

Miami Valley  
Military History Museum



# ***SCUTTLEBUTT***

*Third Quarter 2026*



★ **1776—2026** ★

**SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL  
CELEBRATION**

## **CURATOR'S CORNER**

We had another busy quarter – the donations of artifacts continues at a staggering pace, and our calendar of events doesn't seem to stop growing. We've supported several America250th events and have at least another four scheduled for the coming quarter. Our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Military History Muster had to be canceled. Reenactment groups are finding it harder to get volunteers to participate, and for the first time in 20 years, the Weather Gods did not smile upon us.

Our first America250th event was the Greene County Flag Day on June 14<sup>th</sup>. We brought a selection of artifacts that have been found at Goodwill stores around the country, and our volunteers dressed in uniforms illustrating America's 250 year military history. In the photo, Alex represented a modern day Navy Rear Admiral, Bob ("Bob1") was a World War Navy Aviation Machinist Mate, Brent was a Civil War Chaplain, and Mike wore the uniform of a Sergeant in the Continental Army.



Established in 2003, Miami Valley Military History Museum has proudly chronicled our military history for over two decades. We started with traveling displays throughout Ohio, and eventually partnered with the American Veterans History Center at the Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Center to create a permanent repository for veteran's artifacts and their stories (note that during our tenure at the Dayton VA, we received NO government funding.) Over the course of 15 years, we helped grow the Patriot Freedom Festival (now known as the Military History Muster) and our support of the Department of Defense 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vietnam War program was unparalleled, eventually putting us in the top 50 out of 15,542 Commemorative Partners. Although that program has officially ended, we continue to honor our Vietnam and Vietnam-era veterans throughout the year. On January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 we opened our doors in Fairborn and have since received an outpouring of treasured family artifacts. Because our collection of military history is constantly growing, we need a larger home to preserve and showcase these invaluable pieces of our nation's heritage. We hope you will help us obtain a space where these heroes' stories will never be forgotten.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-keep-miami-valley-military-history-museum-in-fairborn>

On a personal note....as we plan for our upcoming events as a partner in the America250th program, I'm reminded of the Bicentennial celebrations that took place throughout 1976. I was not quite 15 then, but I still have vivid memories of the events in my hometown then. Vietnam was still fresh in everyone's memories, but the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the country seemed to give everyone a chance to reset, to set aside divisions, and remember what America was about. Since that time, I've gained an even greater appreciation of our country not just from serving for 20 years with foreign service and multiple deployments, but also from learning about my patriot ancestors. Captain Rudolph Conrad served as a Company commander in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rowan Regiment of North Carolina Militia; Private Jacob Cook served in the North Carolina Continental Line, and was present for the British siege at Charlestown, South Carolina. He was taken prisoner when the city fell, and spent ten months in a British Prisoner of War camp before being paroled. Private Mathias Bollinger served in the War of 1812, and many more ancestors followed him in defending America. Marrying into a Gold Star Family has given me first hand insight into the meaning of "ultimate sacrifice" as the memory of Master Sergeant Jack B. Beers is with us every day. Now, here we are fifty years later, preparing to honor 250 years of America. Those who have served since 1776, and those who have offered up their lives since 1776 should remind us that before they were "black" or "white", "brown" or "yellow", female or male, straight or gay, Christian, Muslim or Jew, rich or poor...before any of these things, they were Americans first. We have an obligation to remember that and to honor them for their service and sacrifice that allows us to exercise the freedoms the Founding Fathers gave us in the Constitution. We owe them that.

As I step off my soap box, please accept my invitation to visit MVMHM and see our historic artifacts from the Revolutionary War to the present that you won't see anywhere else – you won't be disappointed!

