ability to raise funds to support USAHEC, where federal funds are unavailable or inadequate, and to grow the capacity of the Foundation as an organization. Key tasks include enhancing the USAHEC campus by completing the Hall of the American Soldier, providing for internships and fellowships, and gaining additional support for USAHEC's digitization program. At the same time, the strategic plan seeks to grow the Foundation's programs that support outreach to teachers and students, enhance USAHEC's collections, and expand public awareness of USAHEC.

A COVID Defining Year. 2020 began with a hope to greatly expand our development program and meet face to face with our supporters. COVID concerns and travel restrictions limited our efforts. To remain engaged with our supporters, we developed three major outreach events and want to thank those who attended and supported those programs. The first, discussed in the Education Department update, was our **webinar and lecture program**. The second, was the **Medal of Honor Series** that highlighted seven (7) recipients of the award who discussed how the Medal of Honor affected their lives and the values that the Medal of Honor Society promotes - courage, commitment, integrity, sacrifice, citizenship, and patriotism. Finally, in November, the Foundation hosted a virtual event **Honoring Service and Leadership** that highlighted the contributions that both MG Robert Scales and Mr. Chris Gleason have provided to our efforts. We want to thank all who supported these events during the year!

WASHINGTONBURG SOCIETY

As mentioned in our last newsletter, our legacy giving society, The Washingtonburg Society, has been launched, and we are now actively promoting it. The Society is a way for supporters of USAHEC and the Foundation to build the capacity for future efforts and programs.



The proposed 30,000 square foot addition to the campus is expected to cost between \$13 and \$14 million, and construction will begin when the Foundation has raised funds to support the project.

We are currently sending out mailings to our membership to highlight how they too can join this prestigious group of donors. Membership in the Washingtonburg Society is available to donors who leave the Foundation a bequest or who create a Charitable Gift Annuity benefiting the Army Heritage Center Foundation. For more information on bequests and charitable gift annuities, please go to our website www.armyheritage.org or call our office.

Let's hear from two donors who have chosen to become founding members of the Washingtonburg Society and support the mission of the Foundation for generations- Carol Reardon and Conrad Richter.



"My bequest to the Army Heritage Center Foundation fulfills my desire both to salute the military service rendered by generations of my family and to thank the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center for preserving soldiers' stories for generations of historians to come." Carol

Reardon, Professor Emerita Pennsylvania State University, Historian, and Author.

"I am supporting the Foundation because of my interest in Military History that starts with the American Civil War, and my unbounded admiration of Ulysses S. Grant. Next is my admiration of the conscripted American servicemen who fought and died over the entire globe for the cause of human freedom. I want to support the Foundation's efforts to ensure their stories are told." Dr. Conrad Richter, Gettysburg, PA.



More on Charitable Gift Annuities- AHCF is pleased to be working with the National Gift Annuity Foundation to

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provide opportunities for our supporters wishing to make a lasting gift using a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA).

A CGA is a great gift vehicle for many, as both a gift to the Foundation and an income stream for the donor. Your donation not only provides support to our efforts but also provides a fixed payment (annuity) that never changes for the life of the donor. Annuity options include immediate or deferred and can be funded with cash, publicly traded securities, mutual Funds, or illiquid assets – real estate, business ownership, C and S corp. stock, and tangibles. Annuity payouts can begin as early as age 55. The minimum CGA is \$20,000.

Please call our office with any questions. We welcome the chance to discuss a CGA and its benefits and provide you with a personalized illustration of how your gift helps support our mission, offers possible tax savings, and provides you with life-time fixed annuity payments.

SOLDIERS WALK EXPANSION



The continued success of the Commemorative Brick Program necessitated an expansion to Soldiers Walk located in front of USAHEC. This expansion was originally slated to begin early last summer; however this plan was put on hold due to COVID restrictions.

With new guidelines in place, expansion work on Soldiers Walk began in early September and was completed by the end of the month. We would like to thank DM Landscaping for their excellent workmanship.

