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## **CURATOR'S CORNER**

MVMHM continues to be a beehive of activity. We've been receiving large groups of artifacts on a fairly steady basis – in one week alone I photographed and edited just over 1,000 photos of new donations (Whew!) Our calendar continues to grow, from requests for speaking engagements to artifact display requests, to veteran reunion groups asking to meet here. Our Speakers Series calendar is full, and we've started getting requests for next year. MVMHM is also part of several America250th events, and in May we'll be holding our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Military History Muster at Calamityville.

All of this is done solely by donations and with the hard work and dedication of unpaid staff and volunteers.

Something worth repeating: As you know, the Museum is an all volunteer organization. We receive no city, county, state or federal funding. We rely on your donations to pay the rent, utilities, and insurance along with the usual necessities of office supplies, maintaining temperature controls, archival supplies, and storage for over 10,000 books, manuals, technical orders, and regulations in our research collection and thousands of your treasured artifacts. This helps us to save this history...YOUR history.

This is your invitation to visit MVMHM and see historic artifacts from the Revolutionary War through our newest branch, the Space Force. Our artifacts cover the full 250 years of our nation's history, representing all ranks, men and women, and all branches of service including the US Coast Guard and the Merchant Marine.

We hold many unique events during the year...

Memorial Day weekend is our fifth annual Military History Muster held in Calamityville on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 5PM **rain or shine**. You'll see reenactors from the Revolutionary War onwards.... You don't want to miss the cannons that are fired every hour on the hour. You'll also be able to visit a representative of the National Park Service, where lifetime passes to all National Parks are free to active duty military, veterans, and Gold Star Families.

The museum is open with extended hours Memorial Day weekend as well on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 5PM.

We hold a monthly speakers series encompassing all things military. These are held on the 2nd Saturday monthly at 2 pm here at the Museum. See our schedule on page 3.

It also takes money to be able to host these & other events throughout the year. Your donations are vital to continue to be able to tell our nation's history. On the last page you'll see different ways you can become a partner with the Museum in continuing our work.

We continue to work towards obtaining the former Fifth Third Bank building, which would nearly triple the amount of space we currently have, and would eliminate a number of the risks associated with a building that includes living spaces over which we have no control. We're also exploring ways that we can share space with the Fairborn Area Historic Society, since we're both working towards the same goal: preserving history and telling the stories of the men and women who've sacrificed so much for us all.

I hope you'll accept my invitation to visit MVMHM and see historic artifacts you won't see anywhere else, and attend our monthly Speakers Series – I promise you, you'll be amazed!

Respectfully,

**Mark Conrad, MSgt, USAF, RET**  
**President and Curator**

## **FROM PUBLIC AFFAIRS / COMMUNITY OUTREACH:**

Rather than just telling you how your donations for Hospice are used, here are two pics from Sunday, March 29th, me putting out some of what we keep on hand for Vets & their families; just some of what we purchased that day. This was one of our two shopping trips at Sam's in March. Other items that we keep on hand for families who don't want to leave their loved-one's side include microwave meals like Stouffers, Healthy Choice, and hot and cold cereal/microwave breakfast items.

We also provide special holiday meals like Easter Sunday Brunch from Bob Evans.



One of the nurses is to thank for decorating every time of year. This is one way of welcoming Vets and families to Hospice and providing a relaxing space for Vets who can come out of their rooms (I get to decorate the Vets rooms.)

And what happens if we don't have enough donations to cover this, and more? Mark and I pay for it personally – it's that important! If you'd like to donate to our hospice support program, please mail your check to the Museum with "MVMHM Charity Fund" in the memo line. Thanks in advance for your support!

In our next newsletter I'll share some pictures of what this table looks like covered with work in progress puzzles and more. If you have any questions please call or email me. Thank you for supporting us, so we can support the Vets & their families at the historic Dayton VA Medical Center!



Sincerely,

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## **MONTHLY SPEAKERS SERIES**

Please join us for our monthly Speakers Series the second Saturday of each month at 2:00PM. If you can't attend in person check our Facebook page for a link to the recorded session. **NOTE: dates, times and events subject to no-notice change.**

**May 9, 2026**, 2:00PM: Catherine I Beers-Conrad, USAF Vet and Gold Star Daughter: *Gold Star Mothers Day and Final Roll Call.*

**June 13, 2026**, 2:00PM: Daniel Kirkpatrick, Colonel, USAF, Retired: *Ethical issues in healthcare in a combat zone.*

**July 11, 2026**, 2:00PM: Jack Mecham, Major, USAF, Retired: *Black Mariah: Special Ops in Vietnam and Laos.*

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Are you looking for something fun and meaningful to do in 2026? Want a hands-on way to connect with your community? Become a volunteer at MVMHM! Volunteers support museum events, tours, educational programs, and behind-the-scenes operations. You'll gain hands-on experience with history and culture while making a real impact - helping bring our military history to life for visitors of all ages. Whether you're a student, retiree, or history enthusiast, there's a place for you here.

