



# Army Heritage Center Foundation

# Update

## Spring 2022 Newsletter

### Letter from the President & CEO, AHCF

Welcome to our Spring 2022 UPDATE highlighting the activities and programs at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center (USAHEC) and the Army Heritage Center Foundation (AHCF). We hope that you and your family continue to be healthy and safe and that activities in your area are moving back to pre-Covid “normal”.

Please read from cover to cover the reports of the Foundation and USAHEC staffs for both organizations have been extremely, as the USAHEC mission states, seeking to engage, inspire, and inform the Army, the American people, and global partners with a unique and enduring source of knowledge and thought. Critical to this effort, and most significant from the perspective of the Foundation, the transformation of USAHEC’s organization, that was first highlighted in our Fall 2020 UPDATE, is maturing. The leadership’s decision to mix library, archival, curatorial, and exhibit design professionals is showing its potential to enhance support to the Army and public patrons. While challenges remain, as noted in the Director’s update, the positive results of their efforts are making materials more available worldwide through web-based programs, and they are developing the capacity that in the near future will bring exciting online offerings in multiple formats – so stay tuned.

The reduction of COVID restrictions has provided the Foundation opportunities to enhance our outreach efforts also. The Foundation’s staff updates highlight many of those activities. Key events include hosting a special program at AUSA’s Annual Meeting last October – An Evening in the Valley of the Ia Drang – that included six commanders of that important 1965 battle, our Membership and Recognition Dinner where we honored Desert Storm Soldiers LTC (later GEN) Dick Cody and two young Soldiers from the 101st, and our Education and Veterans Outreach Director’s program partnership with USAHEC that has taken their Desert Storm exhibit to an international audience.



Later this month, in partnership with the AUSA Huntsville Chapter, we will jointly host a program featuring GEN David Petraeus. In September, we plan to host a program in NYC featuring the Soldiers of the Battle of the Ia Drang. We are planning to return to AUSA’s annual meeting in October, and in November, at our Membership and Recognition Dinner, we will honor CSM (R) Cindy Pritchett who served as the first and only Senior Enlisted Advisor to a Sub-Theater Commander in a time of war and a group of dedicated volunteers who made sure Soldiers were greeted and taken care of as they deployed to or returned from overseas assignments.

Our Chief of Development and I are now both on the road seeking support to grow USAHEC and enhance both our programs. Many of you have contributed as members and during our twice-yearly annual appeals. We thank you for your support which sustains our efforts. I would ask that if you know of organizations and individuals that might find value and interest in what USAHEC does for the Army and the Nation and the Foundation’s efforts to build its capacity, that you reach out to them or open doors for us so we can highlight with them future plans and needs.

Finally, I would hope that if in the area you visit USAHEC and

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tour the exhibits. If you cannot come to our location – please attend one of our online lectures, visit our website at [www.armyheritage.org](http://www.armyheritage.org) to see new Soldier Stories, or visit USAHEC's website, [www.abec.armywarcollege.edu/](http://www.abec.armywarcollege.edu/), to view their growing

digital resources and their program announcements.

Thanks again and have a great Spring and Summer.

*Mike Perry*  
*President and CEO*

## Development Update

We want to thank all of our supporters during the past year who sustained our efforts to grow the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center and sustain and enhance its and the Foundation's programs. Your support enhances our efforts "To Tell the Army Story ... One Soldier at a Time".

### 2021 Association of the United States Army Convention and "An Evening in the Ia Drang"

The Foundation attended the AUSA convention held in Washington D.C. from October 11-13, 2021. Staff and board members operated a booth at the convention to share the national treasure that is USAHEC. We made many valuable connections with people working in the defense community through our time at the AUSA convention and helped to spread the missions of AHCF and USAHEC in "Telling the Army Story... One Soldier at a Time."



In addition to the booth, we proudly hosted a very successful panel discussion and Q&A program -- "An Evening in the Valley of the Ia Drang."

