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NEWSLETTER

The Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum will commemorate Vietnam Veterans Day on Saturday March 25th

National Vietnam Veterans Day is normally celebrated on March 29th but the Veterans Memorial in Fort Wayne will pay tribute on Saturday March 25th so more veterans can attend. It will start at 11am at the Vietnam Memorial Wall. All the Vietnam Veterans and MIA's from Allen County who are on the wall will be honored. Veterans from the Vietnam War will read the names of local soldiers who died in Vietnam. The public is invited to attend.

National Vietnam Veterans Day is a relatively new military holiday and was signed into law by President Donald Trump in 2017, five years after President Barack Obama proclaimed the holiday in 2012, according to White House archives. The purpose of the holiday is to commemorate the service and sacrifices made by the nearly 3 million service members who served in Vietnam.

The reason March 29th was chosen to honor Vietnam Veterans Day is because it was on March 29, 1973, that the last combat troops left South Vietnam and returned to the United States. Only U.S. embassy personnel and support staff remained in South Vietnam until the fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975.

The Veterans Recognition Act of 2017, which named March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day, amended the U.S. flag code to include National Vietnam War Veterans Day as a day on which the flag should be flown.

In his proclamation, Obama explained why it is



important to create and recognize National Vietnam War Veterans Day. He wrote that the Vietnam War is “a story of patriots who braved the line of fire, who cast themselves into harm’s way to save a friend, who fought hour after hour, day after day to preserve the liberties we hold dear.”

“Yet, in one of the war’s most profound tragedies, many of these men and women came home to be shunned or neglected – to face treatment unbecoming their courage and a welcome unworthy of their example,” the proclamation continued. “We must never let this happen again.”

Today National Vietnam War Veterans Day honors everyone who served on active duty in the U.S. military from Nov. 1, 1955, to May 15, 1975. More than 9 million Americans served in the military during the era, and all who served deserve honor and respect for their service and sacrifice.

A Message from the Commander

by Greg Bedford, Commander

As we started out the first quarter of 2023 the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum has had our share of challenges. We have also had plenty of success stories, too. The W. Paul Wolf War History Museum is almost completed. AEP had to run new electrical lines under the property and install a new transformer to power the new museum and chapel. NIPSCO had to upgrade the natural gas meter to heat the new building, while Hattersley and Sons did the underground boring for the new gas line feed along with the sewer and water feeds.

We put in a new lift station to handle the sewage from both the Museum and Sterling Chapel. Speaking of the Chapel, the foundation should be poured and construction has already begun on this exciting new project. We have spoken with D.O. McComb and Sons and the new Memorial Columbarium will be installed in the Spring adjacent to the Chapel.

The look of the Veterans Memorial Park will take on a new look with the recent announcement of a new Korean Monument to be completed by Veterans Day. It is finally all coming together with the help of our Board Members, fabulous vendors and contractors. You have done a superb job under difficult weather conditions and some unexpected expenses on change orders we did not project in our original budget. We are still in need of additional dollars to complete our exciting plans to make the Veterans Memorial a first class national facility. Any help from our Veterans and citizens in our community are welcome no matter what the donation amount. Every little bit helps. We'll get there. I know we will! Thanks to our many friends and donors who continue to support our mission. "Where no veteran will ever be forgotten!"

Civil War Monument Donated to the Veterans Shrine and Museum



Chris and Glen Bickel recently presented a check for \$14,000 for construction of a new Civil War Monument. Ley Monument in Avilla, IN is making the beautiful Black Granite Monument that will be dedicated Memorial Weekend. Pictured (L) to (R) are Pat Fraizer, 1st Vice Commander, Eric Johnson, 2nd Vice Commander, Chris and Glen Bickel and Board Member Bud Mendenhall. We appreciate your support and your generous donation.