For High Schoolers – Earn community service hours with us! You'll also learn awesome military history from 1776 to the present, boost your resume with real skills, and make a difference honoring our veterans. And, “*No experience needed*” – just bring your energy!

Volunteering only requires you to commit to four (4) hours per month, on a schedule that YOU decide. You can do all 4 hours in a single day, or spread your hours over the course of the month – whatever is convenient for you.

Contact our Curator at 937-318-8820 or [curator@mvmhm.com](mailto:curator@mvmhm.com) for more details.

## **FREE SERVICES WE PROVIDE:**

Speakers Bureau

Funeral support

Operation FOOTLOCKER (traveling WWII education program)

Genealogy and research archives

Awards and Decorations Replacement

Veterans Roll of Honor

The Veterans Roll of Honor can be found at: <https://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 Mark Conrad at [curator@mvmhm.com](mailto:curator@mvmhm.com). You can 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.

## **DONATION ROUND-UP:**

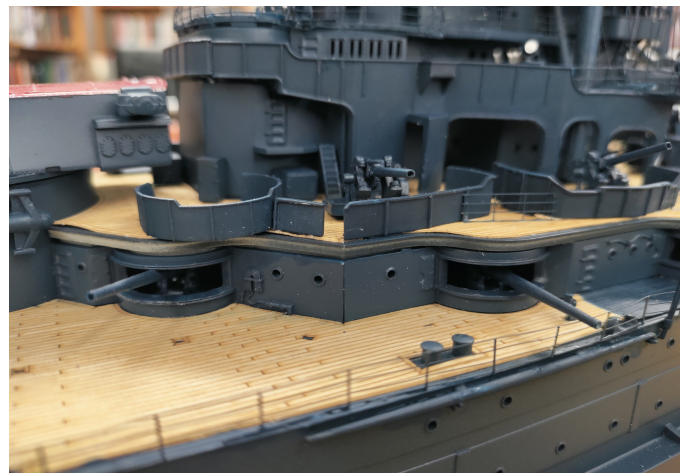
The generosity of people interested in preserving our military heritage has ensured we have a wide variety of artifacts in our collections. Our most recent donors are:

\*Phil Brandt (Ohio) Cabrina House (Kentucky) Mitchell Meyer (Ohio) \*Kevin Keller (Ohio)  
\*Timothy Pence (Ohio) \*Crossroad Coins (Ohio) Katherine Edwards (Ohio) Edward Bellman III (Ohio)  
Debra Unterman (Ohio) \*Glenn Lundquist (Ohio) Chuck's Body Shop (Ohio)

Thanks everyone!

We're extremely lucky to have a master modeler among our volunteers – retired Air Force Senior Master Sergeant Robert “Bob3” Egge. Bob3 previously donated his extensive collection of scale model and each one is a mini-work of art. He's also built some larger scale ships, and recently built a 1/200 scale USS *Arizona* for MVMHM. This is an amazing piece, and is painted in the Measure 1 camouflage scheme she was in at the time of the attack. As the flagship of Battleship Division 1, the *Arizona*'s turret tops were painted a "recognition red." We replaced our upright Pearl Harbor display case with a floor case to accommodate the ship and to better view our December 7<sup>th</sup> artifacts.

Great work, Bob3 – thanks!



## ***FEATURED ARTIFACT(S): Korean War MIA/KIA interment flag***

This flag and insignia was presented to the family of Private First Class John Leo Hoey in 2000. Private Hoey enlisted in the Army in 1948 and after a tour in Germany was sent to Japan to serve with Company E, 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. He was seriously wounded on September 4, 1950 and returned to duty on September 6th, 1950. Wounded again on September 12th, he returned to duty on October 6th, 1950.

