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KOREA REMEMBERED



MEMBERS OF COMPANY F, 31ST INFANTRY REGIMENT. PHOTO FROM THE COLLECTION OF WALTER PECKHAM.

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FROM THE SECRETARY
THE FORGOTTEN WAR

The place in history afforded the Korean conflict, which raged from 1950 to 1953, is unfortunately almost a distant third to World War II and Vietnam. For a couple reasons, Korea has been the “forgotten war.” Global war and stories of heroism and sacrifice of the Second World War, just years before Korea, as well as the social upheaval and politics associated with Vietnam often make the Korean War less important to the history books.

It is not, however, less

important to history – and certainly not less important to the soldiers who slogged through the mud and snow fighting the North Koreans and Chinese communists in numerous battles. The Korean War was a bloody 3-year battle that claimed the lives of over 36,000 Americans, more than 700 of whom were from Wisconsin.

Wisconsin soldiers contributed notably in Korea, just as they did before and after in many other conflicts. Today, the home of the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea is Camp Red Cloud, named after Wisconsin native and Medal of Honor recipient Mitchell Red Cloud of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Red Cloud’s heroics in battle in the Korean War saved the lives of those in his company, at the cost of his own life, and earned him the military’s highest honor for bravery.

The armistice, which was signed 60 years ago on July 27, as a temporary agreement, is still the only truce that exists preventing the war from resuming. All sides have yet to sign a peace treaty making the Korean War Armistice one of the most notable agreements in history. The situation between the two Koreas has at times been tense over the

past 60 years, but generally South Korea has thrived and been a great ally of the United States, while at the same time North Korea is one of the most reclusive nations, as well as one of the most economically depressed and challenged.

In Wisconsin, the Korean War is not forgotten; the soldiers that fought in this war are not forgotten. With over 40,000 Korean War veterans alive in Wisconsin today, we honor their service and sacrifice and ensure no soldier from any war is ever forgotten or left behind.

As part of honoring our state’s Korea veterans, on September 24 the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs is hosting a ceremony at the Milwaukee War Memorial. Veterans from all eras, as well as others who wish to recognize Korea veterans, are welcome to attend.

John A. Scocos

Secretary

(John A. Scocos is the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs. He is an Iraq War veteran.)

WISCONSIN VETERANS MUSEUM SPECIAL PROJECTS

Your membership supports the mission of the Wisconsin Veterans Museum. In 2013, we have a number of special projects you may be interested in giving to:

★ **ACQUISITIONS**

- Help WVM acquire significant objects and archival materials.

★ **2013 EXHIBIT DEVELOPMENT**

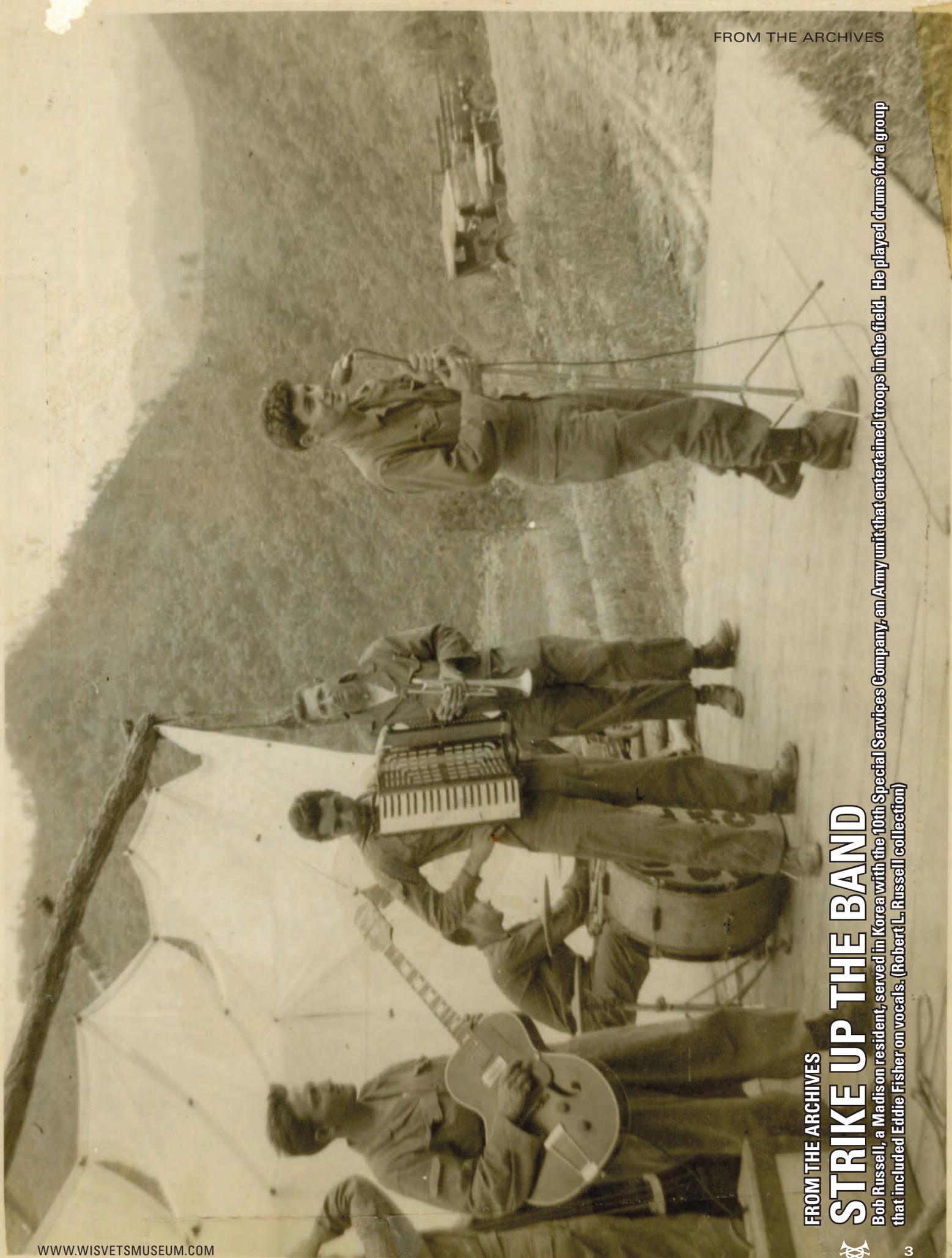
- Support ongoing exhibit development at the WVM.