American Legion Post 97 \$9,000 Donation



American Legion Post 97 Auburn, IN recently donated \$9,000 to the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum. Pictured (L) to (R) are Tom Schmitt Board Member, Bill Towle Commander of Post 97, Eric Johnson, 2nd Vice Commander at the Shrine, Board Member, Bud Mendenhall and Museum Curator Robert Thomas. Thank you so much for your continued support of our mission!

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Calendar of Events

March Events

Women's History Month

- March 3 Navy Reserve Birthday
- March 4 Hug a G.I. Day
- March 5 Seabee Birthday
- March 12 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 13 K-9 Veterans Day
- March 15 American Legion Birthday
- March 17 Saint Patrick's Day
- March 21 Rosie the Riveter Day
- March 25 Medal of Honor Day/National Vietnam Veterans Program 11 am at the Vietnam Wall on O'Day Rd. Paying tribute to all local Vietnam Veterans killed in the war
- March 27 Museum closed until Memorial Day Weekend
- March 29 National Vietnam Veterans Day (Observed)

April Events

- April 1 April Fools Day
- April 5 Gold Star Spouses Day
- April 7 Good Friday
- April 9 National Former POW Recognition Day
- April 14 Air Force Reserve Birthday
- April 15 Purple Up Day
- April 23 Army Reserve Birthday
- April 30 National Military Brats Day

May Events

- Month of Military Caregivers*
- National Military Appreciation Month*
- First full week of May:*
- Public Service Recognition Week*
- National Correction Officer Week*

May Events *continued*

- May 1 Silver Star Service Banner Day
Loyalty Day
- May 2 National Day of Prayer
- May 6-12 National Nurses Week
- May 8 VE Day
- May 12 Military Spouses Appreciation Day
- May 13-20 Armed Forces Week
- May 13 Children of Fallen Patriots Day
- May 14 Mother's Day
- May 15 Peace Officers Memorial Day
- May 20 Armed Forces Day
- May 20 Armed Forces Endurance Run at Memorial Grounds 7 am to 7pm
- May 22 Maritime Day
- May 26 Annual Watch Fire starts at Veterans Memorial ends May 27
- May 27 Dedication of the W. Paul Wolf War History Museum
- May 28 Wreath Laying Ceremony by Rolling Thunder - 1 pm. Remembering MIA's of Allen County. Public Invited

Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum Celebrates 50 years of Incorporation.



Eric and Cleo Scott, founders of the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum incorporated the business in 1973 at 2122 O'Day Road in Fort Wayne. This year we celebrate 50 years of being incorporated at this 40 acre

military destination. Dedication weekend is Memorial Day Weekend so you'll want to plan on coming out and see everything that's new on the memorial grounds. We will be publishing a special souvenir magazine that advertisers and individuals can place their ads in, that will be distributed during the dedication weekend and throughout the year. For advertising information contact Board Member Eric Johnson at 260-267-5022.

Dr. Lori Goss-Reaves Visits the Vietnam Wall



Commander Greg Bedford and 2nd Vice Commander Eric Johnson had a special visitor in December, and she made quite an impression on both of them. Lori has written a book about her father Larry Jo Goss, who was a Navy Corpsman killed in Vietnam in 1968. At the time, Lori was just 3 years old, so she never really got to know her father. But that did not stop her from knowing about where he died, how he died and the sacrifices he made for the Marine Company he served with.

Two trips to Vietnam brought closure to where he was killed and how it happened. Today she is a true inspiration for veterans everywhere, especially

Vietnam Veterans. Lori and her son Casey visited with us at the Shrine and Museum and we walked and talked about her Dad and found his name on the Memorial Wall. It was a very moving experience for us both. We made an instant connection with her and her son.

Her book, “Kiss Lori for Me” details her quest to find the truth about her father’s death and all she went through to finally have closure for her and her family. Her book is on sale at the Veterans Shrine and Museum. Well worth the read.



Sterling Chapel Donors

Tim Fitzgerald and John Widmann, pictured here with 1st Vice Commander Pat Fraizer, Commander Greg Bedford and Board Members Bud Mendenhall and Dan Stark.

