



Military History Newsletter - December 2019

In This Issue of Saving Military History One Soldier at a Time



Wow, what a year this has been! From a fantastic honor to setup a very large exhibit at the Texas State Capitol Building, to the number of schools we visited to the various group events we participated, 2019 has been a great year. We received many fantastic artifact donations and we even rescued some unbelievable pieces as we lived up to our slogan of "Saving Military History One Soldier at a Time".

We are looking forward to an outstanding 2020. We want to thank you, our readers, for subscribing to this newsletter. It's due for some modifications in the next year and we will continue to bringing you

this and more history.

Today marks the kickoff of the social media giving day / season that follows Cyber Monday each year. Read on for more information about this relatively new movement.

We would be remiss if we did not mention that this coming Sunday will be the anniversary of Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. So take a few moments that day to consider those that made the ultimate sacrifice that day. In the past year it has been encouraging that a lot of the unidentified, many from the USS Oklahoma have been identified so that they may be more properly honored in the history of our nation.

Connect with us on Social Media

One of the best things you can do to help us get the word out regarding our organizations; please tell all your friends and if you have not liked or followed our Facebook pages, we would encourage you to do so.

[Army Air Corps on Facebook](#)

[Sons of Liberty on Facebook](#)

Remember those that made the #ultimatesacrifice #sonsofliberty. Please like and share all of our daily posts, Thank you !

Enjoy the rest of this issue.

Join us on this journey !

In Their Memory,
Robert Coalter, Jason Weigler
Executive Directors

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#GivingTuesday

Today, December 3 is #GivingTuesday so please support your favorite charities today.

If you feel compelled to make a donation to us we would be honored:.

Here is a fundraiser [on facebook](#)

Your donations go to help pay for:

- This newsletter. We use Constant Contact and the # of people that receive this carries a monthly charge from them.
- Hosting. Our websites have over 40GB of data of history across nearly 400,000 web pages. We have a monthly hosting bill and our disk space is ever increasing. We need help with these costs. Nearly \$400/month.
- We have over 100,000 photos to be scanned and placed on the websites.
- Over 6500 videos of military films need to be encoded and uploaded for viewing.
- Over 40,000 pages of award documents and roster-like documents. These need to be transcribed and placed into our database.
- Storage and archival materials are needed for all of the great donations we have received.
- Display cases, mannequins and other display materials are needed.
- A new trailer and truck to take programs and exhibits to schools.

We need your help for these things and much more. Thank You for Your Support !

Thank You !

[Donate to the Army Air Corps Library and Museum](#)

[Donate to the Sons of Liberty Museum](#)

Read more about our fundraising activities and Donate Securely Now!:

[Army Air Corps - Fundraising Programs](#)

[Sons of Liberty - Fundraising Programs](#)

Army Air Corps Museum

The Air Corps Museum online presence is made up of 50 websites encompassing over 200,000 web pages and thousands of photos and other materials. Our artifact collection contains hundreds of uniforms, photo albums, logs, medals and other items. Stay tuned to a very large update in the next few months.

Another big thanks to all of you that have provided us with donations recently and in the past. From the uniforms to the photos, papers and other items you have been instrumental in helping us grow this fantastic collection. We continue to accept new items; these items are great for research and education as well as honoring the service of the veteran. Our collection includes memorabilia from the cook to the clerk, armorer, line chief, gunner, navigator, bombardier, pilots and all other MOS. We not only focus on World War II and the Army Air Corps - Army Air Forces but include the Army Air Service of WW1 and US Air Force that formed following WW2 and continues today.

[World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm and Cold War, Gulf War donations welcome!](#)

Artifact donations come in all shapes and sizes: photos, letters, logs, papers, uniforms, medals, books, magazines, gear and all types of other memorabilia.

Look at some of the items in our [Museum Collection](#)





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We Think History Matters

If You Think So Too, Please Follow Us !

Army Air Corps Library and Museum

Volunteers

We need volunteers to help us transcribe award documents, placing the material into a spreadsheet. We welcome new dedicated volunteers to help us with this project!

Can you work with PDF document files? Know how to merge multiple files into one document? If so, we can use your help.