★ **AUGMENTED REALITY**

- Give to the Museum’s newest interactive technology-Augmented Reality.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

STRIKE UP THE BAND

Bob Russell, a Madison resident, served in Korea with the 10th Special Services Company, an Army unit that entertained troops in the field. He played drums for a group that included Eddie Fisher on vocals. (Robert L. Russell collection)



FROM THE DIRECTOR
RIGHTFUL RECOGNITION

It's been called the Forgotten War, and rightly so. The Korean War remains an anomaly in the annals of American military history. The US never declared war to begin with and the armistice that ended hostilities remains as tenuous today as it was when it was signed on July 27, 1953. By then, the war had claimed the lives of over 36,000 U.S. service members and wounded more than 100,000. Nearly 8,000 American service members remain missing. Yet, the veterans of that conflict, some of whom experienced the horrors of WWII, have never really been given rightful and just recognition for their sacrifices in that brutal war against communist aggression.

Perhaps it was because American service members have never left the peninsula. A relatively small but important number of American troops remain on Korean soil – stalwart defenders of a free South Korea, along with their South Korean counterparts.

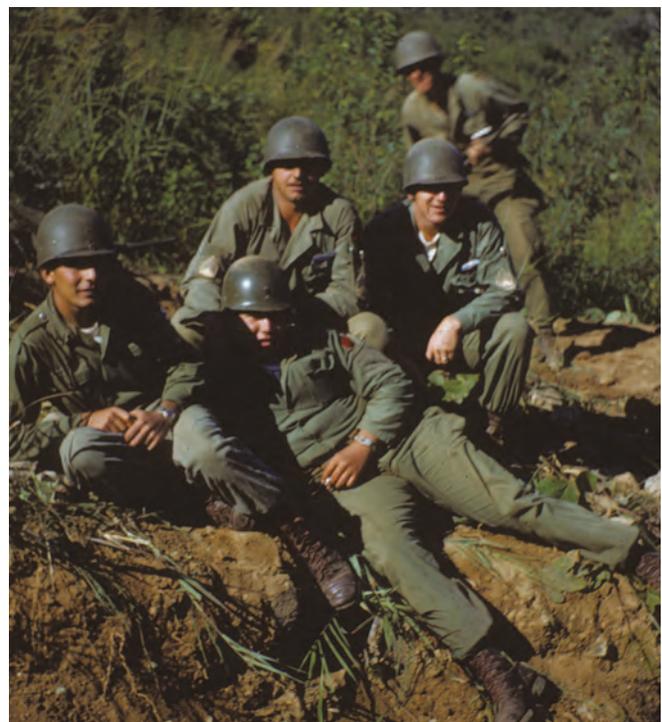
They remain seemingly ever on watch, a vestigial remnant of the Cold War, ready to respond to the latest provocations of an irrational North Korean regime. Or maybe it was because it occurred so quickly after WWII, the totality of which claimed the lives of nearly a half million U.S. lives and millions more worldwide.