This much needed expansion greatly increases the surface area of Soldiers Walk to allow people to continue to honor their service or that of loved ones with a commemorative brick or paver.



Our Commemorative Brick program is the perfect way to celebrate the military service of an ancestor, loved one, or friend. Bricks and pavers purchased through this program help us build the public components of the USAHEC campus, while honoring service in any branch or time period of the United States military.

In addition to your brick holding a place of honor in Soldiers Walk, located prominently in front of USAHEC, each comes with a certificate suitable for framing. For more information, please contact the Foundation office or visit our website.

The Future. As we project our activities into 2021 and beyond, we need to grow our capacity to support both USAHEC's Vision 2020 and the Foundation's Strategic Plan 2020 to 2025. This is a significant task to meet USAHEC's goal of becoming "a unique and enduring source of knowledge and thought" and the Foundation's goal to "inform and educate the American public on contributions by Soldiers and the U.S. Army to our nation's history". To do so, we will need to draw on your support. Please reach out to us, and help us reach out to others who believe strongly in promoting an appreciation of our Army's contributions.

Tim Nelson
Chief of Development

Education Program Update

The **Education Department** is forging ahead with both online programming and preparing for a return to face to face events later this year. Keep an eye on our emails for announcements about commemorations, interactive programs, and opportunities to help us honor Soldiers, preserve their stories, and educate the public about their service and sacrifice.

Want to get involved? The easiest way to assist our educational programs is to volunteer as a judge for the **NATIONAL**

HISTORY DAY IN PENNSYLVANIA STATE PROGRAM (NHD in PA). The State Contest will again take place virtually this year from May 7-10. Judges will review student projects, confer with each other, and complete their evaluations online. Judges typically work in groups of three to review a dozen or so projects, select ones to go on to the next level of the competition, and provide feedback to the students. Veterans of the Signal Corps in particular should take note: the theme for 2021 is *Communication in History*, so we are sure to see a

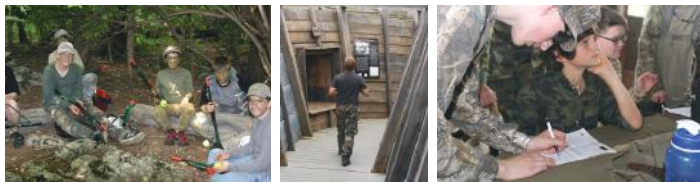
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lot of projects about communications technology. For more information or to sign up, please contact us.

As we look forward to 2022, we are pleased to share that the University of Scranton has agreed to serve as the host site for next year's State Contest.

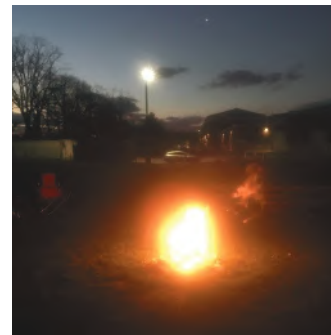
The **VETERANS ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM (VOHP)** continues online, with students conducting their interviews via Zoom. The new format creates interesting opportunities, such as students interviewing Veterans working overseas, as far away as the Persian Gulf. Foundation staff also conducted numerous interviews in preparation for the 30th anniversary commemoration of Operation Desert Storm (discussed below) and is working to transform those interviews into Soldier Stories for our website and YouTube channel. As always, we are looking for Veterans willing to share their stories. Anyone interested in being interviewed should contact Education Director Jeff Hawks at 717-258-1102 or eddirector@armyheritage.org.

The **SOLDIER EXPERIENCE ADVENTURE CAMP** is gearing up for another summer of fun and excitement. This year, we are ramping up our Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program to encourage promising campers to apply, provide leadership training, and more clearly define the roles and responsibilities of CITs. We are also expanding our offerings with a dedicated youth session for younger campers and overnight programs in the fall (if COVID protocols allow).



Campers relaxing in base camp after a free-form exercise, (left), gain a Soldier's eye view of history through USAHEC's living history exhibits (center), and learn how to work as a team while decoding an intercepted "Krasnovian" message (right).