Respectfully,

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



## **GoFundMe Drive: HELP KEEP MIAMI VALLEY MILITARY HISTORY MUSEUM IN FAIRBORN!**

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-keep-miami-valley-military-history-museum-in-fairborn>

**WHY WE NEED YOU NOW:** We are now attempting to purchase the old Fifth Third Bank building from the Fairborn Development Corporation. Their current asking price is \$399,000. The building would give us nearly three times the amount of space we have now, would give us control over the building itself, provide a small green space, and provide for off street visitor parking.

**WHAT IS OUR CURRENT SITUATION?:** Our current building was built in 1928 and is showing it's age. Since we opened in January 2022, we have had 18 water leaks from the ceilings and in the basement, including one ceiling collapse in the bathroom. We remain dependent on the apartment residents above us to remember to turn of their faucets and heating appliances, and not to smoke in bed. We have been lucky so far, but these are ever-present threats we have no control over. Additionally our monthly lease has increased by 20%. The main issues are lack of display, storage and research space and lack of our own parking area.

**WHAT IS AT STAKE?** For 20 years, we have been the guardians of over 100,000 historic military artifacts – including uniforms, medals, photographs, and more than 10,000 books, manuals and unit histories. These are not just “things”; they are the physical memory of our citizens who've answered the call to duty, including many from Fairborn, Beavercreek, Enon, Huber Heights and other surrounding communities. Our primary mission will always be to preserve and conserve the artifacts entrusted to us. If we cannot obtain another building in Fairborn, we will have to relocate to another city– which we do NOT want to do.

**WHY MVMHM IS IMPORTANT:** Miami Valley Military History Museum is a free and irreplaceable asset to Fairborn. In 2025, the Museum welcomed over 3,000 visitors, including school children, seniors, developmentally disabled individuals, historians and travelers, some who have come from as far away as Germany and Japan. Our visitors frequently ask us where they can eat or what else there is to see – which supports downtown Fairborn.

Your generosity and support brought us to Fairborn in 2022. Your generosity is the reason for our success and continues to be deeply appreciated. We are grateful for all donations. Even a modest contribution will help. Help us keep Miami Valley Military History Museum in Fairborn - PLEASE DONATE AND SHARE TODAY!

100% of your donation goes to the cost of acquiring the former Fifth Third bank building, and all donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. MVMHM is a non-profit corporation, EIN 46-0835261.

You may also send checks to: Miami Valley Military History Museum, 4 E. Main Street, Fairborn, OH 45324 or visit us Tuesday through Saturday, 9AM to 5PM.

## FROM PUBLIC AFFAIRS / COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

### Museum's Hospice Support Program



Welcome to Hospice. Each building on the VA has its own name. Ours is Victory Ridge.

In our Lobby is one of three trees that are decorated for each season in one of three sitting areas, each with a gas fireplace and flat screen TV. Donated stained glass panels also decorate the lobby.

Another year-round decorated tree in another beautiful setting area with its gas fireplace & flat screen TV below right.



Along with one of our nurses and the wife of one of our Vets, I had the fun of decorating for the 4th.

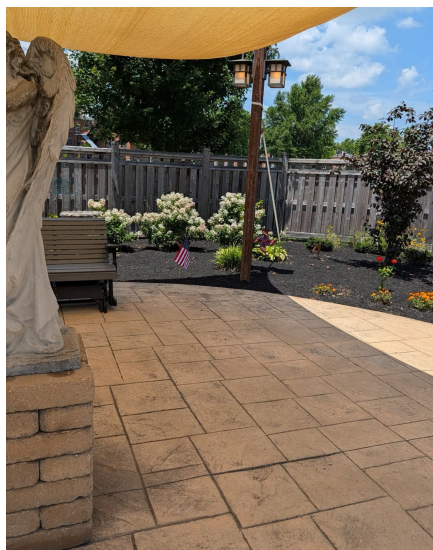
Hospice welcomes visitors – please come see for yourself. Call Hospice Coordinator Pat to visit. (937) 268 – 6511, extension 2891.