The event was sponsored by AHCF Corporate Leadership Council

Member Iron Mountain and featured Colonel Joseph Marm, Colonel Ramon Nadal, Colonel George Forrest, Colonel Robert Edwards, Colonel John Herren, and SFC Earnie Savage. These Soldiers were company, platoon, and squad leaders under the leadership of then Colonel Hal Moore during the Battle of the Ia Drang in Vietnam. Their exploits were depicted in the book by Joe Galloway and General Hal Moore "We Were Soldiers Once and Young" and the film "We Were Soldiers". The event was moderated by Vietnam Veteran, Colonel Tom Vossler, USA Ret. and was so successful

that we had to turn people away at the door, due to imposed COVID restrictions.



Given the levels of exposure we were able to bring to the Foundation and USAHEC, the connections we made, and the resounding support for our "An Evening in the Ia Drang" program, we plan to attend the Annual AUSA Convention next year with an expanded booth and another exciting program that helps to tell the Army story and highlight the role of the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center.

### FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP AND RECOGNITION DINNER

On Saturday, October 30, 2021 at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center, we honored Soldiers of Desert Shield and Desert Storm during our 14th Annual Membership and Recognition Dinner. GEN Richard Cody, Jose Delgado, and Jesus Gonzalez were recognized for their roles during the conflict.

GEN Richard Cody, the Army Vice Chief of Staff from 2004 to 2008, was presented the Foundation's Living Legend Award. The award, sponsored by Listrak, is given to Soldiers, who through their own service deserve recognition, but who also represent a larger population of Soldiers. GEN Cody was recognized for his role, as LTC Cody, Battalion Commander, 1st Battalion, 101st Attack Bn, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) who planned and led a highly trained team of AH-64 Attack Helicopters and destroyed Iraqi radar sites in January 1991. Their efforts cleared the way for the Air Force to begin its air campaign that degraded Iraqi military capabilities prior



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to the ground war that began in late February 1991 and represented the professionalism of the Soldiers of the 1980s that reinvigorated the post-Vietnam Army.

Captain Jose Delgado and Sergeant Jesus Gonzalez, their ranks in 1991, received the Foundation's Boots on the Ground Award. The award sponsored by Highmark and United Concordia Dental, typically is given to civilian organizations that take care of Soldiers and their families. The Foundation believed during the 30th Commemoration of Desert Shield and Desert Storm, these two Soldiers' contribution during the planning of the



helicopter assault into Iraq deserved recognition. Serving in the intelligence section of the 1st Battalion, 347th Infantry Regiment, and believing that the higher headquarters' enemy locations were incorrect, they convinced their leaders to seek a change in their unit's landing zone. After twice being told "no change" by their higher headquarters, their detailed assessment of the situation finally gained approval. The actual air assault in Iraq proved them right. Had their unit landed where they were initially ordered, their Soldiers would have been subject to an immediate attack by an entrenched and well-armed Iraqi battalion that could have destroyed their unit as it arrived at the landing zone. Their efforts saved many Soldiers!

### LOVE FOR HISTORICAL RESEARCH DRIVES DONOR'S "DETECTIVE WORK:" DONOR FOCUS STORY—COL DONALD HALL, PHD, USA RET.



Tracing his family history to two relatives that stood on opposite sides of the Civil War, COL Donald Hall has always had an interest in military history. In 1982, Hall entered active duty as a member of the

Army Medical Services Corps. While serving at Fort Hood, Texas, he was tasked with searching at the National Archives for information on the First Medical Regiment, his unit's predecessor. Later, he attended an advanced studies program on Military Medical History. COL Hall has spent countless

hours researching medical support during the Vietnam War, which he believes is a gaping hole in recorded history that has threatened to leave many heroes unnamed.

A major supporter of AHCF, Donald Hall has been utilizing the extensive collection of archival documents contained in the archives at USAHEC since both he and his wife, Ann, were attending the U.S. Army War College. In recent years, COL Hall has especially benefited from USAHEC's new digitization initiative, allowing access to the Center's collections from anywhere.