Tim and John recently donated to the Sterling Chapel, now under construction. Thank you gentlemen for your generous donation.



Ghost Army Permanent Exhibit Coming to the War History Museum

The new W. Paul Wolf War History Museum will have a permanent interactive exhibit featuring the Ghost Army and hometown hero Bill Blass. A “Blasstastic” team of 8 local people brought the Bill Blass 100 Birthday Celebration to Fort Wayne last summer. It featured Ghost Army exhibits and an inflatable tank at the History Center and the Veterans Memorial Shrine and Museum. Their enthusiasm continues with Bill Blass Legacy, Inc. and the creation of a digital archive at the Allen County Public Library. As part of this continued focus, Kathy and Dave Carrier made a generous donation to fund the Ghost Army permanent exhibit at our War History Museum. Rick Beyer, author and coordinator of the national Ghost Army organization, is working with local designers to create the exhibit. He has access to spectacular photos of the Ghost Army and is also writing the content.



When the Ghost Army was here in Fort Wayne, it was a big hit with Veterans and visitors at the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum. The story is about a 1,000-man deception unit created during WWII to deceive the German Army.

People were intrigued to learn that famous

fashion designer Bill Blass, a native of Fort Wayne, was a member of this unit. The exhibit will debut when the War History Museum opens in May.

Did You Know That...?

- The “Soldier and Sailor’s Civil Relief Act of 1940:” provides basic legal protection against lawsuits while on active duty.
- Other than the Air Force, the Marines Corps is the service branch that requires the highest general ASVAB (Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery) test score in order to join.
- The Navy has six big fleets with which to control its sphere of influence around the world. Each fleet is led by an admiral.
- On average, the Navy ties with the Coast Guard for having the fastest promotion rate to the rank of E-9.
- The Army is used for all sorts of political and defensive purposes. Therefore, America is more likely to use the Army to accomplish a “national objective”.
- The Coast Guard lives by the motto “Always ready,” so whether that means saving people at sea or doing battle, the Coast Guard is always prepared. One of its primary tasks is maritime law enforcement in both domestic and international waters.
- America’s annual defense budget of over \$816.7 billion dollars for its armed forces account for about 40% of the world’s total military expenditures.

NOTICE

The Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum will be closing March 27th due to moving all our artifacts to the new W. Paul Wolf War History Museum next door. We apologize for the inconvenience but must close so all new exhibits, displays and collections can be properly organized and set up in the new facility. We will re-open as we dedicate the new museum, on Saturday May 27th. Memorial grounds will still be open 24/7. Check our website for updated information at honoringforever.org

A short history of the MIA/POW Flag

Closely associated with the recognition of Vietnam Veterans and the service and sacrifice of soldiers and their families is the MIA/POW flag. Many government buildings, corporate HQ's, and veterans still fly this flag as a reminder that not everyone comes home from war.



By the early 1970's, due to the increased number of POW and MIA's that were known by family members, some had long advocated for a symbol to represent the plight of family with serving soldiers and airman who were missing. Following approval by the the National League of POW/MIA Families Board of Directors at a meeting held in January 1972, POW/MIA flags were manufactured for distribution. Wanting the widest possible dissemination and use of this symbol to advocate for improved treatment for and answers on American POW/MIAs, no trade mark or copyright was sought. As a result, widespread use of the League's POW/MIA flag is not restricted legally.

Currently, according to the Pentagon's Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office, there are currently 83,204 unaccounted for U.S. personnel, including 73,547 from World War II, 7,883 from the Korean War, 126 from the Cold War, 1,581 from the Vietnam War and six from Iraq and other recent conflicts. (As of January 2023, there are 1,241 still missing in Vietnam, 285 in Laos, 48 in Cambodia, and 7 in China's territorial waters.)

This flag will fly until all POW/ MIA (BNR) are accounted for from all wars the U. S. has participated in this century and last.