The **VETERANS' CAFÉ** program continues to offer Veterans opportunities to meet and share their stories with friends and families. Last fall, the Foundation began offering a series of commemorative events starting with a Watchfire on the eve of Veterans' Day. The program began at dusk on the Army Heritage Trail with a live bugler calling everyone to order, followed by a brief ceremony, reading of the names of absent friends, and lighting of the fire. The evening concluded with social time with coffee and pastries by the warmth of the fire. The event engendered a sense of camaraderie and bonhomie despite the need to mask and social distance. Due to the success of the program, we are making plans for a Watchfire event over Memorial Day weekend, again on the Army Heritage Trail.



The task of lighting the fire fell to long-term Foundation intern, camp counselor-in-training, and ROTC Cadet Mike Hickey (left). The fire represented the time-honored tradition of lighting a fire after a battle or exercise to guide Soldiers home to their units.

During the holiday season, Education Department staff continued the tradition of visiting Veterans in elder care facilities and nursing homes to spread holiday cheer. This year, we conducted visits virtually with several facilities in the Central Pennsylvania region. Veterans from the community attended as well, to share their stories of "holiday magic" from their time in the service and to invite and encourage elder Veterans to share their stories as well. The program provided an interval of joy and happiness to the residents and staff in a difficult time and resulted in very positive feedback from participants. Currently, we are making plans to continue these visits throughout the year, notably for Memorial Day weekend and Independence Day.



On February 23, hundreds, mostly Veterans, attended our **EVE OF BATTLE: THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION OF OPERATION DESERT STORM** program, conducted online via Zoom. Five Veterans of the Gulf War spoke about their experiences and joined everyone in a moment of silence to the minute to mark the 30th anniversary of the start of the ground war. Then General Fred Franks reminisced about the ground war and the many factors that contributed to the Army's success. We have posted a recording of the program on the Foundation's YouTube channel for your viewing pleasure.

2021's **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS FOR TEACHERS** are continuing online through the summer. Our next workshop, scheduled for April 9, is entitled The Laws of Land Warfare, and will feature presenters from The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School's National Security Law Department. Following that, we will host a program focused on resources for NHD in PA teachers that will include a

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presentation from Dr. Angela Riotto, a historian with the Army University Press on September 10, about their online resources.

Webinar/Lecture Program. The Foundation is celebrating the first anniversary of its online webinar/lecture program. Over the past year, we have hosted more than 45 online programs that have reached both a national and international audience. We have accomplished this with the support of historians and academics across the country. Thank you to those who have presented and viewed our programs.

If you wish to view past webinars/lectures, they are available of the Foundation's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/AHCFoundation/videos>.

Want to know about our future programs? Sign up for our email blasts on the Foundation's website at www.armyheritage.org.

THANK YOU TO OUR PROGRAM SPONSORS. These programs would not be possible without the support of our donors. We would like to thank our current sponsors: **Universal Health Services of Delaware, M&T Bank, First National Bank, Humana, United Concordia, and Avalon Insurance** for their support.

Jeff Hawks

Director of Education and Veteran Outreach

USAHEC Director's Update

Mr. Geoffrey Mangelsdorf

ALIGNING THE CENTER WITH OUR PRIORITIES

"We are moving away from an industrial age to an information age, and we're doing so at the speed of relevance, not the speed of perfection." -GEN James C. McConville, 40th CSA, 14 October 2020.

In 2020, the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center developed an ambitious strategic plan with a focused vision for future modernization and growth at the Center that leverages both the Collection and our human expertise. We are moving in a direction that favors our patrons and their needs with first-rate experiences and products.

To refine our focus on our patrons, we adopted three major divisions within the Center. The divisions are multidisciplinary, with representation from multiple career programs to ensure diversity of thought and organizational agility. Each division has a primary focus, while all are interconnected through day to day collaboration and specific working groups.

