

## 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**



***"Poor is the nation that has no Heroes...shameful is the one having them that forgets."***



**The Miami Valley Military History Museum**



***“It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather, we should thank God that such men lived.”***

**General George S. Patton**

***The Miami Valley Military History Museum was established to:***

- Perpetuate and preserve the memory of the veterans of our Armed Forces past, present, and future;
- Establish a permanent military history museum as a repository for artifacts and research materials
- Highlight the military history of local communities and the state of Ohio
- Foster patriotism and respect for veterans and the Armed Forces.

Our displays begin with the Revolutionary War, and include the history of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers (the "Soldiers Home", now the Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Center), and continue through the Spanish-American War, both World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, the Cold War, Operations DESERT STORM, ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM and Military Operations Other Than War (MOOTW) such as Lebanon, Grenada, and Panama.

All ranks and branches of the service are represented - you'll have the opportunity to see artifacts belonging to privates and generals alike, as well as relics from the opposing side in each conflict. For those interested in World War II, one of our prized artifacts on display is a piece of the USS Arizona, generously donated by the United States Navy. Listen to authentic WWII news broadcasts in our Home Front display, or you can enjoy the Armed Forces Vietnam radio shows playing in the Vietnam display. Do you know how heavy a flak jacket and Kevlar helmet is? We've got them waiting for you to try on!

The next time you're in Dayton, stop by and join us in remembering those who have served in defense of liberty - a place where our veterans are welcomed and honored!

We also offer these **FREE** services:

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

*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.*

Miami Valley Military History Museum  
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Hours of Operation: 9AM to 3PM

Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month  
All Patriotic holidays  
By Appointment

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

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