Volunteers wanted to help at the Veterans Memorial

Soon the weather will be getting better and the new War History Museum will be completed. What a great time to start thinking about our memorial grounds, flowerbeds and landscaping. If you have a desire to work outside, we can always use your help. Whether it's a certain day or a couple hours a week, we would like to start compiling a list of volunteers to help the Veterans Memorial Shrine and Museum on an on-going basis.

Bonnie Davis is a Board Member and our volunteer coordinator. She can give you a better idea of what our needs are and how you might be able help! We are very flexible, and willing to train anyone who volunteers. Bonnie can be reached by phone at **260-267-5022**.

Legacy Bricks Update

Anyone who has purchased a Legacy Brick since we started the campaign will have it installed on the front of the new Sterling Chapel when it is completed. All bricks that have been purchased and shipped to the Veterans Memorial Shrine and Museum are safely stored, waiting on installation.

If you still want to purchase a Legacy Brick to be displayed on this Veterans Honor Wall, there is still time to order a personalized brick for your veteran. They are available in two sizes and colors. 4" X 8" bricks are \$125 and a larger 8" X 8" brick is \$200.



Go to our website at honoringforever.org to order or simply stop by the Museum during business hours and pickup an order form. It's easy to order and a great way to remember your loved one. **Bricks must be ordered by March 31st.**

Austin Fanning, Army National Guard

Our newsletter will be featuring articles about those still serving all of us. We hope you enjoy meeting active duty women and men.

Austin Fanning has a true north in his life: Grandfather Walter “Bud” Mendenhall. Fanning currently serves as Assistant Section Chief on Team Fort Wayne in the Recruiting and Retention Battalion. His primary duties are to ensure our region meets the Adjutant General of Indiana’s intent to meet and/or exceed our fiscal year end strength.



He said, “My duties include managing eight NCO’s in the NE region of Indiana that ranges from Fort Wayne up to the Michigan border. The mission of our team is to inform Hoosiers of the benefits that come along with serving our state and nation as a uniformed service member.”

Fanning was born and raised in Fort Wayne where he attended North Side High School and Indiana Tech. He has been active since February 10, 2010. His multiple Military Occupation Specialties include 88M and 92F, focusing on transportation and logistics and 79T, recruitment and retention of new and current service members.

While his decision to join was not immediate, he became aware through a friend of possibilities and benefits. “The decision to join the military was not planned, thought out, or anything I considered until I met my recruiter. After graduating high school, I started working at BF Goodrich where my father worked and still works to this day.”

Fanning was out one night and ran into a former track star that graduated from his high school a year before. “He and I spent almost an hour catching up with one another. Throughout our conversation I was inspired by his stories and experiences of the time he spent in Iraq and Afghanistan along with the time he was activated to Hurricane Katrina in 2005. The very next day I was filling out my enlistment paperwork,” he remarked.

Very important to Fanning is family. “Grandfather, Walter ‘Bud’ Mendenhall is a Navy veteran that served on a minesweeper during the Korean War. Grandpa Bud has been married for 62 years to my grandmother, continues to spend his time volunteering within his community and within the Veteran community. He has and continues to be my true north that I follow.” Bud is a long time and faithful board member at the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum:

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New Korean Monument Coming Soon

The Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum is currently working with a local Korean War Veteran (as the donor) and a production facility to produce an exciting tribute to all those soldiers that served during the Korean War. The plans include (9) seven foot tall statues of Korean Soldiers serving in combat. The faces on those soldiers will be faces of actual Korean Veterans from Fort Wayne and northeast Indiana. This will make an impact on all Veterans and visitors to the Veterans Memorial Park. Completion date is set for Veterans Day November 11th.



New Artifacts at the Museum

by Robert Thomas

In 1903, the US Army would replace the Krag-Jorgenson Rifle with a new rifle created by an American design. This weapon would be designated the Springfield Armory M1903 Rifle. Initially it used a .30-03 caliber cartridge similar to the German Kar 98 Rifle. The German government sued the US government for copyright infringement, and the US would have to pay a \$200,000 fine for the infringement. In less than three years, the US military would convert original rifles and produce the newer rifles to use a .30-06 cartridge.

