



Winter/Spring 2024 Newsletter

Miami Valley Military History Museum
4 E. Main Street, Fairborn, Ohio 45324
(937) 318 - 8820

Tuesday - Saturday 9am - 5pm
Patriotic Holidays 9am - 6pm

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Groups of 6 or more call to schedule a visit
Catherine Beers-Conrad, PublicAffairs/Community Relations

2024 Speakers Series

March 13th

Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the
Vietnam War

6th Annual Pinning Ceremony

Honoring our Vietnam Veterans & Welcoming Them Home

Speakers

Chaplain, Captain Michael Breznau, MSG Unit Chaplain, 88ABW, WPAFB

Phil Marshall, USA, Chief Warrant Officer 2, Retired - Vietnam DMZ Dustoff Pilot

April 10th

"Letters from the War - Between the Lines"

SSgt William Jame McQuoid, Jr. - Tail Gunner on a B-17 shot down 6 miles from the Swiss border

Speaker

Elaine Balsey

May 8th

"Gold Star Families - Why We Remember"

Speaker

Catherine Beers-Conrad, USAF, Veteran

Proud Vietnam Gold Star Daughter

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!!!

2024 Supporting Members

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Memberships & Sponsorships are vital to the success of the museum.

In addition to keeping the lights on and paying rent, we are able to host speakers the 2nd Wednesday of each month, and participate in events in Fairborn. Your donations make it possible to purchase mannequins for displaying donated uniforms and purchase display cases.

Visit our website at mvmhm.com to donate online.

By Randall Setty, Civil War Historian & Volunteer

Gwyn and Cambell Carbines.

During the Civil War years a small arms manufacturer in Hamilton Ohio applied to the War Department for a Government contract to supply Carbines for the Cavalry. The government being unable to supply enough arms fast enough granted contracts to private firms. Contracts were awarded for 9500 arms. The company had to build a factory , hire employees and proceed to produce this large quantity quickly. The end of the war demand sealed the fate of this and many other small manufacturers who had received Govt. Contracts went into large scale production. Mr Gwyns final years in Springfield as a traveling salesman for farm equipment, in the Netherlands on a sales trip, because Springfield was on the cutting edge of farm equipment manufacturing. Mr Campbell in Hamilton from a prestigious family died from suspected alcohol poisoning.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

We are an ALL volunteer organization.

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.

We are in need of volunteers with general office skills. Our Public Affairs/Community Relations department is looking for volunteers with excellent social media skills.

Stop in and talk with our volunteers to find out why this is the place to give your time.

*"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."
-Helen Keller*

Update on Fairborn Military Veterans Memorial Project

Site of the memorial is on the corner of Central Avenue and West Hebble Avenue, Fairborn, Ohio

The dedication of the Obelisk for the Fairborn Military Veterans' Memorial took place on Saturday, December 2, 2023. The obelisk is a six-sided, ten-foot tall granite structure that depicts local Veterans and pieces of military equipment from each branch of the military on the different sides. The obelisk dedication ceremony on December 2, 2023 was attended by a number of the Veterans depicted on the obelisk along with family members, friends and local and state elected officials. The next phase of the Veterans Memorial will take place in the next month or two with the placement of bricks and benches around the obelisk. The Fairborn Military Veterans Memorial Project committee is working with the City of Fairborn to also bring lighting to the obelisk that will allow it to be lit up during hours of darkness.

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.

Contact Dan Kirkpatrick, Co-Chair Fairborn Military Veterans Memorial Committee (937) 673-4178 cell phone
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The Research Library

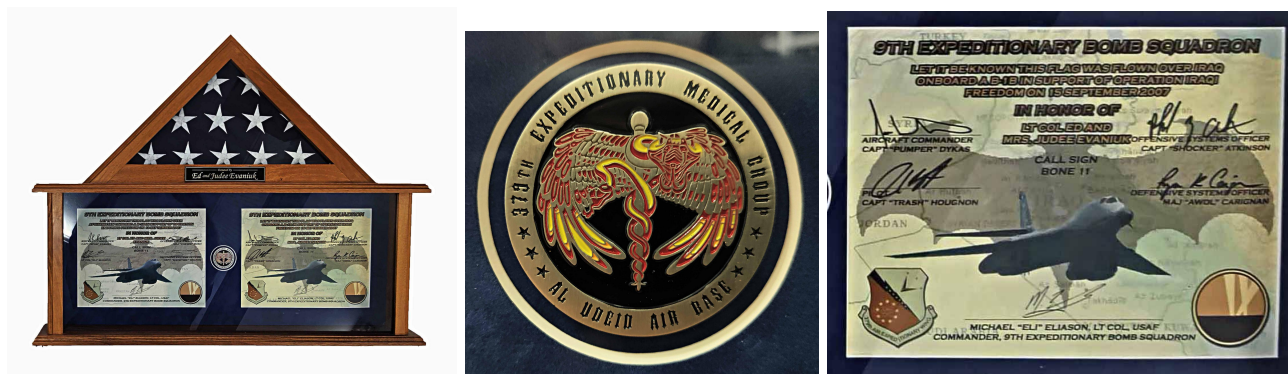
The Museum's Research Library by Barbara Parsons, Volunteer Librarian & Retired School Teacher

I am still in the process of inventorying the Ray Minnick collection of about 1,000 books consisting of all American conflicts and branches of service. I was especially happy with the number of World War I, Vietnam, and books on the Holocaust that were part of his donation. We have been offered books from the National Aviation Hall of Fame and are looking forward to making them a valuable part of the library.

Have books to donate? We are happy to take them.

Recent Donations

Another unique donation - a large (and very heavy) display with a flag flown over Afghanistan during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM in 2007, with dedication certificates and a unit coin from the 379th Expeditionary Medical Group based at Al Udeid Air Base. Thanks for getting this to us, Thom!



A note from Mark Conrad, President & Curator ~

Thanks to generous donors we become caretakers of some amazing pieces of history and we've helped preserve the history of dozens more Veterans. It's very humbling to realize that we're telling the history of our great nation from it's beginning through the individual stories of ordinary men and women who did extraordinary things when duty called. Our donors are the key to our success!



NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY

6th Annual Pinning Ceremony

*(For all Veterans who served Honorably anywhere in the world, 1955 to 1975
and their spouses)*

Guest Speaker: Phil Marshall, Chief Warrant Officer 2,
USA, Retired, Vietnam "Dust Off" helicopter pilot

Wednesday, March 13th, 2023 at 6:00PM

at

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Official Partner of the United States of America
Vietnam 50th Anniversary Commemoration

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Miami Valley Military History Museum's
3rd Annual
Military History Muster
May 25th - 26th, 9AM to 5PM



Reenactors - Living Historians - Lineage Groups -
Veterans Service Organizations - Military
Weapons and Equipment Displays - Military
Vehicles - 4 Freedom Equestrian Team

FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING!

Location: "CALAMITYVILLE"
506 E. Xenia Drive, Fairborn, OH 45324

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