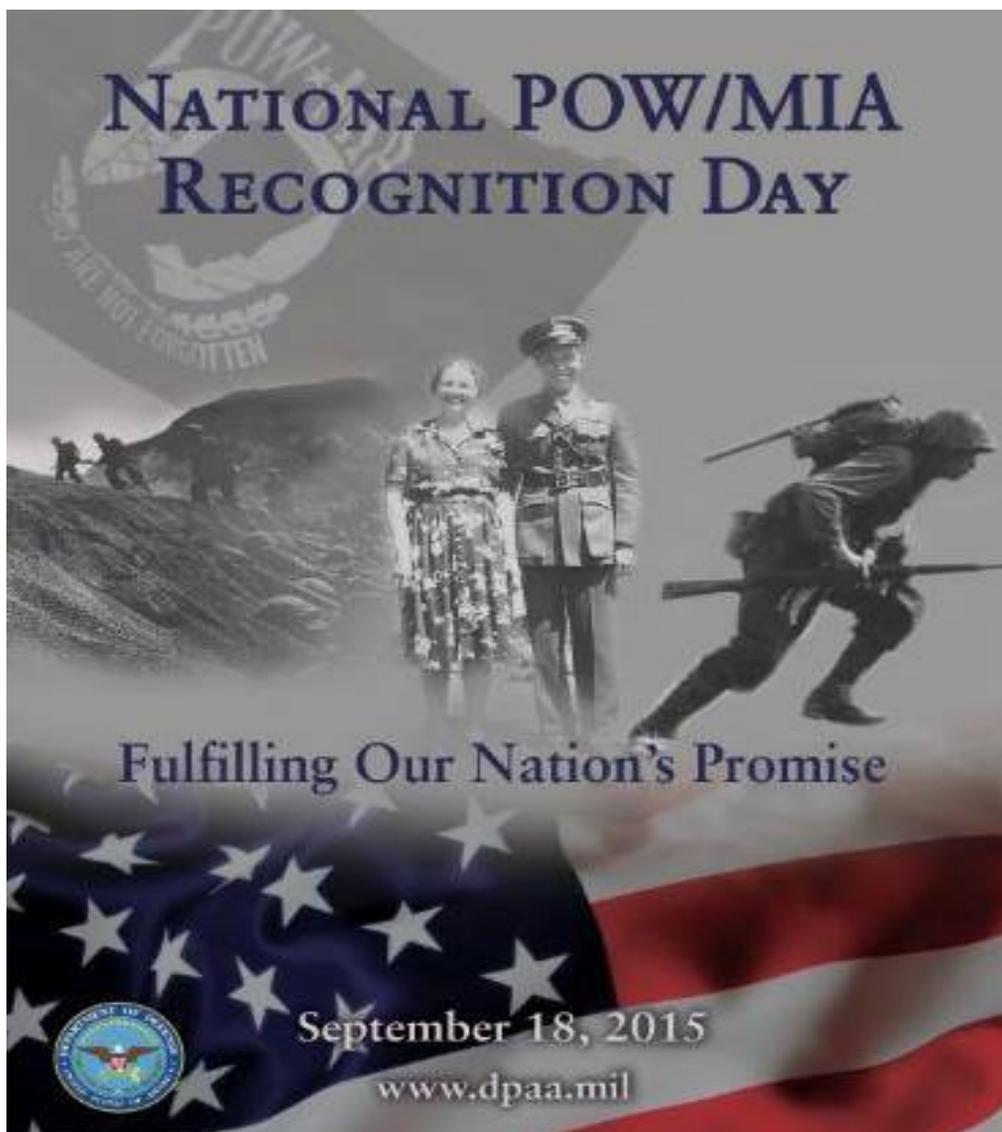


The Miami Valley
Military History Museum



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Third Quarter 2015



CURATOR'S CORNER

The third quarter of 2015 has been very busy for us - planning is already underway for the next Patriot Freedom Festival, and we can always use volunteers to help – come out and join us! As always, we've been extremely active throughout the area with tours and presentations; to date we've had 28 tours and presentations, with another 16 scheduled through December (on par for our total in 2014), plus two more already booked for the summer of 2016. We're rapidly approaching the 1,400 visitor mark in our Guest Book (our grand total for all of 2014 was 774) – this typically represents about one third of the number of people who've come to see our displays.

