



December 2023 - January 2024

Newsletter

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

MIAMI VALLEY MILITARY HISTORY MUSEUM

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Operating Hours
9am to 5pm Tuesday--Saturdays
9am to 6pm ALL Patriotic Holidays
& by appointment
closed bank holidays

Groups of 5 or more - call to schedule your group's visit.

*Our weekly program is separate from our Speakers Series of which we have two more, 2nd Wed in Nov & Dec 2023 at 6pm. See *** below for upcoming speakers.*

Listen to the Museum's Weekly Briefing every Monday at 12:10 on WBZL AM 1500

<https://realrootsradio.com>

Can't listen live, you'll find a link on our FB Page.



The museum is looking for sponsors for our Weekly Briefing airing every Monday afternoon at 12:10 on WBZL AM 1500. The monthly cost is \$500 that includes 4 or 5 (depending on the month) programs plus 20 weekly promos for each up-coming program.

Sponsor part - we know what being a small business is like. Or sponsor all.

Here's how your business will benefit: *Your business' name/location will be heard 20 times each week & 3 times during each program. Your generous donation makes it possible to share our nation's history.*

Call Cathy at (937) 979 - 0075.

Miami Valley Military History Museum
501(c)3 non-profit Charitable Organization
Tax ID 46 - 0835261

**Wishing a Happy Thanksgiving to all
Tuesday the 21st we are CLOSING for the week of Thanksgiving and
will reopen Tuesday the 28th at 9am.**

***** 2023 Speaker Series Wednesdays at 6pm held the 2nd Wednesday of each month*****

Please consider sponsoring a Speaking Engagement \$50
You will be included in the Program, advertisements, press releases, newsletter,
and on Facebook. call or email for more information
Your sponsorship is the only way we can continue our Speakers Series in 2024.

FREE PARKING/FREE ADMISSION/LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

***December 13th, 2023 Military Chaplain**

***January 10th, 2024**

Roger Osior, Park Ranger, National Park Service

6888 Central Postal Battalion & its Commander Major Charity Adams-Earley -WWII Highest ranking
black female - we have her uniform

Information on the 6888 Central Postal Battalion <https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/6888th.htm>

The last day to donate is Friday, December 1st, 2023

For the 5th year we are an Official Collection Site for the Annual Marine Corps Toys for
Tots toy drive. New, unused toys can be dropped off during normal business hours
Tuesday - Saturday 9a to 5pm.



[Toys for Tots: Home](https://www.toysfortots.org)

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Ohio in the Civil War

By Randall Setty, Civil War Historian & Volunteer



In 1863 Cincinnati, Augustus Bennett invented a self closing holster. A piece of
spring steel automatically closed the flap to protect the pistol. A lack of
government contracts ultimately sent his invention into obscurity.

Why Volunteering at the Museum is Important to Me:

I have volunteered at the museum in Fairborn since January 2022. Each time I'm in the museum, I learn new "factoids" from visitors as we discuss military history and artifacts at the museum. Come - volunteer - learn more as you give. Toni Chamber daughter of Air Force of Major Angelo "Tony" Tononi & widow of Air Force of Major Robert J. Chambers

VOLUNTEERS WANTED !!!

We value our volunteers.

We hold an Annual Holiday/Volunteer Recognition Banquet.

We are an ALL volunteer organization.

Volunteer Staff Meetings are held quarterly the week before quarterly Board Meetings and comments are taken to the Board so we can see how to ensure our volunteers' success.

We have already implemented some ideas from last quarters Volunteer Staff Meeting.

We value volunteer input & encourage volunteers to attend the Board Meetings.

Why volunteer with us? You can make good friends; get out of the house. Everyone has a reason. If you have a love of our nation's history you will love it here. It's a chance to help tell the stories of the contributions made by the men and women who have served since the Revolutionary War.

All we ask is a commitment of 1 - 4hr shift per month. 9am to 1pm and 1pm to 5pm

We are open Tuesday - Saturday & Patriotic Holidays

Some folks enjoy giving their time weekly & several days a week.

Our biggest need is for volunteers with office & computer skills.

We held our 2nd Annual Holiday & Volunteer Recognition Banquet a couple of weeks ago. This is one of the ways we say "Thank You."

"There's nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer."

— James Doolittle

Why I volunteer:

I have been a military patch collector for over 40 years. Volunteering increases my knowledge of patches, uniforms and other militaria. Visitors increase my knowledge with first hand experiences. Where else can we immerse ourselves in history - Bob Potts, Captain, USAF, Retired

Become a *Supporting Member*

Contact Jody Prater or Cathy Beers-Conrad at (937) 318 - 8820. You can make your donation via our website

www.mvmhm.com or make your check payable to MVMHM

mail to 4 E. Main St. Fairborn, Ohio 45324.

Thank you!!!

Our 2023 Supporting Members:

Peggy Bartling

Thom & Margie Guthrie

Kathy Hayes

M.O.E. Entertainment - downtown Fairborn

Norm Monnig

Norma Nikkola

W.R. Schulke

William T. Sherman Camp #93 SUVCW4571

Carolyn Uecher

Mike Worthington

Names also appear on our Facebook Page.

Our Board Meetings are held quarterly. Annual Meetings in February.

From our Curator & President Mark Conrad ~

The men & women, and families, of our Armed Forces continue to donate the items used, & their stories, while in the service. We are grateful for their entrusting us with the preservation of those items.

We are on track to another successful year of honoring our veterans and their families- with your help we can only get better!

We look forward to welcoming you soon.

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year

2023/2024 Holiday closures to allow our volunteers time with family and friends

Thanksgiving - Tuesday November 21st we are CLOSING for Thanksgiving

We will reopen Tuesday, November 28th at 9am.

Christmas and New Year's - Tuesday the 19th we are CLOSING for Christmas & the New Year

We will reopen Tuesday, January 2024 at 9am.

Fairborn Events We Participate In...

Annual Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting

Friday, December 1st, 4 - 8 pm

Santa arrives at 7pm sitting in his big red chair at the Christmas Tree in front of the museum!!!

More information on Fairborn's Chamber of Commerce website: www.fairbornchamber.com

Fairborn Military Veterans Memorial Project

Dedication of the Memorial is on Saturday, December 2nd, 2023 at 2pm at the Memorial site on the corner of Central Avenue and West Hebble Avenue, Fairborn, Ohio.

The mission of the Fairborn Military Veterans Memorial Project is to promote, design, and develop a new permanent memorial honoring military service members who lived in Fairborn, Osborn, Fairfield, Bath Township and Wright-Patterson AFB areas - especially those service members who died in the service of their country.

There will be refreshments at the Miami Valley Military History Museum at 4 East Main Street, Fairborn, Ohio immediately following the Obelisk dedication. The museum is open Tuesday - Saturday 9am - 5pm."

Point of Contact for Memorial: Dan Kirkpatrick, Co-Chair Fairborn Military Veterans Memorial Committee

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<https://www.fairbornvetsmemorial.com/about.html>

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