By 1950, the U.S. was on the verge of a new era of unprecedented prosperity. The post-WWII GI Bill allowed thousands of veterans the benefit of a college education, and they took full advantage of it. It was a benefit that changed the face of American culture and ushered in an age of contentment characterized by a growing upwardly mobile workforce. As a result, the standard of living reached new heights. Homeownership of single family homes skyrocketed in the 1950s, as suburbia became the preferred place to raise families. Indeed, Americans were able to acquire things in a way utterly unlike previous generations. In 1953, *House Beautiful* told its readers, “You will have a greater chance to be yourself than any people in the history of civilization.” Given the memories of WWII and the bright national outlook,

America and its veterans were more inclined to look forward beyond an unresolved conflict on the Korean peninsula to what seemed like a limitless future. So they came home and quietly went about the business of building one of the highest standards of living the world has ever seen, even as a global Cold War continued to inform American foreign policy.

This issue of *The Bugle* is dedicated to all of Wisconsin's veterans who served during the Korean War era. Their sacrifices, often in the face of overwhelming odds, provide an unsurpassed example of courage, humility and quiet dignity.

Michael E. Telzrow
 Director



Members of Company F, 31st Infantry Regiment relax in a photo from the collection of Juneau County native Walter Peckham. The 31st Infantry saw heavy action in Korea, including the Chosin Reservoir, Chechon, and Pork Chop Hill.



IN THE THICK OF IT



ANDREA HOFFMAN
COLLECTIONS MANAGER



This handmade variation on the Type B-1 Summer Flying cap was worn by the donor, Senior Airman John A. Greening, while he was based in Okinawa, Japan during the Korean War. The painted portions record his service on the brim, including bombs representing the 28 missions he flew over Korea between December of 1952 and spring of 1953.

Greening--a native of Michigan who later moved to Madison, Wisconsin--had an early interest in aircraft that was fed in earnest as a young teen during the second World War. When the Korean War broke and President Truman declared a State of Emergency, he decided he would rather avoid induction and instead voluntarily join the Air Force. A lifelong asthmatic, Greening believed he would never survive in a foxhole. He figured he would quickly be rejected by the Air Force, avoid the draft and return to work. If by some chance he passed, he at least had an interest in aviation. He was surprised when the Air Force accepted him, and even more so when he passed the subsequent physical. There was a sense of relief he was not as medically bad off as he had been led to believe his whole life. His new found health likewise awarded him a new sense of freedom.

Greening's enthusiasm showed immediately. After his technical training at both Lowry and Randolph Air Force Bases stateside, he was eager to be in the thick of it. He passed at the chance his rank afforded him to be the combat crew's Center Fire Control, instead requesting to be a waist gunner and thus part of the flight crew. Since he believed he may not make it home again, he concluded it was better to at least do something he considered exciting with whatever time remained.



Handmade variation on the Type B-1 Summer Flying cap worn by Senior Airman John A. Greening.

The crew he trained with was eventually assigned to the 20th Air Force headquartered in Guam. He served with the 19th Bombardment Group, 93rd Bomb Squadron, and arrived at Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa during December of 1952. It was here they hired a local Japanese servant they referred to as their "cabin boy," a former pilot himself who never had a chance to fly before World War II ended. The Japanese gentleman left Greening with an exceptional memento when he hand embellished this cap for him, including painting "OKINAWA" across the back as a reminder of the several months he spent there.

Despite his prediction, Greening survived his missions and came home in 1953, although not without experiencing some harrowing situations first. Greening made sure that this cap along with nearly 30 other objects, his photo albums, papers and oral history became part of the Wisconsin Veterans Museum's permanent collection to preserve his notable story. You can learn more about Greening's archival and object collections by visiting the WVM website at www.wisvetsmuseum.com.



John Greening (center front)--seen in his yet-unpainted cap--poses with his crew in front of their B-29 in Okinawa. Photograph dated December 31, 1952.



KRISTINE ZICKUHR
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR



KOREA REMEMBERED

"I will defend Korea as I would my own country-just as I would California."