The Academic Scholarship Division is primarily oriented on supporting U.S. Army War College students and faculty developing ideas and educating leaders to serve and lead at the strategic level. The Education and Engagement Division is primarily focusing on galleries, exhibits, and graduate-level programs for War College students, as well as other public-facing programs. The Collections Division is primarily concentrating on growing and cultivating the rich collection at the nucleus of the Center, which includes the full range of contemporary books and periodicals, archival documents, and artifacts.

Our new direction, patron centered and digitally enabled, is more closely aligned with the priorities of the Army and our patrons. We have a responsibility to innovate and adapt as our audience evolves. It was clear that we needed to modernize at the Center, and we were already on a positive track built around the Digitization Program.

We realize our patron expectations are also evolving—especially in the virtual realm. You can expect increased focus on patrons by multidisciplinary teams knowledgeable in all aspects of the Collection. Cross functional divisions groom leaders to look horizontally rather than just vertically, which make us more agile and improves organizational resiliency.

Another great effect is the serendipitous collision of ideas that elevates creative innovation to a new level. The new structure gives us the ability to leverage knowledge in new or different areas and encourages cross-fertilization of ideas. In the following pages, you will see some of the innovative spirit that permeates the staff.

The Center's ongoing transformation represents a commitment to each of you, our friends and patrons, and ultimately the Center's mission to engage, inspire, and inform the Army, the American people, and global partners with a unique and enduring source of knowledge and thought. I thank you all for being part of our shared future and look forward to seeing you soon. Thanks! -Geoff



USAHEC Divisions Updates



BSAP students turning their textbooks in December to Mary Gasper and Megan Casey in Root Hall.

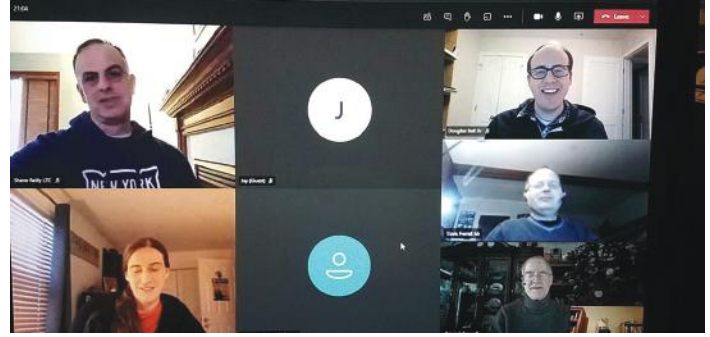
ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP DIVISION

Conducting one-on-one sessions with our USAWC students has been a main focus of the research librarians, providing over 230 sessions, including both virtual and in-person options focusing on strategy and integrated research projects. The team has also provided orientation sessions to our Basic Strategic Art Program (BSAP) and logistical support by providing 60 plus textbooks to each of their 16 students.

The inaugural year of the Bring Your Own Coffee (BYOC) monthly tutorials has been immensely popular with our faculty and students. Sessions offered included *Introduction to Research Basics*, *Regional Studies Resources*, and *E-book and E-audio Resources and Access*. Quickly adjusting these sessions to virtual means, we've had more attendees than any of our previous tutorials. Using the feedback we have received thus far, Heather Goyette has brought the team together to conduct planning for the next year.

As the USAWC students prepared for their Regional Study Electives, DiAnne Evans led the team, including Philip Mowrer and Paul Huerta, to move almost 15,000 textbooks to the main floor of the Research Center in Root Hall, making them more accessible and self-service oriented. Going forward, more of the student textbooks will be available at all times, which will save our staff countless hours in preparing these books for checkout, allowing them to focus on delivering updated instructional content and streamlined services. By using our self-checkout machines, our patrons are able to retrieve their materials at their convenience. This has been well-received by both students and faculty.

We were very pleased to welcome patrons again in Ridgway Hall in October 2020. Justine Melone led the charge to implement a material viewing reservation system that is easy to use and ensures that we can plan our time more efficiently, maximizing staff and patrons' time while in our Research Center in Ridgway Hall. To make a reservation, please see the information page located at <https://usawc.libcal.com/spaces>. We've already supported over 200 appointments through this process.