I started volunteering at Hospice one year after having home Hospice for my mother through another Hospice. It was an amazing experience. I decided that I wanted to give back. By volunteering at Hospice I am paying it back and paying it forward to my fellow Vets.

I have been at Hospice for two years; I get to spend time with my fellow Vets and their families. During that time we have enjoyed two traditional Thanksgiving dinners and Christmas dinners from City BBQ. We have also had Easter Brunch. I see to it that there is food, pop & water, paper plates, napkins, plastic silverware, paper towels, etc. I purchase fresh fruit weekly and donuts & other sweet treats. Anything that a Vets asks for we try to provide.



We have bird feeders in the back yard/patio. We also have a bird feeder outside the window of each Vets' window to enjoy a bit of nature. There are lots of windows in each room. Hospice takes care of the families so they don't have to leave their Vets' side if they choose.



Just part of the patio. Last week **VFW Post 657 in Riverside, Ohio** donated a new propane grill. It has already been used. We have cookouts throughout the year.

These simple things: a favorite snack, a holiday meal, bird feeders outside the windows, and BBQs, these things help create a sense of normalcy, and that is greatly valued by the Vets and their families.

If you would like to donate to our hospice support program, please mail your check to the Museum with "MVMHM Charity Fund" or "Hospice." in the memo line.

Miami Valley Military History Museum is at 4 E. Main Street, Fairborn, Ohio 45324.



Your donation is tax deductible to the extent the IRS allows. Our non-profit Federal Tax ID is: 46-0835261

## 5th Annual Monthly Speakers Series 2026

Our monthly speakers series continues to be popular. We have had Vets in some unique career fields with some very interesting stories to tell. You can view each talk over the years on our YouTube Channel.

Our Speakers Series is held on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 2pm.

The schedule is on page 8.

**FREE ADMISSION & FREE PARKING**

I'm looking for speakers for our Speakers Series 2027.

Call Cathy at the museum (937) 318 - 8820

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## WE NEED YOUR HELP TO STAY IN FAIRBORN

Visit our GoFundMe Page for the full story.

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Everything we do is done with your donations and the hard work of dedicated & unpaid staff and volunteers. There are no paid positions. The curator is a volunteer position as is mine.

We receive no city, county, state, or federal funding. We rely fully 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.

Help us to save *your* history!

Sincerely,

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# HAVE YOU SEEN KILROY?



"Kilroy was here" is the most iconic piece of graffiti from World War II; it served as an early, viral meme that boosted Allied morale globally.

The phrase is most widely attributed to James J. Kilroy, an American shipyard inspector at the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy, Massachusetts. He began using a crayon to write "*Kilroy was here*" on the parts of the ships he had certified as complete. Because the ships were assembled and launched rapidly, the hidden messages remained visible to the boarding sailors and soldiers

The legacy of "Kilroy Was Here" lives on. Have you ever come across this iconic doodle? *We have one in our museum - see if you can find it!* Share your Kilroy sighting and join the many who keep this piece of history alive.

**Museum "Kilroy" stickers are yours for a donation of \$2.00. OR, tell us where you saw our "Kilroy" and it's FREE! (But don't shout it out!!)**



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 on YouTube, or simply follow our YouTube Channel. **NOTE: dates, times and events subject to no-notice change.**

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

**August 8, 2026, 2:00PM:** Paul Thibeault: *The Korean War.*

**September 12, 2026, 2:00PM:** Joan Dautel: *September 11<sup>th</sup> and the memorial piece of the World Trade Center.*

## **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	Limited 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. This quarter's donors were:

Tayrn Blechley (Ohio) Candee Bales (Ohio) Deborah Dawson (Ohio) \*Becky Fitch, MSgt, USAF, Retired (Ohio)  
Natasha Ames (Ohio) Donna and Brad Nickels (Ohio) \*Allie Paul (Ohio) Vince Dec (Ohio) Gary Goldblatt (Ohio)  
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Thanks everyone!