We're pleased to welcome aboard Catherine Beers as our Public Affairs Officer. Catherine (Cathy) is a veteran of 6 years service in the United States Air Force; she served tours of duty in Alabama, Alaska, Ohio, and the NORAD/Space Command Headquarters in Colorado. She is a former freelance writer on military family life for the Dayton Daily News. Cathy has hit the ground running and is making great headway in getting the word out about us. She's also serving on the Patriot Freedom Festival marketing and AVHC Walk of Honor committees. Additionally, she's also featured in our weekly "What's that artifact?" on our Facebook page - thanks Cathy!



Nearly every week we receive items from across the country – but we're not as well known locally as we need to be! Please continue to “talk us up” with friends and family! You can help by forwarding this newsletter to people who have an interest in our military heritage, or “Like” us on Facebook and invite your friends to do the same – the more people that know about us the better! Please, continue to help us “**spread the word**” - we've got a lot of great history here!

Veterans Day will soon be upon us – Originally established as Armistice Day to memorialize those who died in World War I, it was changed to Veterans Day in 1954. In 1945, World War II veteran Raymond Weeks from Birmingham, Alabama, had the idea to expand Armistice Day to celebrate all veterans, not just those who died in World War I. Weeks led a delegation to Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, who supported the idea of National Veterans Day. Weeks led the first national celebration in 1947 in Alabama and annually until his death in 1985. President Reagan honored Weeks at the White House with the Presidential Citizenship Medal in 1982 as the driving force for the national holiday. Elizabeth Dole, who prepared the briefing for President Reagan, determined Weeks as the "Father of Veterans Day."

To all our Veterans, “Thanks” for your service...and to our brothers and sisters who served in Vietnam...

WELCOME HOME!

Respectfully,

Mark Conrad, MSgt, USAF, RET
Curator

DONATIONS QUARTERLY WRAP UP:

We're very happy to add an extensive Iwo Jima group. Captain (then Lieutenant) James Schwendeman originally enlisted in the 112th Engineer Regiment of the 37th Infantry Division (Ohio) in January 1941. He was then commissioned as an Ordnance officer in 1942, and assigned to the 457th Fighter Squadron (Very Long Range), which was sent to Iwo Jima in March 1945 to fly support missions against the Japanese home islands. He was discharged from the Army Air Forces in 1946. This is a very complete group of winter and summer weight uniforms and accessories as well as some great war trophies – including this Imperial Japanese Army helmet and cover. Thanks, Martha!



We received three boxes of uniforms and accouterments belonging to Sgt Charles E. Nelson, who served in the Corps from 1966 to 1974. Unfortunately, he was killed in an auto accident in 1974; his effects were boxed and stored by his mother until now. Thanks Patsy and Terry!

Without the generosity of people interested in preserving our military heritage, museums like ours couldn't exist – space doesn't permit an individual listing of all the donations we've received, but we want to thank the following groups and/or individuals for helping us tell the stories of the defenders our great nation. (*an asterisk indicates multiple donations*):