Members of the team in a group meeting online.

THE ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH TEAM

The Analysis and Research Team continues to conduct multiple research efforts in support of Department of the Army (DA) level planning efforts. The team recently completed two studies entitled, "Building Arctic Capacity: Specialized Units vs. Training Capacity" and "Coldest War: Lessons Learned from the Korean War," which is informing the planning and development of the Army's Arctic strategy. In addition, Dr. Doug Bell authored "Just Add Soldiers: Army Prepositioned Stocks and Agile Force Projection" providing a view of the history and importance of prepositioned stocks that will become even more critical as fewer American forces are stationed overseas. This study is serving as a starting point for discussions with DA level staff components and Army Material Command for planning reference for future global posturing. Ongoing work includes Dr. Jessica Sheets' study of the medical corps force structure to support ongoing planning within the DA medical community and Mr. Shane Reilly's study on sustainment of large-scale combat operations to assist in ongoing DA level sustainment planning.

COLLECTIONS DIVISION

The Collections Division realigned to more effectively conduct its mission of managing USAHEC collections from the point of acquisition through de-accession. The Division contains 4 key branches. The Collections Management Branch is charged with intake and oversight of book, manuscript, and artifact donations, as well as conservation of paper-based materials and objects. Our Procurement Branch's major functions include purchasing textbooks in support of the USAWC educational mission, as well as ensuring property accountability for all USAHEC materials. The Processing Branch performs organization and description of books, manuscripts, and digital archival materials, as well as preparing archival materials for digitization. The Classified Holdings Branch administers USAHEC's classified holdings and controlled unclassified information. Each branch is interdisciplinary, to ensure strategic plan goals of diversity in thought, innovation in problem solving, and broadening opportunities for the workforce are realized.

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Archivist Melissa Wiford and Security Manager David Crider are preparing records from Operation Joint Endeavor (OJE) for transport to the Records Management Declassification Agency (RMDA), where they will undergo automatic declassification review in accordance with Executive Order 15326. OJE was a NATO-led peacekeeping operation which began in December 1995, with over 20,000 U.S. Soldiers deployed to Bosnia as part of Task Force Eagle. Assigned under NATO's Implementation Forces (IFOR), Task Force Eagle served until December 1996, when IFOR operations were realigned as Stabilizing Forces (SFOR) under Operation Joint Guardian. U.S. Forces would be deployed in Bosnia until 2004. Once declassified by RMDA, these primary source materials will be digitized and their full text made searchable and available for download to a global audience via Arena.



Archives Technician Trevor Herman applies barcodes to shelving units, enabling USAHEC to modernize storage, retrieval, inventory, and space management processes.

Led by Archives Technician Trevor Herman, a team of eight members representing all Divisions within USAHEC completed a project to barcode the shelves in our stacks. Over 8,500 barcodes spanning four bays and two floors were applied, allowing the collection management system to display real-time location data including building, bay, row, face, and shelf, as well as identifying materials that are on display, out for digitization, or in conservation. Location information allows more efficient retrieval of research materials for our patrons and facilitates property accountability actions. Additionally, this will provide business intelligence, allowing USAHEC to more effectively assess space utilization, identify collection usage patterns, and plan conservation efforts.

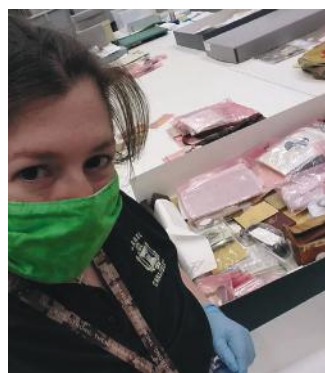


Campaign hat worn by Corporal Thomas Gorman, Company G of the 3rd Texas Volunteer Infantry during the Spanish-American War. Corporal Gorman drew pictures, recorded names and dates of skirmishes, and the names of men in his unit on his hat.