-General Douglas MacArthur to Dr. Syngman Rhee, President of the two month old South Korean Republic, October 1948

The roots of the Korean War, 1950-1953, took hold in well intentioned agreements made at the end of World War II. Annexed by Japan in 1910, Korea anticipated its long awaited liberation with the Allied victory. As elections broke down and the peninsula plunged into division and war, Korea's fleeting chance for peaceful democracy slipped away. The Korean people and infrastructure suffered immeasurable damage under the brutal fighting. Pyongyang, now the polished capital city of North Korea, was literally bombed to the ground.

The Korean War exacted tremendous losses from American forces. Eager to promote democracy in East Asia, the United States aggressively defended its new ally. More than thirty-six thousand Americans lost their lives in the Korean War and Wisconsin did its part, sending one-hundred and thirty-two thousand men and women of its own. With most returning to neither parades nor protests, it is perhaps no wonder that some Korean War veterans felt they were forgotten.

In 1992, as a young Army Private, I received my first permanent duty station orders for

Camp Humphreys, South Korea. Although I had spent the previous year learning Korean at the Defense Language Institute, Korea still seemed impossibly far away from my Midwestern hometown of Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

During my time in Korea, I frequently encountered the vestiges of the American soldiers and sailors who had defended South Korea during the Korean War. I visited Panmunjom, the site of the signing of the Korean War peace treaty, where the demilitarized zone still divides the two countries at the thirty eighth parallel. Forty years had not eased the tension along the border. North Korean soldiers stood at strict attention facing an empty wall, still waiting for the spark which would launch a

showdown with the South.

The Korean War rests in an uneasy peace and rumors used to spread quickly through the ranks about the newest North Korean provocation. Working in military intelligence, we knew that, despite economic troubles, North Korea still possessed a strong military force. Yet, it was difficult to separate rhetoric from viable threat. Kim Jong Il, the son of



Philip "Jim" Miller, a Portage native, was stationed at Kimpo Air Force Base near Seoul with the 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing. (WVVM Mss 968)



North Korean leader Kim Il Sung, vowed that when his father passed away he would bury him in Seoul within three days. His taunt alluded to the rapid fall of Seoul at the start of the Korean War itself. Rhetoric is nothing new for North Korea, but it was a chilling proposition when the South Korean metropolis was only a short train ride away.

Standing between the thirty eighth parallel and Seoul is Camp Red Cloud, dedicated to Corporal Mitchell Red Cloud Jr., a Wisconsin soldier who was killed in action on November 5, 1950. He received the Medal of Honor for his bravery and selflessness in

defending the men of his company. The Wisconsin Veterans Museum is incredibly honored to house Corporal Red Cloud's Medal of Honor as well as that of another Korean War hero from



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Wisconsin, Jerome Sudut. An exhibit to honor these men, as well as Gerald Endl, a World War II recipient, is scheduled to open at the museum this November.

While I will never forget my time in Korea, the most profound memories are those of the veterans who endured the war itself. The Wisconsin Veterans Museum has a rich collection of Korean War material including that of veterans such as Francis Spaeth of Cashton, who was killed in

action, and Alice Dorn, who served as a flight nurse evacuating the wounded. This material is accessible for public research and we invite you to discover the stories of Wisconsin's Korean War veterans on your own.

The Wisconsin Veterans Museum is committed to remembering the service of all Korean War veterans as well as those who defended the peace of the peninsula in successive decades. Please join us at the Milwaukee War Memorial Center on September 24th at noon for a special ceremony to thank Korean War veterans for their service and to remember the American service members who never returned.



Gustave Knaebe of Pewaukee shows off his M18 57mm Recoilless Rifle while serving with the 5th Regimental Combat Team in Korea. (WVM Mss 1519)



Madison resident Anton Miller, who served with the 15th Infantry Regiment in Korea, enjoys mail call in the snow. (WVM Mss 855)

KOREA REMEMBERED

1950 *to* 1953

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Falling between World War II and Vietnam, the Korean War is sometimes referred to as “The Forgotten War.” In remembrance of the 60th Anniversary of the end of the Korean War, we invite you to join us as we thank Wisconsin Korean War veterans for their service. Please help us honor the 132,000 men and women from Wisconsin who served during the Korean War.

Veterans from all periods and general public are invited. A reception will follow the ceremony. For more information please contact Kevin Hampton, Curator of Research and Public Programs, at 608-261-5409 or via email at Kevin.Hampton@dva.wisconsin.gov.