When the US was pulled into the Great War (World War I), the M1903 Rifle was the primary weapon. This rifle in our collection was built during the war in 1918 and started as a sniper rifle. This rifle would be kept in the US Military between the World Wars. In World War II, this rifle was issued to the American Army Soldier, he was an expert marksman and given the job of sniper in the platoon.

At the end of the war, this weapon was chosen as part of the Civilian Military Program that converts rifles from military use to a civilian sporting design. This rifle had the stock replaced and a new mechan-



US Army M1903 Sniper Rifle in World War I, standard Sniper Sight (Colorized)

ical sight. It was acquired by the soldier that carried the weapon in World War II. He would keep this prized weapon in his collection as a reminder of his service. This weapon is donated to the museum after he passes away.

This weapon may not be in the original design, but it is a rare weapon from the World Wars and the story of how some of the weapons of war were converted to civilian use for hunting and sport shooting.



Sport Model M1903 Rifle (1918 manufactured)

★ The Mission of the Shrine ★

- To provide a forever memorial for all military Veterans of the United States.
- To educate today's youth on the history of war and conflicts that the United States has been involved in defending the freedoms we enjoy every day.
- To preserve artifacts of their service; to give future generations a better understanding and appreciation of the historical past of the United States.

The Veteran Shrine Wish List

Donations are always accepted and if you would like to give to the Shrine, here is a list of things we are always in need of! Thanks for your consideration.

Our Amazon wish list can be found at

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/27NQLHCX7VJIP?ref_=wl_share

First Aid kit

White cotton gloves, size large

Storage containers, Sterlite 66 quart, clear with latch lids

Trash containers, exterior (2)

Trash containers, restroom (2)

Trash container, gift shop

Trash container, coffee café

Mirrors for restrooms (2)

Dust mop 48"x5" (like those used on a gymnasium floor)

Triple Action High Reach Dusting Kit | Webster Cobweb Ceiling Fan Duster with 13 to 20 Foot Extension Telescope Pole | Lightweight Microfiber Cleaning Set

Swiffer duster refills

Vinyl fence with gate

Perennials

Mulch

River Rock

Laptop

HP Ink 63XL

Copy paper

60" round tables, white for event center (10)

Chairs, white for event center (60)

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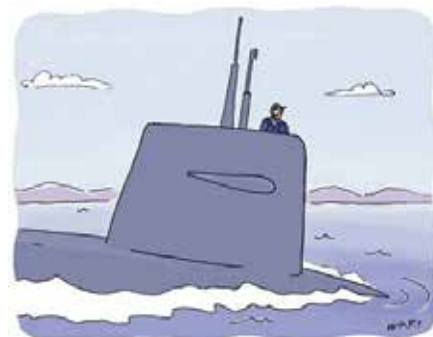
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"Hey, it's been great talking to you,
Mom, but I really have to go."

The Rest of the story about Teddy Roosevelt's Stolen Boat

by Tom Schmitt

First a brief history of Theodore Roosevelt.

Theodore Roosevelt, also known as Teddy and TR, was born October 27, 1858 in New York City. Born into a rather wealthy New York family, Roosevelt had the funds to travel numerous times to the Dakota Badlands for hunting trips. In September 1883, at the age of 24, he enjoyed the frontier life more than the city life of New York City. He purchased the Maltese Cross ranch in the Dakota territory. He really did not purchase the land, he just paid off the previous squatter, as the land had not been plotted or deeded at that time. After the death of his wife and mother in 1884, he purchased the Elkhorn Ranch because it was more secluded and he wanted to be alone. He traveled often between New York and the Dakota territories. TR was very active in New York politics mostly being a reformer and a pain to the corrupt political machine in place at the time. While living at the Elkhorn Ranch in 1886 he was appointed a deputy sheriff. In 1898 when war was declared with Spain, he organized the 1st Volunteer Cavalry, known as the "Rough Riders". Then with the charge up San Juan Hill in Cuba on July 1st he became a national hero of the Spanish/American War.