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| Jackie Shook (Ohio) | Barbara Knisley (Ohio) | Martha Beasley (Ohio) | Matt Pearson (Ohio) |
| Daughters of the Union (Ohio) | *Catherine I. Beers (Ohio) | George and Jane Duke (Ohio) | |
| Nicholas J. Nawroth (Ohio) | *Ray Freeland (Ohio) | Patsy and Terry Blousser (Ohio) | |
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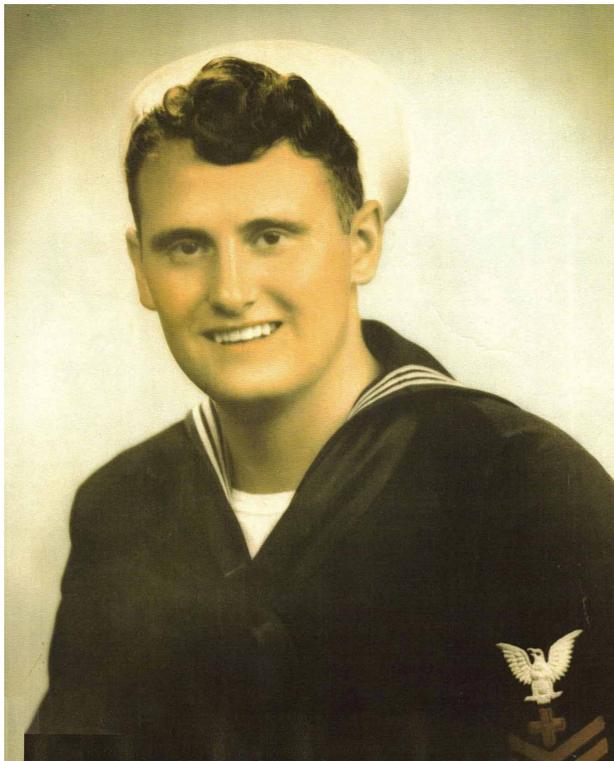
...and many anonymous donors.

FEATURED ARTIFACT(S): Japanese Type 38 rifle

We received a Type 38 Arisaka rifle (6.5mm) - what makes it special for us is that it was a war trophy of Chaplain Robert I. Brown, who served as one of the Protestant Chaplains here at the VA campus. In World War II, he served in the Navy as a Pharmacist Mate, and at the end of the war took this rifle from a pile of surrendered weapons.

A little history of Chaplain Brown's ship: YMS-309 (Minesweeper) -Participated in the invasion of Okinawa. Swept mines on both the western and eastern side of Okinawa. After the war was ordered to Sasebo, Japan, Nov. 1945, to sweep for new type acoustic mines. Late Nov. ordered to Inland Sea where she swept mines at Hiroshima channels and the naval harbor of Kure. Returned to Pearl Harbor in late Dec. 1945.

This weapon was made at Koishikawa/Tokyo, which produced Type 38s from 1905 to 1935, and based on the serial number, this one was probably made around 1918. In the 1920's, the Japanese government decreed that all high school juniors and seniors were to receive at least 2 hours of military training a week. At some point in time, the rifle was withdrawn from military service and sent to a school as a training rifle (as indicated by two "0's" stamped in front of the serial number, the Imperial Chrysanthemum ground off, as well as the inventory number "57" painted on the stock). That also explains why no two parts on the weapon match - as the guns were used pretty hard, when they broke the students cannibalized other guns to make complete ones. The barrel also has a blockage in it..which could be hardened cosmoline (lubricant), or it could have a permanent block to prevent firing (also common with weapons turned over to schools). At the end of WWII, all weapons had to be turned in, and schools were not exempted, which explains how it ended up being a war trophy - Thanks Vicki (and Philip and Meredith)!



FREE SERVICES WE PROVIDE:

- Speakers Bureau
- Veterans Roll of Honor
- Veterans History Project
- Operation FOOTLOCKER
- Genealogy and research archives
- Awards and Decorations Replacement