According to Hall, when he is at home conducting research, anytime he runs into a question or lack of information, he accesses USAHEC's online records to find answers. "I think there are important stories here to tell...I was able to create a list of commanders of the 27th Military History Detachment and their dates of command, which isn't in the National Archives, by looking at the signatures and cover letters that are at USAHEC. Just doing detective work. And I love that sort of thing."

COL Hall's relentless determination is inspired by one of his heroes, Major Charles Kelly, commanding officer of the 57th Medical Detachment, who died on July 1, 1964, during a medical evacuation mission. Brave and selflessly dedicated to the mission of saving



*Major Charles Kelly*

wounded soldiers during the Vietnam War, Kelly attempted to land and rescue a Soldier under heavy gunfire. When he was told to back off because of the danger, his response was simply "When I have your wounded." He was shot in the chest and mortally wounded, but Hall believes that Kelly's noble acts set an example of sacrifice and leadership, a legacy that would lead to saving as many as 850,000 people who were medically evacuated during the war.

Hall is currently working on a manuscript that spans over 1,000 pages, detailing the names and duties of countless forgotten members of the U.S. Army Medical Forces during Vietnam. When finished, he hopes to present USAHEC with the unabridged version to add to its collection in order to fill in the historical gaps he has found during his research. In the meantime, Hall continues to make financial contributions to AHCF that allow for the preservation of these vital records, as well as the ongoing effort of USAHEC to digitize its immense collection. Donald Hall, and donors like him, are the reason the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center is able to continue "Telling the Army Story... One Soldier at a Time."

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### COMMEMORATIVE BRICK PROGRAM — A PERFECT WAY TO HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES' SERVICE



With Mother's Day and Father's Day around the corner, a commemorative brick is a special way to honor the service of your loved ones. Not only will your commemorative brick honor their service, but all proceeds raised from our brick program support our construction campaign to complete the Hall of the American Soldier at USAHEC.

All bricks and pavers are then displayed prominently on Soldiers Walk in front of USAHEC. In addition to your brick being housed in a place of honor, you will receive a certificate suitable for framing.

Soldiers Walk is open to all branches and time periods of the U.S. Armed Services. For more information, please visit our website or contact our offices.

### SPECIAL RECOGNITION PROGRAMS FOR OUR SUPPORTERS

The Foundation recently established several giving societies to recognize donors who make special commitments to sustain and grow the Foundation and the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center. These include:

- **The Washingtonburg Society** that recognizes those who make legacy gift commitments.
- **The Coren Society** who seek to sustain the Foundation through a monthly giving program.
- **The Corporate Leadership Council and Business Leader Council** for national and regional businesses that seek to advance our efforts to educate the public on the role of Soldiers and the Army.

Please contact Tim or Jevin in our Development Office for more information on these programs.

*Tim Nelson*  
*Chief of Development*

*Jevin Orcutt*  
*Development Specialist*

## Education Program Update

The **Education Department** is returning to face-to-face programming with events for Veterans, teacher workshops, public presentations, summer camps, and our new Youth Leadership Academy. 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.

Jeff Hawks, Education and Veterans Outreach Director, has been providing public presentations on the Gulf War in numerous forums. Notably, in conjunction with Molly Bompane, lead curator for "This Will Not Stand", USAHEC's exhibit on the Gulf War, Jeff presented for the Pritzker Military Museum & Library in Chicago, the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park, Illinois; and the National Army Museum in the United Kingdom. Separately, Jeff presented on the Gulf War for the State Library of Pennsylvania and briefed members of the Pennsylvania Americans showing Compassion, Assistance, and Reaching out with Empathy for Service Members (PA CARES) network on the Foundation and USAHEC.

After two years of remote programs, the **VETERANS' CAFÉ** returns with in-person and onsite events at the U.S.

Army Heritage and Education Center. Join us for breakfast at USAHEC on April 21 and October 20 and at Frederick House at 219 North Hanover Street in Carlisle for our annual D-Day commemoration on June 6.