Private David Ruggles, Company C, 8th U.S. Infantry, brought home with him this cut piece of cable which was taken off the coast of Trinidad, Cuba. This cable was one of the last cut during the war removing all communication between five Cuban towns.

collections. Artifacts associated with these collections include the uniforms and equipment Soldiers used in Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines. First-person accounts from these collections help communicate the story of Army service during this period. Notable artifacts include a campaign hat worn by Corporal Thomas Gorman, who listed dates and names of skirmishes his unit participated in and the Soldiers he served with across the brim of the hat, as well as a piece of undersea cable brought home by Private David Ruggles from Trinidad, Cuba. These artifacts now appear alongside archival and library materials in the Arena search interface (<https://arena.usahec.org/web/arena>), enabling multi-dimensional research and understanding of the Army's role in the Spanish-American War. Ms. Strehl and Mr. Honaker are now tackling World War I artifact cataloging to make these materials available for research.



With the cataloging of Spanish-American War collection artifacts complete, Museum Technician Lindsay Strehl is now preparing World War I artifacts for cataloging.

Looking forward, the team is engaged in an Army Museum Enterprise (AME) initiative to obtain 100% accountability of all U.S. Army historical property. This multi-year effort, involving Museum Technicians Mark Harris and Kaitlin Garman, Archives

Technician David Kennaly, Museum Specialist Cynthia Blechl, and Curator Kaleb Dissinger, will provide location and descriptive data to the Center of Military History to enable enterprise-wide visibility of collections held by the U.S. Army. The Army Artifact Reform (AAR) effort aims to assist with exhibit development and to achieve cost reductions associated with storage and maintenance of Army historical property. As part of the AAR initiative, the team is updating records to contain photographs, ensure proper nomenclature, and include Soldier biographical information. The enhanced description will improve knowledge of the artifact collection locally and across AME, as well as provide additional detail to benefit users accessing artifacts through Arena.

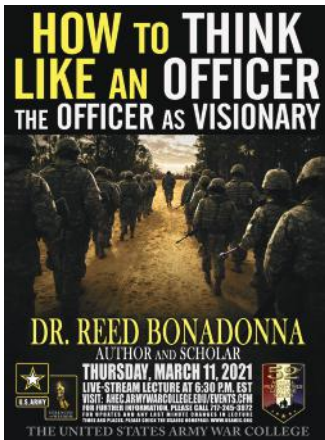
ENGAGEMENT AND EDUCATION DIVISION

Over the past several months, the Perspectives Working Group, along with members of the USAWC faculty, has been diligently developing an exciting new lecture series, which premiered in February. The new Perspectives Lecture Series is a seasonal program that provides a discussion of current and historical topics critical to the understanding and practice of strategic leadership. Consisting of a Spring and Fall season of four lectures each, Perspectives seasons highlight

Museum Technicians Lindsay Strehl and Roy Honaker concluded the cataloging of the Spanish-American War Veteran Surveys and Spanish-American War Widows

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a particular theme important to the study of the military profession. Be sure to check out our Upcoming Events page (<https://ahec.armywarcollege.edu/events.cfm>) and social media pages to learn more!



Recent presentation conducted by USAHEC in March.

Last November, as part of the USAWC Heritage Month Events series, USAHEC featured a collection of photos titled, “Interwoven Histories: National Native American Heritage Month – Photos from the Collections of the U.S. Army and Heritage Education Center.” These photographs and a display of artifacts were showcased in the Hall of the American Soldier at USAHEC. A digital display of these

photographs is still available to view on USAHEC’s website at (<https://ahec.armywarcollege.edu/exhibits/nahm>).