★ WISCONSIN VETERANS MUSEUM 2013 FALL EVENTS ★

WINNING HEARTS AND MINDS IN VIETNAM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH- 7:00 PM

The Wisconsin Veterans Museum, 30 West Mifflin Street

Will Gilmore, Vietnam Veteran

Lecture and Discussion

Will Gilmore's photo presentation begins in 1969 and tells the story of his fourteen member Marine civil affairs team assigned to Hoa Xuan, a small farming village in the I-Corps Region of South Vietnam. Gilmore offers new insights into the time-honored counterinsurgency strategy of "winning hearts and minds."

KOREA REMEMBERED: 1950-1953

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH- 12:00 PM

War Memorial Center, 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive, Milwaukee, WI

Program and Reception

This event marks the commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the signing of the Korean War armistice. Join us as we thank Wisconsin Korean War veterans for their service. A reception will follow the ceremony. All veterans and general public are encouraged to attend. For more information please call 608-261-5409.

ETERNAL BIVOUAC

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH- 7:00 PM

The Wisconsin Veterans Museum, 30 West Mifflin Street

Margaret Berres, Curator, Oak Creek Historical Society, and Tom Ludka, Veterans Service Officer, Waukesha County

Lecture and Discussion

Margaret Berres and Tom Ludka have collaborated for twelve years on extensive research projects identifying the final resting places of Civil War veterans in Wisconsin, including over a thousand buried in Milwaukee's Forest Home Cemetery.

FALL GALLERY NIGHT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4- 5:00 PM- 9:00 PM

The Wisconsin Veterans Museum, 30 West Mifflin Street

Gallery Night at WVM will feature a mural by Milwaukee art teacher Charles A. Kuchler. Killed in action during the Battle of Hürtgen Forest in 1944, Kuchler painted the mural of an anti-aircraft battery in combat while training at Camp Wallace, Texas in 1942. The mural hung in his Battery's mess hall until he sent it home to his mother after he received orders that he was being sent to Europe.

TALKING SPIRITS CEMETERY TOUR XV

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH- TOURS LEAVE EVERY 20 MINUTES FROM 12PM THROUGH 4PM

Forest Hill Cemetery, 1 Speedway Road, Madison, WI

Join us on Sunday October 6th for the fifteenth-annual Talking Spirits Cemetery Tour, held at the beautiful Forest Hill Cemetery in Madison. On this 90 minute walking tour, local actors will portray important Civil War-era characters buried at Forest Hill. Adult admission is \$5; Children are \$2.

THE MEN WHO LOST AMERICA: BRITISH LEADERSHIP, THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, AND THE FATE OF THE EMPIRE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17TH-7:00PM

The Wisconsin Veterans Museum, 30 West Mifflin Street

Dr. Andrew Jackson O'Shaughnessy, Author, Historian, and Saunders Director of the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies at Monticello, VA
Lecture and Book Signing

Britain seemingly should have won the Revolutionary War. Its failure to do so is commonly assumed to be due to the incompetence of commanders and the politicians who are ridiculed in fiction and in movies. Although less crudely presented, such caricatures even permeate scholarly literature. The talk will challenge the stereotypes and offer a very different explanation of why Britain lost the American War of Independence.

AFRICAN AMERICAN FACES OF THE CIVIL WAR: AN ALBUM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24TH-7:00PM

The Wisconsin Veterans Museum, 30 West Mifflin Street

Ron Coddington, Author and Historian

Lecture and Book Signing

More than two-hundred-thousand men of color served in the Union army and navy during the Civil War after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued. Some were free men; others were escaped slaves or slaves released by their owners to join the military. All stood up to fight for their freedom and the future of their people. Historian Ronald S. Coddington spent four years collecting original, unpublished portraits of a representative sample of these men, and researching their compelling stories.

JOHN REYNOLDS AND THE IRON BRIGADE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30TH- 7:00 PM

The Wisconsin Veterans Museum, 30 West Mifflin Street

Lance Herdegen, Author and Chair of the Wisconsin Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission

Lecture and Book Signing

The death of General John Reynolds as he led the 2nd Wisconsin into action at Gettysburg July 1, 1863, turned him into an American military hero. But his relationship with the famous Iron Brigade of his First Army Corps was distant those days before the epic battle. This is the story of how that all changed that morning 150 years ago and how Reynolds found fame only after he had been killed in battle.