Our Watchfire events are growing in popularity, and we are continuing our tradition of holding them twice a year for Memorial Day and Veterans' Day. The 2022 Watchfires are scheduled for 8:00 pm on May 29 and 5:00 pm on November 10 on the Army Heritage Trail at USAHEC. Watchfires



*Veterans' Café events bring Veterans together to share stories and enjoy the camaraderie that comes from military service.*

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were fires set and maintained during the night as a signal to those looking for their unit, separated from the unit after a battle, or stragglers after a long-day march. The fires served as a beacon for Soldiers looking for their unit's safety. We are now continuing that tradition as a reminder to recognize the contributions of our Soldiers and Veterans who serve as an inspiration of service to our Nation.



*Watchfire ceremonies evoke military traditions and provide opportunities to honor and remember absent friends.*

We will also be hosting an **MIA/POW DAY** ceremony at 6:00 pm on September 16 with a hosted meal. The Veterans' Café and other Veteran focused events are made possible by our sponsors: Hoffman Funeral Home, Humana, United Concordia, and Mission BBQ and will occur at USAHEC.

Over the holidays, the Education Department partnered with representatives from Humana and students from West Perry Middle School to help make the season a little brighter for elderly and infirm Veterans. The students spent an afternoon signing holiday greeting cards for delivery to residents of Pennsylvania's Veterans homes.



*West Perry Middle School students filling out holiday greeting cards for Veterans.*

The 2022 **NATIONAL HISTORY DAY IN PENNSYLVANIA** (NHD in PA) Regional Contests are currently underway. Students all over PA are competing to qualify for the State Contest, which will take place in person on May 7 and 8 at the University of Scranton. Hundreds of students, teachers, parents, and judges will attend to celebrate history and the academic achievement of some of Pennsylvania's best and brightest students. Foundation members interested in volunteering to judge student projects can contact Jeff Hawks

at [eddirector@armyheritage.org](mailto:eddirector@armyheritage.org) for more information.

The **SOLDIER EXPERIENCE ADVENTURE CAMP** engages campers with a dynamic program that challenges them to think on their feet, exercise leadership, work as a team, and pay attention to details. Older campers have opportunities to serve as Counselors-in-Training to gain valuable experience and hone their leadership skills. We have scheduled four sessions for the summer of 2022, three for campers in grades 7-10 and one for campers in grades 4-6. Check our website for details.

This summer, we will be enhancing our youth programs with the launch of the **YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY** thanks to generous support from the G.B. Stuart Charitable Foundation. This week-long program will introduce students to the fundamentals of leadership. The Academy will complement our Adventure Camp program and represents the first step towards building a comprehensive leadership training program for youth.

The **VETERANS ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM (VOHP)** is ongoing. Despite our hopes, Covid restrictions have made it necessary to continue to conduct interviews online. While the students and Veterans miss the face-to-face experience, the online format does expand our reach throughout the country. 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](mailto:eddirector@armyheritage.org).

Our **TEACHER WORKSHOPS** continued with a well-received online workshop on the Nuremberg War Crimes Trial in October. Upcoming workshops will engage teachers in the study of the Vietnam War and in the development of nuclear strategy.

**WEBINAR/LECTURE PROGRAM.** The Foundation is celebrating the second anniversary of its online webinar/lecture program. Over the past two years, we have hosted more than 60 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 on our YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/c/AHCFoundation/videos>.

Want to know about our future programs? Sign up for our email list on our website homepage at [www.armyheritage.org](http://www.armyheritage.org).

**THANK YOU TO OUR PROGRAM SPONSORS.** Our education programs would not be possible without the support

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of our donors. We would like to thank our current sponsors: Universal Health Services of Delaware, M&T Bank, First National Bank, Hoffman Funeral Home, Humana, United Concordia, the G.B. Stuart Charitable Foundation, and

Avalon Insurance for their support.