In November, the “This Will Not Stand” exhibit, highlighting Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm, opened both on-site and in our virtual exhibit space (<https://ahec.armywarcollege.edu/exhibits/desertstorm/default.cfm>). The exhibit team, led by curator Molly Bompane, highlighted the experiences of U.S. Army Soldiers through personal accounts, historical documents, personal



USAHEC Curator Molly Bompane and General (Ret.) Richard Cody in front of USAHEC’s new Desert Storm/Desert Shield exhibit at the opening ceremony.

photographs, and artwork created by U.S. Army Combat Artist SFC Peter Varisano. Now, as a part of the online exhibit, members of the public can contribute their own artwork for a chance for it to be exhibited in the online gallery as part of the Community Artwork Project! Be sure to check out our website and social media pages for more details!

As you may know, USAHEC is undergoing a large-scale digitization project that will make our one-of-a-kind, immense historical collections available online. Our marketing team has started a new program to highlight two collections each month on our social media sites; Facebook and Twitter. These collections have been completely reformatted and are available online. Please search for newly digitized collections at <https://arena.usahec.org>.

INNOVATIONS

Over the last six months, our Metadata Militia Working Group has been researching and refining a plan to crowdsource metadata for our digitized materials. The program would recruit virtual volunteers to transcribe handwritten letters, documents, and other manuscripts that cannot be read by optical character recognition (OCR) software and tag photographs with descriptive keywords. The addition of this extra information will make our materials more easily searchable and accessible through USAHEC’s online catalog.

One of our key projects, the augmented reality (AR) tank, has been submitted and is making its way through the review process. When completed, anyone with a smartphone will be able to take the M4 Sherman from the heritage trail home with them. Augmented Reality allows a 3D animation of the tank to be “dropped” in the room with the viewer, at which point, information about the Sherman and the duties of those operating it will be displayed.

We have continued the work of building out our own USAHEC Innovations Lab, acquiring more equipment, and continuing to work on making a great space for our patrons to experiment in. When we open the Lab, we will have design laptops and tablets, 360 cameras, mirrorless camera, oculus headsets, and a 3D printer. These items will allow our patrons to experiment and experience our collection in all new and exciting ways that they themselves can develop. This will be a great resource to better engage patrons with USAHEC’s collections.

Virtual exhibits have been a large priority for the Innovations Team, and we continue to test out new platforms and mediums for them to flourish. We recently began to work with Encurate to create our USAHEC App that can be downloaded on your device’s App store. Also, we are working with Google to join their Google Arts & Culture platform that will give us an even larger footprint online and allow us to use their resources to create all new ways for our collections and exhibits to be viewed.

As we look to the future, the Innovations Team hopes to enable and establish a broad network oriented at developing a platform that enables consistent collaboration on idea sharing, original thoughts and discovery, and integration of innovative efforts to enhance our organization’s capabilities and effectiveness. We have started this effort by connecting with our other Carlisle Barracks entities and creating a loose network of professors, planners, and other innovation/future oriented folks. The team’s goal is to expand this network across other military educational institutions and outside entities that are on the edge of new technologies and new processes.

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ENGAGEMENT CHIEF

New external connections have been made over the past few months including the Army University Press – Film Cell, the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, and the Maryland History and Culture Collective (MHCC). A collaboration between the National Museum of the Pacific War and USAHEC resulted in LTC Shane Reilly providing a webinar lecture to the Museum’s digital audience: “Fitting the Means at Hand to the Problem: Army Medical Care in the Pacific, 1942-45”. The Engagement Chief, Jack Leighow, represented USAHEC in an online meeting of MHCC that was attended by 52 institutions - providing an overview of USAHEC, noting the digitization project and upcoming programs.

Significant items slated for the next several months include the presentation of a virtual lecture, on the end of World War II and the dropping of the atomic bomb, by Dr. Conrad Crane to the network of the Imperial War Museum in the United Kingdom. Working with the National Army Museum, also in England, planning is underway to develop a concept for a combined lecture series and USAHEC virtual participation in the annual history faire to be held in London in September. Finally, the War Memorial of Korea (WMK) wishes to exhibit the Sleepless Nights exhibit that was displayed at USAHEC a few years ago and supported by the Army Heritage Center Foundation. Digital files have been sent to WMK, which plans to mount the exhibit this year.