Interesting Links & Resources

We are on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ArmyAirCorps/>

Trace a Family Members Military Service: <http://www.armyaircorpsmuseum.org/veteran-research.cfm>

Pinterest: <http://www.pinterest.com/aircorpsmuseum/>

Honor Roll: http://www.armyaircorpsmuseum.org/honor_roll.cfm

YouTube Videos: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqW3Z1UnB6leZH5g4XiPniQ>

Donations

We welcome all donations of papers, books, photos, gear, uniforms, jackets, medals, ribbons, weapons, equipment, scrapbooks, biographies, diaries, letters, logs, cash and other assets for our general fund and capital campaign and much more. Please [Contact Us](#)

We need funds to expand our operation. They also help us with preservation and display materials and supplies.

We need your help to further our mission of preserving and bringing this history to you and your families. We are not unlike all non-profits, we always need capital and you can make monetary donations through the following link. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit your qualifying donations are tax deductible.

Donate



Thank You For Your Support !

Sons of Liberty Museum

The Sons of Liberty website is comprised of over 100,000 web pages, pictures and other material.

Honoring all branches of the US military. It also houses the www.usshilbert.org for Destroyer Escort DE-742 and their World War II participation. We have hundreds of uniforms and other militaria items from World War I to Present day from Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines citizen soldiers.

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Sometimes donations are very large in the number of items, others may be small simple items; they all tell a story. Books, papers, medals, uniforms and other items are of interest.

Check out a small sample of our [Museum Artifacts](#)

#sonsofliberty







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Interesting Links & Resources

Videos on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI4v-g0C-QvQSVHv6h3EdeA>
Check out some great footage of Marines in Vietnam and WW2

Visit Our New Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/sonsoflibertymuseum>

Researching History: <http://www.sonsoflibertymuseum.org/military-history-records.cfm>

Honor Roll: <http://www.sonsoflibertymuseum.org/honor.cfm>

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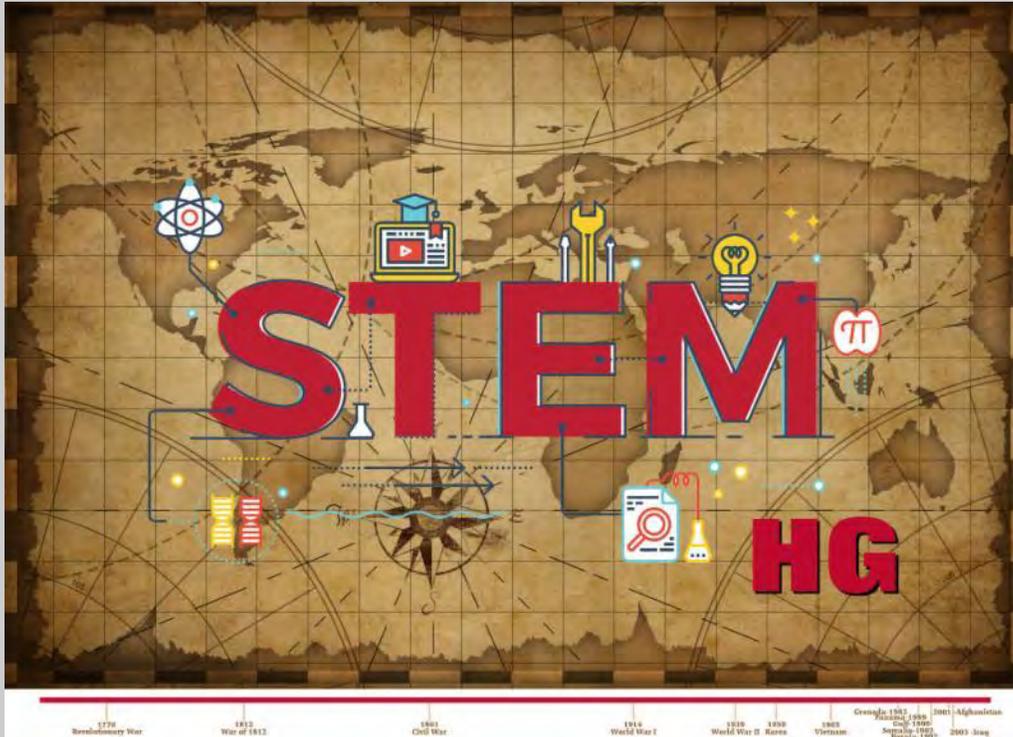
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Education