*Jeff Hawks*

*Director of Educational Programs and Veteran Outreach*

*Jillian Acevedo*

*Education Program Assistant*

## USAHEC Director's Update

Mr. Geoffrey Mangelsdorf

### TWO DECADES OF PROGRESS AND TRANSFORMATION

The Secretary of the Army announced plans to pursue a museum at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, in 1999. During the intervening decades, the partnership with the Army Heritage Center Foundation, the Commonwealth, and the community became a model of public-private venture success. Working together, we continue to grow capabilities that engage, inspire, and inform audiences about their Army. The following pages speak to our ongoing transformation.

We are at a fantastic point with the Digitization Program and reached an important milestone with over one million documents uploaded and available to researchers and scholars. This Army program digitally integrates the rich Collection with a single search tool that serves patrons onsite and remotely. The Digitization Program is also scanning the archival holdings.

The contractors continue to work with us on improving the user interface. Candidly, it is not where we want it to be. We are moving in the right direction, though, and need your feedback to improve the tool.

In good news, we are now able to perform word searches across collections—which is a blessing and a curse. As you can imagine, a user must be specific in that mode lest they get a large

number of unrelated results. It will take continued refinement of metadata to improve the relevancy of searches for archival documents. It is a journey we've just begun. Of course, you are always able to visit us in person for your research.

On another positive note, our metrics show we are reaching a broader audience than ever before—over 7,500 people accessed the online collection in the last weeks of 2021, not long after we made the full MACV holdings accessible. By early 2022, we observed over 200 online users a day on average. We continue to see an increasing trend of new users, which is promising. Similarly, users from over 120 other countries recently accessed portions of the archives. Talk about global reach—Wow!

Ahead of us lies great opportunity. To accomplish the vision set forth by our predecessors requires resources that further forge the private-public partnership which serves as the foundation for the Center: federal appropriations, business revenue, and private philanthropy.

I am pleased to continue our work together, for the benefit of our community and our Army. Thank you for being part of our shared future. –Geoff



## SAVE THE DATES

### *An Army Birthday Celebration*

Saturday, June 11, 2022

Reception - 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
Dinner and Program - 7:00 p.m.

*With Guest Speaker, Major General David Hill,  
Commandant, U.S. Army War College*

### *15<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership Dinner*

*and Silent Auction*

Saturday, November 5, 2022  
Reception - 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
Silent Auction - 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.  
Dinner - 7:00 p.m.

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For more information, please contact Amanda Neal at Phone: (717) 258-1102 or Email: [info@armyheritage.org](mailto:info@armyheritage.org)

# USAHEC Divisions Updates

## EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENTS

Collaboration with the British National Army Museum (NAM) resulted in two programs between the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center, Army Heritage Center Foundation, and NAM. On January 26, Dr. Kevin Weddle, U.S. Army War College faculty, and Mr. Andrew Robertshaw, British military historian, discussed the Saratoga Campaign of 1777, a key inflection point of the American Revolution. Following on February 8, a discussion of the 1st Gulf War was held featuring Mr. Jeff Hawks, the Foundation's Education Director, and Ms. Molly Bompane, USAHEC Curator and the one who led the effort to develop the current exhibit, *This Will Not Stand*, in the Hall of the American Soldier exhibit gallery. Lieutenant Colonel Tim Purbrick, a British tank commander in the Gulf War, discussed the conflict with Hawks and Bompane. He joined the 17th/21st Lancers in Munster, West Germany, serving as a Sabre Troop Leader and then as Recce Troop Leader. He was short toured from an operational tour in Northern Ireland to be attached with a squadron of 17th/21st Lancers to the Irish Hussars Battlegroup for the Gulf War.

Both programs were offered online to an international audience and have led to continued planning for future collaborative efforts. This effort expands the use of USAHEC's collection on a global scale.