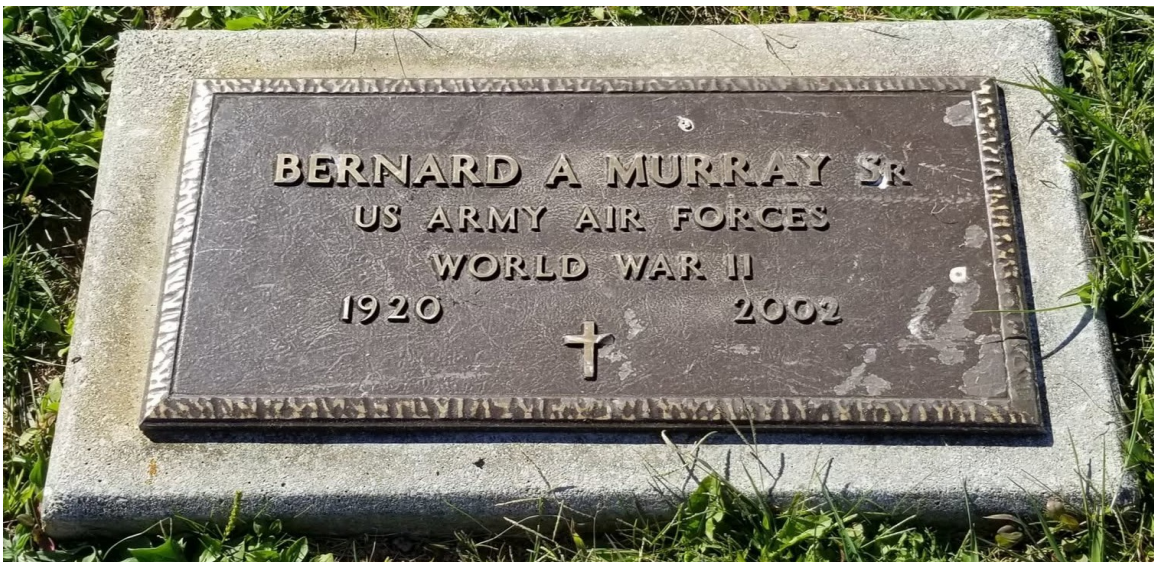
## **FEATURED ARTIFACT(S): A “Dumpster Find”**

This quarter's featured artifact isn't something sexy like a helmet worn on OMAHA Beach on D-Day, or a Viet Cong rifle captured during the Tet Offensive....just some ordinary artifacts, the remains of one man's Air Force career. But, throughout our 250 years it was the “ordinary” service and careers of millions of “ordinary” men and women who did absolutely extraordinary things to preserve and defend our freedoms. These items are part of a small group of artifacts found unceremoniously discarded in a dumpster *less than a 5 minute walk from MVMHM*. Thankfully someone saw these and brought them to us. As we always ask:

*What will happen to YOUR military history when your time comes?*



A somewhat scarce article of Army Air Force flight clothing came through our doors. The Type C-2 was a light weight wool sweater intended for layering under flying clothing. The "Vest - Flying Winter, Type C-2," was described as "For wear with winter flying suit only. Sweater-type vest made of olive drab worsted yarns. Raglan sleeves with rib knit cuffs. Rib knit vee type collar. Tubular rib knit waistband. Interlocking slide fastener." It was available in even sizes from 36 through 50. According to the Type Designation Sheet the C-2 was designated as Standard on June 18, 1934, as Limited Standard on June 2, 1944, and as Obsolete and Removed April 10, 1946. This example was made by the Goodwear Knitting Mills. It also features a zipper which incorporates a complex fabric cover over the teeth. This example was worn by Bernard A. Murray, originally from Ironton, OH, who also lived in Fairborn and Springfield.....he served in the Army Air Forces from June 1942 to December, 1945.