The Veterans Roll of Honor can be found at: <http://www.mvmhm.com/vroh.htm>. To submit a veteran for the Roll of Honor, email their full name, rank, branch of service, service history and awards and decorations (these are optional), to our Curator at curator@mvmhm.com. You may submit only a name, or you can also include a picture; if no picture is available, the appropriate service emblem will be used. (Note that we reserve the right to edit submissions for clarity, grammar and spelling.)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Thursday, October 1, 2015, 5:00PM: Presentation and tour for the Dayton Chapter of the American Heritage Girls.
- Tuesday, October 6, 2015, 12:00PM: Presentation and tour for the University of Dayton.
- Thursday, October 8, 2015, Museum "Get to know us" campaign table in the VA Medical Center lobby.
- Saturday, October 10, 2015, Museum "Get to know us" campaign booth at the Greene.
- Saturday, October 17, 2015, 6:00PM: Halloween American Veterans Paranormal Service presentation; open to the public.
- Saturday, October 24, 2015, 10:00AM: Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War quarterly meeting.
- Tuesday, October 27, 2015, Museum "Get to know us" campaign table and raffle in the VA Medical Center lobby.
- Thursday, November 5, 2015, Museum "Get to know us" campaign table in the VA Medical Center lobby.
- Saturday, November 7, 2015, 1:00PM: Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, William T. Sherman Camp #93 meeting.
- Sunday, November 8, 2015, 4:00PM: Veterans Day 5K Run, Walk, and Roll at the Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Center.
- Wednesday, November 11, 2015, 9:00AM to 4:00PM: Open house in conjunction with the Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Center
- Thursday, November 19, 2015, 12:30PM: Presentation for the East Dayton Senior Collaborative.
- Thursday, December 3, 2015, Museum "Get to know us" campaign table in the VA Medical Center lobby.
- Monday, December 7, 2015: Pearl Harbor Day.
- Sunday, December 13, 2015, 11:00AM: Presentation and tour for the Greater Dayton Womens Republican Club.

Bryan Cranston at the MVMHM

On June 30th, we were the location for the filming of a segment of an episode of "Who do you think you are?" (and for which our local genealogist Carolyn J. Burns did some major work!). The featured actor was Bryan Cranston, star of "Seinfeld", "Malcom in the Middle", and "Breaking Bad"; the episode aired on the TLC Channel on August 23rd.

That was a pretty busy day and not a lot of time for picture taking, unfortunately, and I forgot to take pictures of Kyle and Amy (his siblings). After the day's shooting was over, I gave the three of them a tour of our historic

Protestant and Catholic Chapels. They went early the next morning to the National Cemetery to film the final segment at his GGGrandfather's gravesite. His segment was filmed on our 2nd deck - Catherine Beers and I spent the weekend before doing a deep cleaning on that floor in preparation - thanks for your hard work, Cathy! His brother and sister were really nice and very personable, but Bryan was all business while the shooting was going on.



Bryan Cranston (center) with VA staff and MVMHM Curator Mark Conrad (right)



(Still shot from program) Bryan Cranston arriving at the MVMHM



(Still shot from program) The antique medical equipment on our second deck.

(Still shot from program) VA historian Tessa Kalman reviewing documents with Bryan Cranston.



MISCELLANEOUS:

Our "Wish List": We're looking for some specific items to fill gaps in our displays/collection – if you have any of these items, please consider donating them!

Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican-American War, Civil War, Spanish-American War, Mexican Border Expedition: *Anything!*

World War I: U.S. Air Service uniforms; U.S. Navy uniforms, any style; Model 1911 .45 pistol; Model 1903 Springfield rifle and parts; Model 1917 Enfield rifle and parts; Model 1914 Hotchkiss Machine Gun ammunition box; U.S. trench boots; German or Austrian uniform tunic; German "Kratzen" soft hat with insignia; German enlisted or officer's pickelhaube ("Spike helmet", Infantry or Artillery); German, Austrian, or Hungarian medals and insignia; German Model 98n/a ("Butcher") saw back bayonet with teeth intact; German Mauser Model 98 rifle; German P08 "Luger" pistol; German steel helmets; Imperial German or Prussian flags

World War II: German uniforms and headgear; German medals and insignia; German M24 stick grenade (inert only); German P08 (Luger) pistol; German P38 pistol; Italian uniforms and headgear of any type; Italian medals and insignia; Italian Carcano rifle; Italian Berretta pistol; Japanese uniforms and headgear; Japanese Imperial Navy helmet; Japanese "last ditch" bayonet and scabbard; Japanese medals and insignia; Japanese "Rising Sun" (rayed) flag; Japanese Nambu or Type 94 pistols; Japanese swords; US Marine herringbone twill uniform; US Marine M1 helmet with cover; Army Air Forces A14 oxygen mask; Army Air Forces leather flight gear; Any Pearl Harbor Purple Heart; US field gear; US medals and insignia; M-1 carbine; M-1 Garand; Model 1911 .45 pistol; 100 pound practice bombs.