OPERATION DUSTOFF: VIETNAM REMEMBERED

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH- 11:00 AM

The Wisconsin State Capitol building

Join us in recognition of the Wisconsin men and women who served their country during the Vietnam Era. The event will be held at the State Capitol. For more information please call 1-800-WIS-VETS (947-8387) or visit www.wisvets.com

MEDAL OF HONOR EXHIBIT OPENING

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 13TH- 11:00 AM

The Wisconsin Veterans Museum, 30 West Mifflin Street

Please join us for the opening of a new exhibit featuring selected Medal of Honor recipients from Wisconsin. Recipients include Staff Sergeant Gerald L. Endl (WWII), Corporal Mitchell Red Cloud Jr. (Korea) and 2nd Lieutenant Jerome A Sudut (Korea). For more details, call 608.261.5409.

WISCONSIN GERMANS, ABOLITIONISM, AND THE CIVIL WAR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH- 7:00 PM

The Wisconsin Veterans Museum, 30 West Mifflin Street

Dr. Alison Efford, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Marquette University

Lecture and Discussion

Wisconsin's large German population has always been a major feature in the State's history. Through examples of some of Wisconsin's German-born Civil War soldiers, like Bernhard Domschke, editor of the Milwaukee Atlas and Milwaukee's most vocal German opponent of slavery, Alison Efford, will explore the role of Wisconsin's German population during the Civil War, their attitudes toward the war, and their impact on its outcome.

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JENNIFER KOLLATH
CURATOR OF EDUCATION



ADULT EDUCATION AT THE WVM

The Wisconsin Veterans Museum’s guided tours are not just for school groups. All of the museum’s docents are veterans and immensely enjoy taking members from the American Legion, VFW, or military unit reunions through the galleries. Guided tours can be scheduled for groups of 10-70 people and last about an hour. Docents are happy to personalize the tour to focus on areas of interest to your group. Please contact Jennifer Kollath at 608-264-7663 with at least two weeks notice to schedule your visit.



Wisconsin Veterans Museum volunteer Jim Angevine gives a tour to group of Vietnam veterans and their wives.

FROM THE MUSEUM STORE SIGNATURE ITEMS



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Now only \$16.95

Highlighting the latest WVM Civil War exhibit, *The Last Full Measure* Eagle shirt is available in sizes Small to 2X and is made from a cotton polyester blend.



GREG LAWSON
STORE MANAGER

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Keep checking with The Wisconsin Veterans Museum Gift Shop as new items are coming in on a regular basis. You will be sure to find something for you or someone else. Remember to also shop online at shop.wisvetmuseum.com, and Members of The Wisconsin Veterans Museum always save an additional 10% minimum on all purchases.

To learn more about these products and other selections, start shopping at store.wisvetmuseum.com.

The Wisconsin Veterans Museum accepts all major forms of payment, including cash (U.S. currency only), check, Visa, Mastercard and American Express. Checks should be made payable to the Wisconsin Veterans Museum and include a valid Driver’s License Number and phone number. All items purchased in the State of Wisconsin are subject to sales tax.

All inquiries will be answered within 24 hours. Orders will be processed on the same day as received, and depending on item supply will be sent same day USPS for an additional \$4.00 shipping for first item and \$1.00 for each additional item.

Questions? Call 608.261.0535 or email giftshop.manager@dva.wisconsin.gov.



EILEEN MERSHART COMES ON BOARD



The Wisconsin Veterans Museum and the Wisconsin Veterans Museum Foundation take this opportunity to welcome Eileen Mershart to her new position as Interim Managing Director of the Wisconsin Veterans Museum Foundation. Coming on board in June of 2013, Eileen brings a lifetime of experience in the public and nonprofit sector, as well as in academia, and a proven track record in fundraising. In accepting the position, Eileen said, "I could not imagine a more worthwhile endeavor than working on behalf of our Wisconsin veterans. It is a privilege to be working with the outstanding members of the Foundation Board of Directors and the staff of our Museum."

Eileen Mershart was formerly Chief Executive Officer of YWCA Madison, having retired in November 2012. During her tenure there, Eileen oversaw an annual budget of \$5.8 million, human and financial resources, strategic planning, program development, and the purchase and renovation of the Empowerment Center. She also led a successful \$17 million capital campaign to rehabilitate the YWCA of Madison's twelve story historic building at 101 East Mifflin Street on the Capitol Square in downtown Madison.

She served as Executive Director of the Wisconsin Women's Council, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, and as Deputy Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Revenue. Eileen was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology/Social Work at the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minnesota, and has served as an adjunct faculty member at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Minnesota-Duluth, Marian College, and Upper Iowa University.

In addition to writing extensively on a range of topics, Eileen has received numerous awards and accolades throughout her professional career. In 2009 she received the Athena Award and in 2011 was named, among others, a person of the year by Madison Magazine. She is a sought after public speaker most recently delivering the keynote address to the 2012 NASW Annual Conference in Milwaukee. Eileen holds a BA in History from the University of Illinois Chicago and an MSW from the University of Minnesota-Duluth.