Following a successful online panel discussion in association with the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) commemorating the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the 60th anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis, 1962, will be discussed in October 2022. The program is currently planned to be in person at NARA's facility in Washington D.C. and will be available online as well. If public health conditions dictate, a shift will be made to a totally virtual format. Long range planning for combined programs is continuing, for 2023 to remember the battle of Guadalcanal and the Korean War and in 2024, the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

The Army University Press, Film Division, (AUP) is utilizing USAHEC resources in producing two doctrinal films on D-Day: one on the training and deception and the other on the invasion itself. These will be 15 – 30 minute films geared to training future Army leaders. USAHEC connected AUP with contacts at the Imperial War Museum, London and with the British National Army Museum so that their resources can be used in the development of these two films.



*Burgoyne's Surrender at Saratoga, from the collection of the National Army Museum, England*

## ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP DIVISION

The Analysis and Research Team (ART) completed "*We . . . Have a Long Way to Go*": U.S. Army Nuclear Battlefield Preparations, 1954-1996. This study traces Army efforts to develop ground forces capable of surviving and prevailing in both nuclear and conventional environments. The paper uses contemporary documents on force structure designs, battlefield doctrine, strategic policies, training exercises, and other pertinent

materials to provide a holistic view of Army atomic preparation efforts between 1954 and 1996. The key insights created by close examination reveal that properly preparing ground forces for nuclear warfare is extremely difficult, and past efforts have failed to create a force capable of conducting extended operations on both atomic and conventional battlefields.

Our Instruction Team with support from other teammates at USAHEC has provided 80 research appointments with the students of the U.S. Army War College in support of their Strategic Research Requirement projects. The team has also provided instruction on topics such as Regional Studies and E-resources. They also worked closely with the Innovation Lab to conduct a session on their available resources (i.e. AR/VR, 3-D printing, 360 camera) and some examples that show how the equipment can be used to support research.



*Duane Miller conducts a virtual appointment with a USAWC student.*

With a new Basic Strategic Arts Program (BSAP) class starting in 2022, the Root Hall team took the opportunity to provide the BSAP students their textbooks in a new self-service model, instead of the old way of having the 16 students check out 61 books each, all at one time! The students are appreciative of our efforts to make this an easy experience for them!

The ASD team is happy to welcome Chris Morin as our Patron Support Supervisory Librarian. Chris is a retired Army Veteran and comes from the Nashville Public Library System

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with 21 years of experience. We also welcome Lori Wheeler to our team in the Patron Support Division after she departed the Dunham Medical Clinic at Carlisle Barracks.



*Chris Morin discussing serials check-in process with Patron Support staff members DiAnne Evans and Lori Wheeler.*

## COLLECTIONS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

The Collections Management team continued its survey of the artifact collection in support a broader Army Museum Enterprise (AME) effort to reduce duplication and standardize processes. Objects Conservator Cynthia Blechl engaged with counterpart Jane Stewart at the Center of Military History on a joint project to perform mold remediation on a collection of Civil War era leather gear. This project preserves artifacts for future use by the AME and enable cost savings for the Army through utilization of an existing contract instrument. Additionally, Museum Specialist Mark Harris provided support to upcoming exhibit change-outs, and Library Technician Sarah Chrismer assisted the Academic Scholarship Division by cataloging newly acquired printed materials.

Our Procurement Branch welcomed Acquisition Librarian Eric Cooper in January. Eric joins us from Kennedy King College in Chicago, Illinois, and will be involved in textbook and database procurement in support of USAWC's educational mission, as well as serving as Property Book Officer for library materials. Additionally, in December, Rob Smith was promoted to Supply Management Specialist, and Paul Huerta moved into the role of Supply Technician. Mr. Smith and Mr. Huerta conducted supply and service procurement efforts to support USAHEC operations and objectives.

Last fall, the Classified Holdings Branch (CHB), led by Security Manager David Crider, conducted internal process and policy reviews, aimed at setting the conditions to allow greater access to classified collections at USAHEC. Additionally, CHB worked to acquire new hardware to expedite classified research, which it expects to be operational and in place this month.