How can YOU help preserve our veterans history?

Each day more and more of our veterans are passing away. The last veteran from World War I passed away in February 2011; our World War II veterans are dying at the rate of approximately 1,000 a day. For many younger people, conflicts as recent as Vietnam seem to be "old war movies". Unfortunately, many times when a veteran dies all of his or her history dies with them -we want to bring to life the stories of our veterans and provide a tangible link to them. Donations ensure our continued growth, and preservation of our veteran's stories.

What types of things can you donate?

Uniforms

Insignias

Medals

Photographs

Captured enemy trophies

Anything that will help tell our veteran's stories, especially those from Ohio.

(All donors are credited on the museum's web site.)

Nothing is too small or insignificant!

We can also use items that you feel may be too damaged or worn to restore. Artifacts may be used to support our educational programs such as Operation FOOTLOCKER (a virtual field trip) and the Speakers Bureau.



Operation FOOTLOCKER

THIS QUARTER IN MILITARY HISTORY:

July 1, 1863: Battle of Gettysburg begins.

July 1, 1971: Viet Cong proposed the return of all American and Allied prisoners held in North and South Vietnam by the end of 1971 if all US troops were withdrawn within that same period.

July 3, 1898: The Spanish fleet is destroyed off Santiago, Cuba.

July 9, 1943: Allied forces land in Sicily.

July 15, 1918: Second Battle of the Marne.

July 16, 1779: Battle of Stoney Point.

July 18, 1950: US Cavalry lands at Pohangdong

July 22, 2003: Uday and Qusay Hussein are killed by American forces.

August 1, 1914: Germany, an ally of Austria-Hungary, declares war on Russia and demands the neutrality of Russia's ally France, beginning World War I.

August 2, 1990: Iraq invades Kuwait.

August 2, 1964: US Navy destroyers "Maddox" and "C. Turner Joy" are reported attacked by North Vietnamese torpedo boats in the Gulf of Tonkin

August 4, 1950: Pusan perimeter established in southeastern Korea.

August 7, 1942: US forces begin landing on Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands.

August 16, 1780: Battle of Camden, South Carolina.

August 17, 1961: East Germany begins construction of the Berlin Wall.

August 29, 1862: Second Battle of Bull Run.

September 1, 1939: Germany invades Poland, starting WWII.

September 3, 1969: Ho Chi Minh dies.

September 5, 1917: Riga captured by the Germans, using new tactics based on lightning assault.

September 8, 1781: Battle of Eutaw Springs, South Carolina.

September 11, 2001: Terrorists launch attacks against the United States.