On November 2nd, 1950, PFC Hoey and his unit were near Unsan, North Korea, when Chinese Communist Forces struck; the 3rd Battalion was overrun, suffering heavy casualties, and the regiment lost nearly a third of its men. The 1st Cavalry Division's lines collapsed, forcing a withdrawal, and PFC Hoey did not survive the action; his body was not recovered at the time. He was presumed dead on December 31st, 1953.

His remains were recovered with three others on August 5th, 1997 and identified on June 1st, 2000. A group burial for the four soldiers was held at Arlington National Cemetery on December 8th, 2000. Additional remains were buried on August 11th, 2006.

This group was purchased from a Goodwill for \$21.00.



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## **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, Model 1914 Mauser pocket pistol.

**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.

**Korean War:** North Korean and Chinese uniforms and headgear, North Korean and Chinese flags, North Korean and Chinese medals and insignia, US uniforms, any branch, US Air Force jet pilots flight helmet, US headgear, any type, US medals and insignia, photographs and photograph albums.

**Vietnam:** NVA and VC uniforms and headgear, NVA and VC field gear, NVA and VC medals and insignia, NVA and VC weapons, NVA and VC photographs, Viet Cong flag, South Vietnamese flag, "Ho Chi Minh Slicks" (sandals), "Beercan" insignia, Zippo lighter with insignia, US claymore mine and/or "clacker", inert only, US "tiger stripe" uniform, US Army Green Beret with insignia, US field gear, any type, US helicopter crewman's helmet, US medals and insignia, US photographs and award documents, Operation BABYLIFT materials.

**Cold War:** Operation CROSSROADS material, Soviet/Cuban officer's uniform, any type, Soviet Bloc or Cuban medals and insignia, Soviet Bloc and Cuban field gear, any type, East German officers brocade belt and buckle, East German officers dress dagger, US Berlin Brigade uniform, any type, US Air Force "McPeak" officers grade uniform.

**Military Operations Other Than War (MOOTW):** US Marines in Beirut, Lebanon, Operation POWER PACK materials (Dominican Republic), Operation URGENT FURY materials (Grenada), Operation JUST CAUSE materials (Panama), IFOR / SFOR / KFOR Bosnia and Kosovo materials.

**Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM:** Iraqi uniforms, any type, Iraqi medals and insignia, US uniforms, any type, SCUD or PATRIOT missile shrapnel.

**Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, and NEW DAWN:** Iraqi uniforms, any type, prayer rugs, Iraqi medals and insignia, Saddam Fedayeen ("Darth Vader" helmet) helmet, Iraqi beret, any branch, large Iraqi flag with gold fringe, US Marine Corp "MARPAT" battle dress uniform, desert pattern, Meals, Ready To Eat (MREs, unopened or individual packets), US field gear, any type, ISIS flag, ISIS propaganda.

**Military Chaplains:** Uniforms and headgear, combat kits, folding field organs.

**General and Flag Officers:** Uniforms and headgear, awards and decorations, insignia, flags, personal items.

## ***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 remaining 120,000 World War II Veterans are dying at the rate of approximately 130 a day. 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. (All donors are credited on the museum's web site). ***Nothing is too small or insignificant!***

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### April:

- Sunday, April 5 2026: Gold Star Spouses Day.
- Friday, April 10 2026: Holocaust presentation for Miss Conrad's classes at Fairborn Middle School.
- Saturday, April 11, 2026, 2:00PM: Monthly Speaker Series (2nd Saturday of each month, 2:00 - 3:30PM): Leah Young: The War Horse.
- Tuesday, April 14, 2026: US Air Force Reserve birthday.
- Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 6:00PM: Museum monthly board meeting.
- Saturday, April 18, 2026, 11:30AM: Dayton Area Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America tour and meeting.
- Thursday, April 23, 2026: US Army Reserve birthday.
- Tuesday, April 28, 2026, 6:00PM: Fairborn Military Veterans Coalition meeting.

### May:

- Friday, May 1, 2026: Silver Star Banner Day.
- Friday, May 8, 2026: V-E Day.
- Friday, May 8, 2026: Military Spouse Appreciation Day.
- Saturday, May 9, 2026, 2:00PM: Monthly Speaker Series (2nd Saturday of each month, 2:00 - 3:30PM): Catherine I Beers-Conrad, USAF Vet and Gold Star Daughter: Gold Star Mothers Day and Final Rollcall.
- Wednesday, May 13, 2026: Children of Fallen Patriots Day.
- Saturday, May 16, 2026: Armed Forces Day.
- Wednesday, May 20, 2026, 6:00PM: Museum monthly board meeting.
- Saturday, May 23, 2026, 9:00AM - 5:00PM: 5th Annual Military History Muster at Fairborn "Calamityville" National Center for Medical Readiness.
- Sunday, May 24, 2026, 9:00AM - 5:00PM: 5th Annual Military History Muster at Fairborn "Calamityville" National Center for Medical Readiness.
- Monday, May 25, 2026, 9:00AM - 5:00PM: (Observed) Memorial Day Open House.
- Tuesday, May 26, 2026, 6:00PM: Fairborn Military Veterans Coalition meeting.
- Saturday, May 30, 2026, 9:00AM - 6:00PM: Memorial Day (actual) annual Open House.