People comment on our passion for our mission and are interested in our plans for the future. We talk about our over 390,000 web pages and the future large scale growth of our online offering. We mention a very outstanding collection of artifacts from uniforms to medals, gear, weapons, papers, photos and more. We talk about the books, the autobiographies. And we talk of our exhibits that range from World War I to the present day. We talk about the history and the sacrifices made by our Citizen Soldiers. We don't want to keep all of this material to ourselves we want to share it. And this gets right to the heart of the matter. We are providing an educational service.

Youth need to be equipped with the knowledge and skills to solve tough problems, gather and evaluate evidence and utilize the resultant information. These are the types of skills that students learn through the study of science, technology, engineering, and math-subjects collectively known as STEM. No industry over the last 100 years has leveraged these concepts more and placed them into practical application than the US Military. The traditional connotation of a military museum is one of static displays of tanks, aircraft, boats, old uniforms and weapons. The Sons of Liberty Museum and Army Air Corps Library and Museum want to turn this thought on its head and consider the concept through an entirely new lens. While the slogan of "Saving Military History One Solder at a Time" is at the core of our existence, it is how that Citizen Soldier applied STEM subjects along with their placement in History applied across a Geo Location while performing their particular function known as a military occupational specialty (MOS).

Our focus includes presenting the history of various service members and their military units blending in the influence and application of the educational components in a phrase that we have called "STEM-HG".

We are looking for educators of history, science and math to provide assistance in the creation of these programs.

You can support our efforts in the creation and delivery of these programs through various areas of our website and on facebook:

<https://www.sonsoflibertymuseum.org/monetary-donations.cfm>

Missing In Action & X-Files



We have information on over 90,000 MIAs. This includes most all of the World War II MIAs and some from World War I, Korea, Vietnam and the Cold War.

With our strategic partners in this endeavor, the MIA Recovery Network, we work to tell the last chapter in the life of our nation's MIAs, we would like your help in telling the first chapters of the lives of those still Missing in Action.

Do you have service photos of a family member that is or was MIA? News articles? Service related material? We have been able to cross-link a number of MIAs to our awards project providing insight into their service.

We would like your help in telling their story. World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Cold War.

Material on Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines MIAs can be found:

<http://www.sonsoflibertymuseum.org/missing-in-action/>

<http://www.armyaircorpsmuseum.org/missing-in-action/>

X-Files - Buried Unknowns

There are a number of citizen soldiers whose body was recovered, however they are unidentified. There are thousands of these unknowns buried in American Battle Monument Cemeteries around the world. They are also known as X-Files.

<https://www.sonsoflibertymuseum.org/buried-unknowns/>

<https://www.armyaircorpsmuseum.org/buried-unknowns/>



Award, Roster and Unit Documents

We need you ! A continued big thanks to our fantastic army of volunteers, busy with our archiving and digitizing project. But we have much more to go so if you can type and have a couple hours each week we can use you !

If you have any WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam award documents, please send us an original or a digital copy!

Why Awards? Some of you may wonder why we are undertaking this type of project. One of the most frequent inquiries we have relates to 'my relative was <name> can you tell me where he served and what awards he received'. Individuals' service records are stored at the personnel center in St. Louis, and many Army and Army Air Forces records were destroyed in a fire and unless the serviceman and family kept a copy of his personnel file

11 July 1944

SUBJECT: Roster of Personnel Who Participated in Mission of
4 April 1944

TO : Commanding Officer, 449th Bombardment Group (H) AAF,
APO 520, U. S. Army.

1. The following is a roster of all personnel who actually participated in the mission on 4 April 1944, upon which is based recommendations for the proposed Presidential Unit Citation for the 449th Bombardment Group (H).