## **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 "Kratchen" soft hat with insignia; German enlisted or officer's picklehaube ("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, 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:**

### **July:**

- Saturday, July 4, 2026, 9:00AM - 6:00PM: Fairborn Independence Day parade (downtown) followed by block party at Community Park.
- Saturday, July 4, 2026, 9:00AM - 6:00PM: Independence Day Open House.
- Saturday, July 11, 2026, 2:00PM: Monthly Speaker Series (2nd Saturday of each month, 2:00 - 3:30PM): Jack Mecham, Major, USAF, Ret. Black Mariah: Special Ops in Vietnam and Laos.
- Saturday, July 11, 2026, 1:00PM to 5:00PM: Museum display at the Beavercreek Masonic Temple / America 250th celebration.
- Sunday, July 11, 2026, 1:00PM to 5:00PM: Museum display at the Kettering Masonic Temple / America 250th celebration.
- Wednesday, July 22, 2026, 11:00AM: Yellow Springs Community Childrens Center tour.
- Monday, July 27, 2026: Korean War Veterans Armistice Day.
- Tuesday, July 28, 2026, 6:00PM: Fairborn Military Veterans Coalition meeting.

### **August**

- Monday, August 4, 2026: US Coast Guard birthday.
- Saturday, August 8, 2026, 2:00PM: Monthly Speaker Series (2nd Saturday of each month, 2:00 - 3:30PM): Paul Thibeault: The Korean War.
- Saturday, August 15, 2026: Museum display at the Fairborn Sweet Corn Festival.
- Sunday, August 16, 2026: Museum display at the Fairborn Sweet Corn Festival.
- Tuesday, August 25, 2026, 6:00PM: Fairborn Military Veterans Coalition meeting.
- Friday, August 28, 2026, 11:30AM: Display at the Wright-Patterson Retiree Day activity.
- Saturday, August 29, 2026: US Marine Corps Reserve birthday.

### **September:**

- Wednesday, September 2, 2026: V-J Day.
- Friday, September 11, 2026, 8:00AM - 6:00PM: Patriot Day Open House.
- Saturday, September 12, 2026, 9:00AM to 6:00PM: MVMHM display at Bellbrook Museum's "History Comes Alive" 250th event.
- Saturday, September 12, 2026, 2:00PM: Monthly Speaker Series (2nd Saturday of each month, 2:00 - 3:30PM): Joan Dautel: September 11th and the memorial piece of the World Trade Center.
- Wednesday, September 16, 2026, 6:00PM: Museum monthly board meeting.
- Friday, September 18, 2026: US Air Force birthday.
- Friday, September 18, 2026: National POW/MIA Recognition Day.
- Saturday, September 19, 2026: Air Force Marathon / Fairborn Fly Zone.
- Sunday, September 20, 2026, 9:00AM: Fairborn car show.
- Tuesday, September 22, 2026, 6:00PM: Fairborn Military Veterans Coalition meeting.
- Sunday, September 27, 2026: Gold Star Mothers and Families Day.

## **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 Stony 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

In our last newsletter, the trivia question was "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".?" He was referring to the newly created Badge of Military Merit, what we know today as the Purple Heart Medal.

This quarter's question is: At the Battle of the Little Big Horn on June 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 1876, three brothers were killed; what were their names?

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All Patriotic holidays  
By Appointment

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## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

Thank you for your financial gift in support of the Miami Valley Military History Museum. When you become an Annual Member you make it possible for us to continue to honor our veterans and preserve their legacy of service and sacrifice for future generations.

Annual Membership levels:	_____	Recruit:	\$1 - \$99
	_____	Private:	\$100 - \$249
	_____	Corporal:	\$250 - \$499
	_____	Sergeant:	\$500 - \$749
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	_____	Captain:	\$1000 - \$4999
	_____	Colonel:	\$5000 - \$9999
	_____	General:	\$10,000 +

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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***NOTE: If you are unable to print this form, simply annotate your check in the memo line for the display you want to sponsor.***