The Processing team focused its efforts on shaping the collection. Librarians Aaron Bert, Chris Kinner, and Erica Taylor assisted the Academic Scholarship Division with evaluation of book

materials in preparation for moving to a new academic building in Fall 2023. In conjunction with fellow archivists, Archives Technician Joanne Lamm identified collections to prioritize for digitization and reviewed materials to ensure their continued relevance to the USAHEC mission. During her review, Ms. Lamm found a previously unknown series of letters between LTG Patton and GEN Eisenhower related to II Corps performance and Allied Forces unity of effort. Ms. Lamm received recognition and a commander's coin from USAWC Commandant, MG David Hill, for her efforts.



*Archives Technician Dave Kennaly initiated an effort to centralize supply storage across the four Collections Division teams.*



*Archives Technician Joanne Lamm and Librarian Erica Taylor prepare the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States - Washington, D.C. Commandery collection for digitization.*

## EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISION



*USAHEC supports the Harrisburg Recruiting Battalion to enlist 10 new Soldiers into the U.S. Army during the Veterans Day Ceremony.*

It has been a very busy end of 2021 and start of 2022 for the Education and Engagement Division. The Education and Information (E & I) Team has hosted several large events in the past six months, including the General of the Army Omar N. Bradley Memorial Lecture with Mr. Richard B.

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Frank speaking on “The Asia-Pacific War, 1937 to 1945: The New History and Its Implications for Today.” The team also supported a Veterans Day event featuring an enlistment ceremony for ten new Soldiers, including guest speakers Lt. Col. J. Brad Fausnaugh, a USAWC student, and local Vietnam Veteran Ed Miller. In support of USAWC, the E & I team leveraged archival and artifact collections to educate the Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command (CJFLCC) students on Army history, strategic landpower, and USAHEC’s modernization and digital transformation.

The Exhibits team has been busy out on the Army Heritage Trail implementing our long term maintenance plan. The team supervised repairs to the World War I Trench exhibit and the Yorktown Redoubt, both now re-opened to the public. As part of macro exhibit maintenance, the M7 Bradley Fire Support Team Vehicle and M109A5 SP Medium Howitzer have been sent to Letterkenny Army Depot for a new paint job, allowing the team to ensure long-term conservation of the vehicles.

*The USAHEC team partnered with Letterkenny Army Depot to re-paint the Bradley Fighting vehicle for enhanced preservation.*



Over the next few months, the team is looking forward to presenting the spring Perspectives Lecture Series, featuring the theme “Great Power Competition.” We also had programming and an exhibit case in support of this year’s Women’s History Month program in March. The case exhibit highlighted the collection of Dorothy Fooks and her service in the Judge Advocate’s Office during World War II. The team also interviewed MAJ Katie Dang, an attorney with the USAWC’s JAG office, to talk about her experiences in the Army, her service as a JAG officer, and her thoughts on the history of women in the JAG Corps.

From May 10-12th, USAHEC will be supporting the first annual USAWC Strategic Landpower Symposium in partnership with HQDA partner DAMO-SS. The symposium “will share research and encourage professional discussion on Strategic Landpower in Integrated Deterrence, Cooperation, Competition, and/or Joint All-Domain Operations.”

Keep a look out on our FaceBook page and Website. Though Covid restrictions have prevented our Annual Army Heritage Day event this May, we are planning smaller events in the late Summer and early Fall.

## **INNOVATIONS**

Over the past six months, the Innovation team has worked

hard to create a home for the Innovation Lab, establishing work stations and identifying the optimal flow of the space. While we continue to look at additional tech to bring into USAHEC, we have worked diligently to become the on the ground experts for the equipment and technology thus acquired.



Located in the Reading Room, the Innovation Lab hosted an Open House for faculty, staff, and students of USAHEC and the U.S. Army War College to introduce the equipment and technology the Lab owns. Visitors got the chance to experience Virtual Reality (VR) through the use of Oculus headsets, learn about photogrammetry, and see how 3D scanning and printing can work together to create replica artifacts. Lab staff encouraged those who visited to begin thinking how the technology could assist with their current jobs and what future projects they might like to see come out of the Lab. Since the Open House, the Lab has gained several touch screen kiosks that will be deployed around USAHEC for use by all who find them.