RESEARCH HISTORIAN

USAHEC’s Research Historian transitioned from Chief, Military History Institute in the reorganization and is primarily responsible for sustaining a bridge with the Strategic Studies Institute, and the other Schools, Centers, Institutes,

and Programs with a goal of better connecting the Center with deep and long-range research efforts internal to the War College. This effort also provides critical feedback to shape our collection process.

He conducted a virtual staff ride of Revolutionary War battlefields Lexington and Concord last fall for the 109th Airlift Wing, New York Air National Guard (NYANG). A discussion of the tensions leading to the American Revolution as “road to war” and events in 1775 took place, and a closing dialogue summarized war’s end, including winners and losers. The thirty 109th Airlift Wing personnel were on location, while the research historian connected virtually and facilitated dialogue at six locations on the battlefields.

As we move forward, we are looking to refine and sustain integration with the USAWC staff in the School of Strategic Landpower’s academic departments and other Centers, Institutes, and Programs to incorporate USAHEC’s resource materials across the USAWC Enterprise. The targeted areas are resident core-course curriculum for Academic Year (AY) 22 for August 2021 to March 2022, completion of current Academic Year (AY) 21 USAWC Research Projects, and development of USAWC AY22 Research Priorities.

We are also continuing detailed research of specific USAHEC holdings and preparing functional products for faculty use to integrate into the USAWC AY22 core curriculum. We will continue to review multiple primary sources that range from WWII to Operation Restore Hope, Operation Desert Storm, and Peace Implementation Force (IFOR). For example, the William J. “Wild Bill” Donovan Papers, head of Organization of Strategic Services (OSS), has materials which highlight American efforts to work with Chinese forces in WWII, covering diplomatic, informational, military, and economic issues.

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(Registration links for webinars can be found on our website, under events.)

April 7, 2021, 7:00 PM

Webinar: Band of Strangers: A WWII Memoir of the Fighting in Normandy and “the Bulge” with Jim Cullen

April 9, 2021

Education Department Teacher Workshop

April 14, 2021, 7:00 PM

Webinar: Desert Redleg: Artillery Warfare in the First Gulf War with COL(R) L. Scott Lingamfelter

April 17 and 18, 2021

Museum Store Used Book Sale in USAHEC’s MPRs

April 28, 2021, 7:00 PM

Webinar: Danger 79er: The Life and Times of Lieutenant General James F. Hollingsworth with Dr. James H. Willbanks

May 5, 2021, 7:00 PM

Webinar: A Combat Engineer With Patton’s Army: The Fight Across Europe With the 80th “Blue Ridge” Division in World War II

May 7 – 10, 2021

National History Day in Pennsylvania Competition

May 19, 2021, 7:00 PM

Webinar: A Cold War Linguist’s Life in West Berlin with Rick Estberg

June 9, 2021, 7:00 PM

Webinar: Attack at Chosin: The Chinese Second Offensive in Korea with Dr. Xiao-Bing Li

June 23, 2021, 7:00 PM

Webinar: Francis Marion – The Swamp Fox with Dr. Steven D. Smith

SUMMER CAMP

Session 1: July 12-16, 2021, 8 am to 4:30 pm

Session 2: July 26-30, 2021, 8 am to 4:30 pm

Session 3: August 9-13, 2021, 8 am to 4:30 pm

Youth Session (Grades 4-6): July 20-22, 2021, 9 am to 12 pm

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LECTURE SERIES (VIRTUAL)

Thursday, April 22, 2021

Berlin 1945: The Halt on the Elbe and Redeployment to the Pacific by D.M. Giangreco

June 17, 2021

TBD

SPECIAL EXHIBITS

The Soldier Experience Gallery Exhibit - The Visitor and Education Center

Where the Hell is Korea? Warfare in the Land of Sorrow - in the Soldier Experience Gallery

On Patrol (Current Operations) - Ridgway Lobby

Carved in Stone, Cast in Bronze - Bradley Art Gallery

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