The Foundation goals for the next year include hiring two staff; a development director and an annual giving manager. Both position descriptions are on the Foundation website www.wvmfoundation.com. With bringing on new staff the Foundation will better be able to engage in resource and membership development and capacity building. Eileen is working with a consultant and our Museum staff to more effectively manage donations and gifts given to the Wisconsin Veterans Museum Foundation. For more information Eileen can be reached at 608.576.8591 or edmershart@gmail.com.

THE 2013 WVM FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING



SSG Kyle Wickert, sponsored veteran (made possible by Steven Pullara) and veteran of the WI Army National Guard.

Thank you to all who participated in the 2013 WVM Golf Outing on Monday, July 15, 2013. The day included a round of golf, a driving range contest, ball toss, prize drawing and silent auction, hole prizes, lunch, and hors d'oeuvres at the Oaks Golf Course.

A big thank to our sponsors, Event Sponsor Spacesaver Corporation, Associate Sponsor Edgewood College, Driving Range Sponsor Wal-Mart, Ball Toss sponsor Hausmann-Johnson Insurance, and Hole Sponsors Lee & Dar Schuff, American Legion- Department of Wisconsin, Grantham/Heinrichs Group at Merrill Lynch, Smith & Gesteland, and Storage Systems Midwest, Inc.

There were 108 golfers, including 18 sponsored veterans. Thank you to our Sponsor a Hero Sponsors, including Bill Hustad, Lewis B. Harned, MD, Steven Pullara, Bo Ryan, George and Paula Roncaglia, John Stevenson, Dennis Wagner, American Advantage Lindow Insurance, Wegner CPAs, and Rapco, Inc. We would also like to thank those who donated items to our prize drawing and silent auction.



Event sponsor Spacesaver Corporation representatives RJ Safranek, Randy Safranek, Mark Jordan, and Jim Muth.

Events like the Annual Golf Outing help the WVM continue its mission of sharing the stories of Wisconsin veterans. Thank you again to the golfers, sponsors, and donors who helped make this event a success.



RUSS HORTON
REFERENCE ARCHIVIST



THESE NUMBERS ALL MEAN SOMETHING

"I've got documents that I brought out of Korea... just pieces of paper with numbers on them.

They are very old.

These numbers all mean something."

-Darrell Krenz,

WVM Oral History Interview

2 3 1 6 8 0 1 5. The first two digits are random "dummy" numbers, meant to confuse anyone trying to break the code. The third and fourth digits—1 and 6—represent K, the sixteenth letter in the alphabet when counting from the end and the first letter of a surname. The fifth digit is another random "dummy" number, while the sixth and seventh—0 and 1—represent Z, the first letter in the alphabet when counting from the end and the last letter of a surname. The last digit—5—represents the total number of letters in a surname. In this example, the numbers mean KRENZ.

Numbers played an important role in the story of Darrell Krenz's Korean War service. The Columbus,



Darrell Krenz holding an M1919A6 Browning .30 Caliber Machine Gun, ca. 1950.

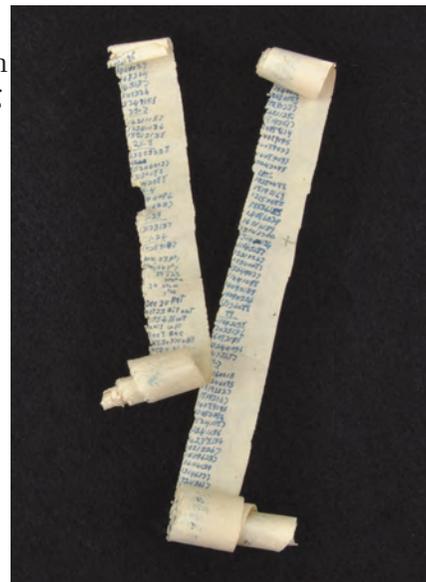
Wisconsin native enlisted into the Army on 1/18/1949 at the age of 17. Initially training with the 101st Airborne in Kentucky, he asked to serve overseas and was transferred to Company L, 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division in Japan in April 1949. That Division was the first American unit sent into Korea in July 1950 to delay the North Korean advance until more American troops arrived.