Also in 1898 he became the Governor of New York, still causing problems for the party bosses. They decided to get rid of him by installing him in as Vice President to McKinley, thinking he could cause no problems there. When McKinley was assassinated on September 14th, Teddy became the 26th President of the United States.

This was the last thing that the political bosses wanted, and he let them know it. TR was re-elected in 1904. While President, he battled with JP Morgan and John D Rockefeller, breaking up their monopolies and those of many other "robber" barons.

He created the National Park Service in the year 1903. He also created the Panama Canal Zone and started the construction of the Panama Canal.

During the years 1904 and 1905 he worked to end the Russo-Japanese War. While seeking re-election in 1912, he was shot in the chest, protected somewhat by the speech in his pocket, he finished the entire speech before going to the doctor. At this time he was worried about the problem in Europe and the plans America should make for the coming war. Theodore Roosevelt died in New York January 6, 1919.



**26th President of the
United States**

**Rough Rider
Teddy Roosevelt**



The theft of Teddy's boat!

President Theodore Roosevelt often spoke and wrote about the theft of his boat and the adventure that followed. Being a politician, over the years the story grew and became more politically acceptable.

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Teddy Roosevelt's Stolen Boat

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In late march 1886 Theodore Roosevelt's boat was tied to a tree on the bank of the Little Missouri River. The boat was used to cross the river to take care of the cattle and horses that were kept on the other side due to better grazing land. The spring thaw had come and the river was somewhat open. However at times its blocked with large blocks of ice and ice jams. One morning the ranch manager informed TR that the boat is missing and the rope has been cut. His boat had been stolen. He thought he knew who took the boat, a man named Mike Finnigan and two others living up stream. These three men were local vigilantes and were about to hang for horse stealing and other crimes.

Everyone on the ranch told Roosevelt that he could not do anything about the missing boat, as passage on the land at that time of year was rough and getting through the ice flows on the river was next to impossible. They had no boat, and the thieves were long gone. Roosevelt decided that lawlessness and theft could not be tolerated, and the boat thieves must be captured. He had his workers construct a flat-bottom boat. After it was completed and loaded with supplies, Roosevelt and two of his men, Sewall and Dow started down the river after the thieves. The criminals had a six-day head start. TR and his men caught up to them in two days. The men with Finnigan were in no hurry as they thought they had the only boat on the river and no one would be crazy enough to follow them in such terrible weather. (It was sometimes zero degrees overnight.) When they approached the thieves' camp, there was only one man and he was captured without incident on April 1st. The other two were off hunting, so Roosevelt and his men just waited for their return. They were both captured without a shot.

Now the task was to get the prisoners to the sheriff in Mandan along the river. This would be done by floating down the Little Missouri river to the Missouri river, a distance of about 200 miles. It was



so cold that Roosevelt was unwilling to tie-up Finnigan and the others fearing that they might freeze to death or get frost bite on their hands and feet. So they posted a 24 hour guard on the prisoners. Roosevelt didn't require that they remove their shoes and socks at night, thinking

that this would prevent any attempt at escaping, as they were in cactus country. Progress down the river was very slow, mostly due to the ice jams, often making only two miles in a day. With the constant freezing and thawing, sometimes the ice on the river edges was too thick to force the boat through to reach the shore. It surely was not thick enough to walk on, so they spent the night in the boats. Roosevelt had put two of the prisoners in one boat tied to the front of his flat bottom boat. He kept Finnigan right beside him to keep a close eye on him. When they reached an ice jam, all they could do was wait until enough water built up behind the jam to break through!