### June:

- Saturday, June 6, 2026: 82nd anniversary of D-Day.
- Friday, June 12, 2026: Women Veterans Day.
- Saturday, June 13, 2026, 2:00PM: Monthly Speaker Series (2nd Saturday of each month, 2:00 - 3:30PM): Daniel Kirkpatrick, LTC, USAF, Retired: Ethical issues in healthcare in a combat zone.
- Sunday, June 14, 2026: Flag Day.
- Sunday, June 14, 2026: MVMHM display at Greene County 250th event.
- Sunday, June 14, 2026: US Army birthday.
- Wednesday, June 17, 2026, 6:00PM: Museum monthly board meeting.
- Tuesday, June 25, 2026, 6:00PM: Fairborn Military Veterans Coalition meeting

## **THIS QUARTER IN MILITARY HISTORY:**

April 6, 1991: Iraq officially accepts cease-fire terms.

April 11, 1951: General MacArthur recalled - General Matthew Ridgway given command in Korea.

April 12, 1861: In accordance with instructions from the Confederate government, Gen. P.G.T. Beauregard fires on Fort Sumter.

April 15, 1972: Renewed US bombing of North Vietnam above the 20th parallel.

April 19, 1775: Battles at Lexington and Concord.

April 22, 1915: Poison gas first used on the Western Front in German attack on Canadian troops at Ypres.

April 24, 1898: Spain declares war on the United States.

April 30, 1945: Adolf Hitler commits suicide as Soviet forces overrun Berlin.

May 1, 1898: Commodore George Dewey wins seven-hour battle of Manila Bay.

May 2, 1863: Confederate General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson is accidentally shot by his own men during the Battle of Chancellorsville, and dies on May 10th.

May 8, 1945: Victory in Europe Day.

May 10, 1775: Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys capture Fort Ticonderoga.

May 17, 1951: Communist Chinese Forces launch their 2nd Spring Offensive.

May 20, 1965: Hanoi restates its peace proposal which has already been rejected.

May 28, 1918: US forces open their first offensive at Catigny.

June 2, 1969: Dayton native Specialist 4th Class Joseph G. LaPointe, Jr. is killed in action trying to save two wounded comrades.

June 6, 1944: Allied forces land on the beaches of Normandy, France.

June 9, 1863: Battle of Brandy Station, largest cavalry battle of the Civil War.

June 15, 1775: His Excellency General George Washington is elected as Commander In Chief of the Continental Army.

June 23, 1915: First Battle of Isonzo.

June 25, 1951: North Korean People's Army invades South Korea.

## **TRIVIA**

In our last newsletter, the trivia question was "How many (total) grievances did the Declaration list?" The Declaration of Independence lists 27 specific grievances against King George III. These complaints served as the proof of the colonies' justification for rebellion, detailing actions taken by the British Crown that the founders deemed acts of tyranny.

This quarter's question is: To what was His Excellency, General George Washington, referring when he said "the road to glory in a patriot army and a free country is...open to all".

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Tuesday through Saturday  
All Patriotic holidays  
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*(Please note that opening hours are contingent on volunteer availability.)*

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Donors at the \$500 level will be listed as sponsors of one of these displays of their choice:  
The Holocaust, Medal of Honor, General Officers, Military Chaplains, USS Arizona, September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001, US Space Force, Band of Brothers, Cold War, Military Operations Other Than War (MOOTW.)

Donors at the \$1000 level will be listed as sponsors of one of these displays of their choice:  
Revolutionary War / War of 1812, The Civil War, The Spanish American War, World War I, World War II: Home Front, World War II: Pacific Theater, World War II: European Theater, Korean War, Vietnam War, Operation DESERT SHIELD / DESERT STORM, Operation ENDURING FREEDOM / IRAQI FREEDOM / NEW DAWN

*Thank you for your support!*

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