Our Augmented Reality (AR) M4 Sherman Tank project continues to move forward. The contractor braved the January weather to take additional interior scans of the Sherman with a goal of providing the preliminary design this spring. Since then, staff have been busy crafting the audio and caption scripts for the design and designating the location of animated hot spots. In addition to our AR project, we will soon begin venturing into the world of VR. A working group has been formed to begin developing what a USAHEC centric VR application will look like and will highlight the whole organization.

Our partnership with the Center for Strategic Leadership’s Experience the Future Lab continues to be a great mutual benefit. Allowing us to share technology, equipment, and ideas that provides the opportunity to expand our capabilities in line with the U.S. Army War College’s mission while simultaneously allowing us to specialize within our own unique goals.

Over the next six months, we plan to further develop the proposed VR concept, provide more hands-on workshops of the equipment, begin a more comprehensive 3D imaging project with artifact collections, and experiment with new technology that we can use for meetings both in person and virtually.



# 2022 USAHEC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## FOUNDATION PROGRAMS

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

**April 6, 2022, 7:00 pm:** Webinar - Determined to Persist: General Earle Wheeler, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Military's Foiled Pursuit of Victory in Vietnam with COL Mark Viney, USA Ret.

**April 21, 2022, 8:00 am:** Veterans' Café at USAHEC

**April 27, 2022, 7:00 pm:** Webinar - Taking Fire! Memoir of an Aerial Scout in Vietnam with COL (R) David L. Porter

**May 4, 2022, 7:00 pm:** Webinar - The First Code Talkers: Native American Communicators in World War I with Professor William Meadows

**May 16, 2022:** Education Department Teacher Workshop at USAHEC

**May 18, 2022, 7:00 pm:** Webinar - Eugene James Bullard - the first black American military pilot with BG (R) Leon Johnson

**May 29, 2022, 8:00 pm:** Watchfire Program on the Army Heritage Trail at USAHEC

**June 1, 2022, 7:00 pm:** Webinar - The Key to American Independence: Quantifying Foreign Assistance to the American Revolution with LTG (R) Bill Wenger

**June 11, 2022, 6:00 pm:** Army Birthday Dinner at USAHEC

**June 15, 2022, 7:00 pm:** Webinar - In the Company of Heroes: The Inspiring Stories of Medal of Honor Recipients from America's Longest Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq with James Kitfield

**June 29, 2022, 7:00 pm:** Webinar - The Writing of Historical Fiction with Michael Gibson

**July 11-15, 2022:** Soldier Experience Adventure Camp, on the Army Heritage Trail at USAHEC

**July 13, 2022, 7:00 pm:** Webinar - Abandoned in Hell: The Fight for Vietnam's Firebase Kate with Bill Albracht

**July 19-21, 2022:** Soldier Experience Adventure Camp (youth session), on the Army Heritage Trail at USAHEC

**July 25-29, 2022:** Soldier Experience Adventure Camp, on the Army Heritage Trail at USAHEC

**August 8-12, 2022:** Soldier Experience Adventure Camp, on the Army Heritage Trail at USAHEC

**September 16, 2022, 6:00 pm:** POW/MIA dinner and program, at USAHEC

**November 5, 2022, 6:00 pm:** Annual Membership and Recognition Dinner at USAHEC

## USAHEC LECTURES

**April 20, 2022, 6:30 pm:** The Return of Empire and Great Power Competition: The U.S., Russia, and China in the Second Stage of Globalization by Robert Kaplan

**June 22, 2022, 6:30 pm:** The Democratic Advantage in Great Power Competition: America's Edge over Russia and China by Dr. Matthew Kroenig

## 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

A Call to Arms: The Story of the U.S. Army Reserve - Hall of the American Soldier

This Will Not Stand: The U.S. Army's Road to Victory During the Persian Gulf War - Hall of the American Soldier

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