One time they waited eight days. Progress was slow and supplies were running short. Roosevelt decided to change the plan if the opportunity arose and travel overland. Eventually, they passed a place where TR could borrow a horse. He rode 15 miles to a place where he hired a wagon team and a driver. When he returned, he had Sewall and Dow take charge of the boats, and he alone took charge of the prisoners. The captives were put into the wagon with the driver, who Roosevelt did not trust. The driver didn't understand why they didn't just hang the

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Teddy Roosevelt's Stolen Boat

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men and go home. Roosevelt tries to explain to the driver that this was not the proper thing to do. Roosevelt walked behind the wagon carrying a Winchester rifle. Due to the conditions the wagon traveled so slowly that he could easily keep up walking. Now in those terrible conditions, he was required to stay awake the rest of the adventure. During the day he was forced to walk in ankle deep mud, and at night it refroze and snowed. They completed a march of over fifty miles. When they arrived in the new destination of Dickerson, TR turned the thieves over to the local sheriff and received \$50 dollars Deputy Sheriff pay, which included payment for his 300 mile trip and supplies. His feet were so swollen and infected that he could barely walk. He visited a Dr. Stickney, who treated his feet and was afraid TR would loose both his feet. Roosevelt and doctor Stickney became lifelong friends. Doctor Stickney later said that when Roosevelt arrived, he was completely covered in mud and was all eyes and teeth. Roosevelt waited there for his feet to heal and more of spring weather to arrive before returning to his ranch. Finnigan later received 25 months in prison, and with Roosevelt's help the other two thieves mostly had the charges against them dropped. Finnigan later sent a letter to TR asking him to come to the prison and visit him.

Souvenir Spotlight

Now in stock soft Women's T-Shirts, short sleeve available in Heather and long sleeve available in Black. Sizes M-2XL 50/50 cotton/polyester with Veterans Memorial Shrine logo on left front.

Short Sleeve

\$20 each

Long Sleeve

\$25 each



★ Donations Accepted ★

The Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum operates solely on donations from our visitors, private individuals, and patriotic organizations. We welcome in-kind donations of services or materials that enhance our mission. We are a 501(C)(3) not for profit organization as recognized by the IRS regulations. All donations are tax deductible.



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Artifact Preservation

by Robert Thomas

Our museum has many artifacts that create our displays. Our museum collects, maintains, displays and investigates the story of artifacts. Artifacts in the museum will break down from past use, conditions of storage, and natural decay over the years.

To minimize the deterioration of the artifacts, preservation is needed for the future. Artifacts need archival-safe and chemically free materials. Items used in preservation are acid-free, such as boxes, tissue, paper, foam, and hangers.

In the protection of photographs, special adhesive made for photos should be used to mount in albums. These items can be bought at craft stores that have scrapbook supplies. A very light pencil mark can be used to write on the back of photo paper. This type of pencil should be #2. These same pencils can be used to mark paper artifacts. All writing should be done as softly as possible on the object. Some items need even more attention to preserve them. One example is rolled photographs that have to be unfolded in a long and delicate process. This will take several days using controlled humidity to slowly allow the photo to unfold without creating cracks in the picture. This is just one of many processes used to protect the collections for the future generations.

The museum uses acid-free paper tags to mark items. Small tags are used upon very small objects. If an object is very large or made of metal that has no place to attach a tag, paint can be used to leave a mark upon it. All artifacts are researched for provenance and condition for future preservation on the computer and paperwork for the museum.

These items are just some of the cost to keep the artifacts around for the future. Donations help purchase the items needed to help preserve the artifacts. Preventive maintenance on artifacts will insure these items will be around in the future to tell the tale of the American Military in the wars.

Items needed for the Collection Department:

- Acid Free Paper
- Photo Frames
- Binder Clips
- Paper Clips
- HP 952 Ink Cartridges – Both Black & Color
- Photo Glue Tape
- Binders
- Manila Folders
- Acid Free Boxes
- Acid Free Markers
- #2 Pencils
- DVD Markers
- Cardstock
- Digital Displays
- Page Protectors
- Photo Protectors
- Mannequins
- Flag Shadow Boxes
- Foam Board
- Rifle Mount Stands
- Pistol Mount Stands
- Poster Frames
- ½” Round Brushes
- Q-tips
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2023**



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