On 7/20/1950, during the Battle of Taejon, a wounded Krenz

and roughly 700 other American soldiers were taken prisoner and endured a brutal forced march, called the Tiger Death March, north to Chungganjin prison camp near the Chinese border. There, Krenz was caught stealing some hot peppers from a kitchen and was

severely beaten and forced to eat the whole peppers. Less than 300 of the prisoners remained alive when they were given over to Chinese custody in October 1951. At Chinese Camp #3, Krenz left his assigned area to share Christmas greetings with a fellow prisoner in December 1952 and was punished by being forced to stand outside in the harsh winter weather with no shirt or shoes.

While in Chinese Camp #3, numbers became even more important to Krenz. Along with several other American prisoners, he began to record various happenings in the camp, particularly instances of American prisoners cooperating or aiding their Chinese captors. Krenz recorded the names of these men on small strips of cigarette paper using the 8 digit numerical system described above. In order to hide the papers from the prison guards, Krenz wrapped the tiny strips in blotting paper and stored them in his mouth.



Encoded strips of cigarette paper Krenz hid in his mouth during his POW experience.

In August 1953, after more than 1,100 days as a prisoner of war, Darrell Krenz returned to United States' custody as part of Operation Big Switch. Department of Defense officials, very concerned about the "brainwashing" techniques used by the Chinese and the overall treatment of American prisoners by Korea and China, thoroughly interviewed Krenz on several occasions. They compiled a large file on him that included transcripts of his detailed descriptions of the numerical code and what it meant, along with the full story of his prisoner of war experience.

Almost 50 years later, Krenz participated in the WVM Oral History project, sharing the story of his entire military service including his prisoner of war experience and his numerical code, stating "all these numbers mean something." He also donated the actual scraps of coded cigarette paper to the WVM archives, along with copies of his declassified Department of Defense files. Thus researchers today and generations from now will be able to see the code itself, read Krenz's description of it from immediately after his release in the Department of Defense files, and then hear Krenz's description of it in the oral history interview conducted half a century afterward. Together, these materials represent an incredibly important resource for learning about the POW experience in the Korean War while, just as importantly, they also acknowledge the brave and faithful service of a Wisconsin veteran.



HATS OFF TO THE LAST FULL MEASURE



JENNIFER CARLSON
MARKETING & DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR



"It is for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us...from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion..."

-Abraham Lincoln, Gettysburg Address, 1863.

On July 12, the Museum played host to over 150 attendees at the opening of its latest exhibit, The Last Full Measure: Wisconsin in the Civil War, 1863-1865. Museum members and special invitees enjoyed an advance look at the new exhibit which focuses on Wisconsin's role in the last two years (1863-65) of the Civil War. In attendance were Governor Scott Walker and the descendants of Philander Wright whose Iron Brigade Army Hat is on display in this new exhibit. Wright's hat is the only surviving example of the iconic "Black Hat" known to have been worn in battle.

Stop in and see this new exhibit at 30 West Mifflin Street in Madison. Visit wisvetsmuseum.com to see our hours of operation.



WVM staff, volunteers, and members enjoy hors d'oeuvres while looking at the touch table in The Last Full Measure exhibit.



Governor Scott Walker talks with WVM Curator of Research and Public Programs Kevin Hampton (left) and WDVA Deputy Secretary Michael Trepanier (right).

THE LAST FULL MEASURE

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WISCONSIN IN THE CIVIL WAR 1863 * 1865





SARAH KAPELLUSCH
REGISTRAR



A LEARNING EXPERIENCE

This summer, The Wisconsin Veterans Museum was invaded by student interns. As part of a new competitive internship program, students and recent graduates interested in pursuing a career in museums or archives were invited to apply for one of several opportunities to work alongside a member of the permanent staff. Students gained practical hands on experiences, went on site visits to other institutions, attended workshops, and were given valuable networking opportunities while contributing to The Wisconsin Veterans Museum.

Collections interns, Julia Lacher and Chad Conrady, helped with the installation of *The Last Full Measure* exhibit. They learned about pest management, performed cataloging and assisted with an inventory project. Julia also worked on developing an “Adopt an Artifact” program to help raise money to support the collections.

Peter Mohr was a curatorial intern who assisted with the installation of *The Last Full Measure* exhibit. He also helped install artifacts at the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs headquarters and organized the study collection.



Intern Kathleen Kosiec in the Archives.



Collections Manager Andrea Hoffman, Registrar Sarah Kapellusch, Collections intern Julia Lacher, and Curatorial intern Peter Mohr.

Kathleen Kosiec interned in the Archives where she assisted with reference activities, helped researchers, and created a manuscript exhibit about food in the Civil War on display in the Research Center.

This was a fun and exciting program that the museum plans to continue. Opportunities for summer 2014 will be posted on the website in early spring.



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