NAME	ASN	RANK	ARM OR SERVICE
Folink, Anthony D.	C-663173	Captain	AC
Garrison, Richard Q.	C-735773	1st Lt.	AC
Kendall, Richard W.	C-804348	1st Lt.	AC
Martin, Albert A.	C-664724	1st Lt.	AC
McCormick, John M.	C-681445	1st Lt.	AC
Rowland, John W.	C-801511	1st Lt.	AC
Waine, Leonard (NMI)	C-525659	1st Lt.	AC
Beek, Francis L.	C-688298	2nd Lt.	AC
Boyles, George B.	C-751167	2nd Lt.	AC
Bush, Ross L.	C-751169	2nd Lt.	AC
Deren, Edward G.	C-678112	2nd Lt.	AC
Dreminski, Edward R.	C-688322	2nd Lt.	AC
Goldberg, Alvin M.	C-755221	2nd Lt.	AC
Lehr, Paul A.	C-693728	2nd Lt.	AC
Lynch, Charles R.	C-691399	2nd Lt.	AC
Mairait, Gilbert A.	C-801073	2nd Lt.	AC
Martin, Joseph (NMI)	C-685006	2nd Lt.	AC
Olson, John W.	C-680055	2nd Lt.	AC
Ornstein, Adolph (NMI)	C-660816	2nd Lt.	AC
O'Rourke, Edward J.	C-883486	2nd Lt.	AC
Phelps, Donald W.	C-204433	2nd Lt.	AC
Rhodes, John J.	C-691291	2nd Lt.	AC
Roth, Martin E.	C-751196	2nd Lt.	AC
Smith, Lloyd J.	C-691418	2nd Lt.	AC
Staggen, Wilfred L.	C-690489	2nd Lt.	AC
Zimmerman, John L.	C-752375	2nd Lt.	AC
Zimmerman, Sheldon J.	C-746504	2nd Lt.	AC

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those documents are gone forever. This was all before the advent of digital record keeping. Of the Command records that have survived many are spotty at best, however, they do not contain individuals' files. So we are piecing together files with different types of documents; one of these are the award documents which many times were preserved at Command level headquarters. We are just scratching the surface but we feel it is a worthwhile endeavor. We are always seeking committed and dedicated volunteers to help us with this project.

All of our web offerings help us Save History
One Solder At A Time.

Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force

We have received material on a number of units and are hoping to compile much more. These will appear on the Sons of Liberty website including many documents of history.

Reach all of our websites via [AAC Honor Roll](#) and [SOL Honor Roll](#)

Attention !

Attention Website Owners & Veteran Associations

As many of you may know, many WWII veterans organizations are shutting down or are being altered significantly with the loss of their founding fathers. A number of these organizations had developed some type of website, some with enormous amounts of data and history. Sadly, many have not made provisions for the website to be continued and thus when the bill stops being paid, the website disappears and all the work and information is then lost. We want to help and we need you to help us. If you know of a group that is disbanding and they don't have plans to continue their website, please have them get in contact with us; we would like to bring their website and information under our wing. If they want to continue to maintain it we can give them access to continue that as well. One of our top goals for this and every year is to preserve this history not lose it!

Not a WW2 unit? That's ok. We are also interested in your history and want to help preserve it.

If your organization has physical materials such as uniforms, patches, photos and other memorabilia and you would like a permanent home for these items now and/or when you cease operations, we would be honored to be the custodian of your group's history.

Presidential Unit Citation Roster Documents

Many groups received unit citations during their particular conflict. When this occurred the paperwork, in triplicate, would include a roster of all assigned and attached personnel on the date for which the unit was awarded. We are actively seeking and requesting copies of those roster documents. Please search your papers, talk to your association and help us out with this information and get them to us pronto!

Korea, Vietnam

We are actively looking to expand material we can offer for education and research and build on our website for these conflicts. Should you or any association of which you are a member have material including roster documents like we mention above please get in touch with us.

Preserve This History, Honor the Service, Provide Education For Future Generations.

Giftshops

The Sons of Liberty Museum PX is located at www.sonsoflibertymuseum.com, they have some great items for sale including the ability to make a custom ice chest / cooler commemorating a relative, friend or your favorite unit. These make fantastic gifts and memorials.



Books, Coolers, DVDs

Custom Coolers



Go Bold, Keep it Cold!
27, 55 & 88 Quart Capacity

Standard
Designs



Custom Lids



Military Cinema

Want to watch archival movie film footage taken by the men of the combat camera units? Then you need to get some of these DVDs, they are great research tools.



Please visit their site at: www.militarycinema.com

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