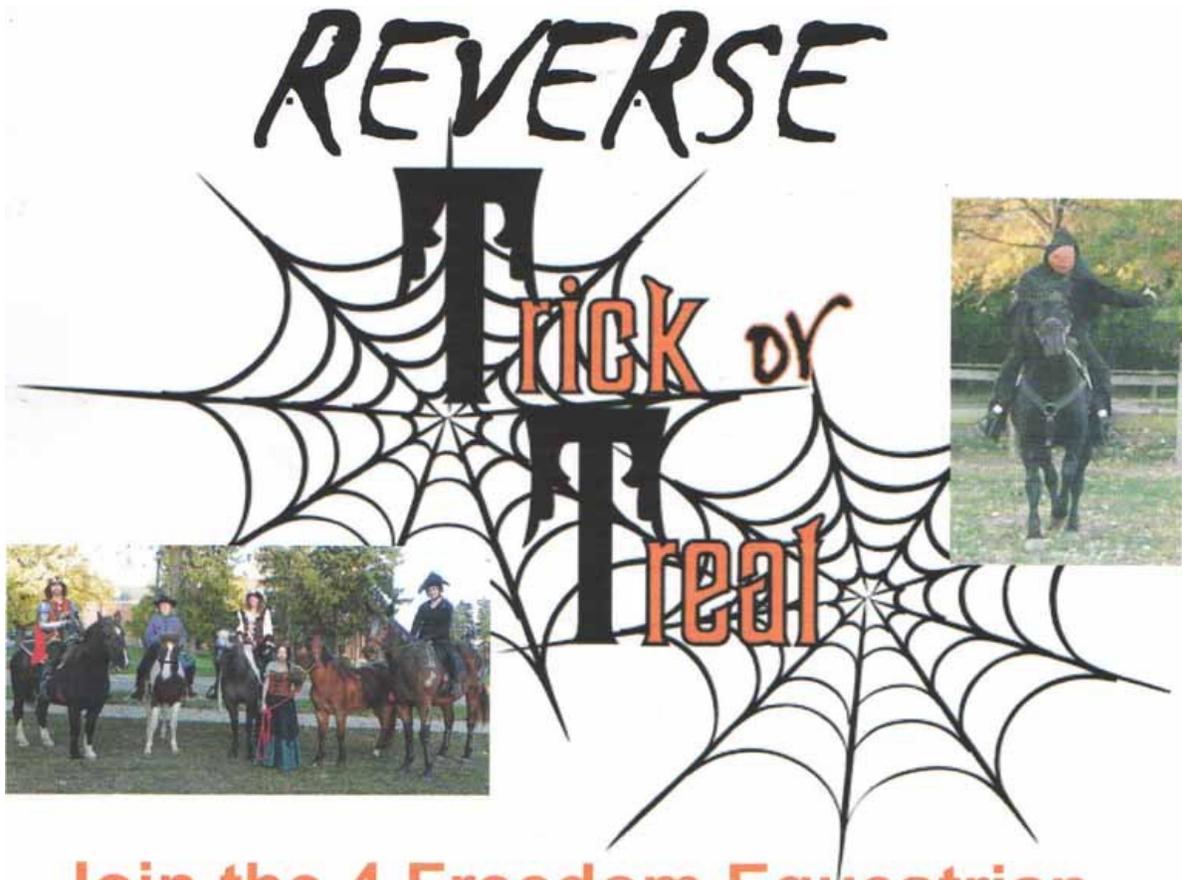
TRIVIA

Last quarter's trivia question was:

During the Korean War, who was quoted as saying "Those poor bastards. They've got us right where we want them. We can fire in any direction now!?" Those words were uttered by Lieutenant General (then Colonel) Lewis Berwell "Chesty" Puller, after being surrounded by ten Chinese Divisions.

This quarter's question is: ***Which U.S. Air Force aircraft uses aerodynamics discovered during research into how bumblebees fly?***

It's that time of year again when the 4 Freedom Equestrian Team does their Reverse Trick or Treat on the 17th of October. Later in the evening (tentatively scheduled for 6PM) we're hosting the American Veterans Paranormal Services as they give a briefing on their program and demonstrate some of their "Ghost Busting" equipment - come out and take a look!



Join the 4 Freedom Equestrian Team and their horses as they bring Trick or Treat to you!!

Saturday, October 17th at 5:30 PM on the Dayton VAMC campus (*Rain date: Oct. 24th)

COME OUTSIDE TO GET A TREAT OR A GIFT FROM THE TEAM!

The Miami Valley Military History Museum is co-located with the American Veterans Heritage Center (a 501c3 organization), located in Building 120, the historic Putnam Library, in the Historic District of the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio.

Please note that although we are located on federal property, we receive NO funding from the Veterans Administration - we operate entirely "out of our own pockets" and with the help of unpaid volunteers.

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Hours of Operation: 9AM to 3PM

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month
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By Appointment

(Please note that opening hours are contingent on volunteer availability)

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