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2024 ANNUAL APPEAL

Each year, the Military Veterans Museum & Education Center conducts an Annual Appeal, the proceeds of which are used to maintain operational excellence at the Museum. There are many costs associated with running the Museum, including heating, lighting, vehicle repairs and keeping the grounds in ship-shape condition. We sincerely appreciate all who have provided support in past years and encourage you to utilize the enclosed envelope to send in a contribution to help us keep our assets working for you!

HONORING EAA Warbirds Squadron 32

By Stu Tribbey, President MVMEC



March 13, 2019, began a new chapter in the ongoing history of our museum. That evening was the first meeting at our museum in the motor pool of the EAA Warbirds Squadron 32. They met again in April, then again in October of that year. Ever since, the group has been meeting here on the second Wednesday of the month; except the summer months where they meet elsewhere and concentrate on AirVenture.

Warbirds Squadron 32 took flight in June of 2017 and has since soared to new heights in its mission to educate the public on military history. With over (30) dedicated members, the squadron has become an integral part of the 'Warbirds Mission.'

One of the standout features of Squadron 32 is its commitment to community engagement. They provide a variety of events throughout the year inviting aviation enthusiasts and the general public to participate. Fly-ins, where Warbirds and general aircraft take to the skies are a great way to draw crowds and ignite a sense of nostalgia for aviation history. Pancake breakfasts have become a popular way for the community to connect with squadron members. The speaker series has been a huge highlight featuring veterans and experts who share their knowledge and experiences with military history.

While engaging with the community is the heart of Squadron 32's mission, they also play a crucial role in supporting EAA Warbirds of America. By educating the general public about military history, they help preserve the legacy of Warbirds and the men and women who flew them.

Membership dues are \$25.00 / year, and they love to see new faces join their meetings. There are only (12) Squadrons in the United States, and one in Buenos Aires.

(Information regarding Squadron 32 was provided by Kristin Schaick, Executive Director, Warbirds of America.)

NOTE: In my humble opinion, Warbirds Squadron 32 seems to parallel our Military Veterans Museum & Education Center in both mission and organization. Our museum welcomes the Squadron and hopes to continue our symbiotic relationship well into the future.

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Another Way To Donate Financially

We here at MVMEC are continuing to advance into the area of online technology. Our newest addition is the use of QR codes to enable supporters to use their phones to donate monies to our organization. All a donor needs to do is scan the code and tap the link that comes up. They will be taken to a page where they will enter their donation amount and proceed to checkout. At checkout they will have the option to express checkout using Apple or Google pay (depending on them having one of those apps installed on their phone) or they can enter their credit card information and finish the donation. All transactions are secured through the Square Retail system, which the museum currently uses for cash register sales at the Gift Shop. We will be deploying these QR codes soon. Watch for them!



**Scan To Donate To
MVMEC**



**Scan To Donate To
Building Addition**

THANK YOU, BILL AND DENNIS...

...for your time and talents while on the Board of Directors. Both men were elected in November 2014. The Board of Directors accepted their resignations at the September 27, 2023 Board meeting.

Bill Fischer has participated in the Building and Grounds, Exhibits and the Collections Committees. At times Bill was a chairman or co-chair of Building and Grounds or Exhibits. He tells us he will still participate in committees and we value his input.

Dennis Orseske has to his credit a year of being the Board's secretary. Dennis ran the Horseshoe Tournament for two years then switched to running the Corn Hole Tournament the past couple years. There is a Thursday Night Crew that would get together and work on the military vehicles. Dennis was a great help by supplying handmade parts when the Brutus gun truck was replicated. He got involved with the planning phase of the building extension onto the Museum when it was formed this past year. Dennis says he will continue on the Fundraising Committee and the



THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the 31st MVMEC Annual Banquet, Dale Anderson, Craig Bilderback and Tom Sonnleitner were voted in by the members. One new Director is Mike Van Sickle. Their terms will be for three years.

At the November Board of Directors meeting, officers were voted in. The results were: *Stu Tribbey, President Dale Anderson, Vice-President Darlene Anderson, Secretary Joe Miller, Treasurer*

We also welcome two adjunct members from Oshkosh Leadership. Paul Brunette and Hudson Page will be with us for awhile.

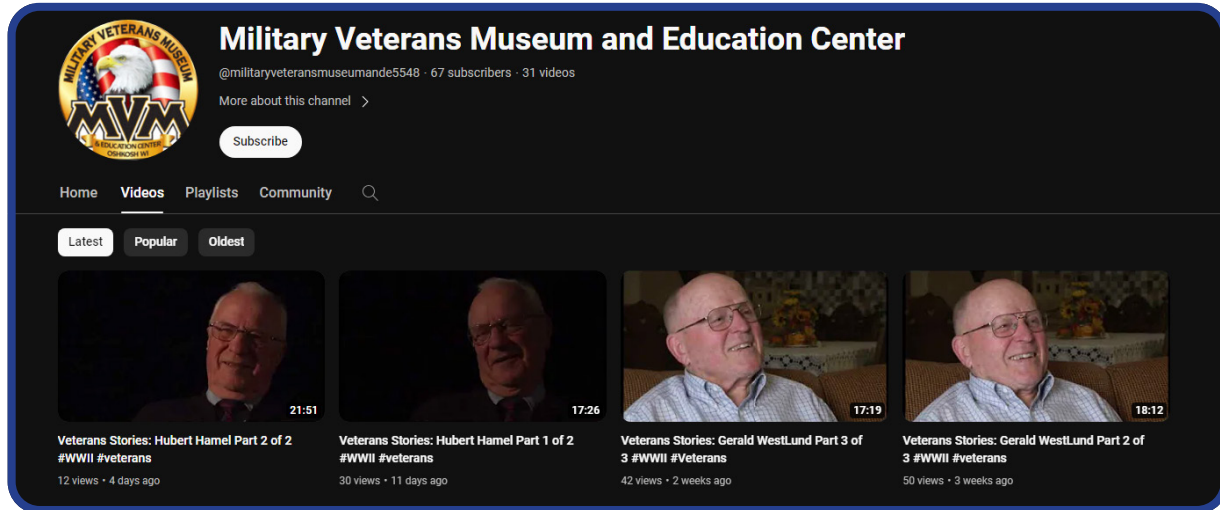
COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

By Larry Kuepper, Chairman

Looking back over the last several years, we have made amazing progress with the collection, especially at the county garage storage facility. At one point, we had three pallets of obsolete fluorescent lights, forty old mercury vapor lights, a pallet of five-gallon paint buckets, several old tires, batteries, junk vehicle parts, old building materials, etc. These have been cleaned out for the most part. The collections committee, along with the exhibits committee, has gone through an estimated five thousand uniforms in storage and picked out most of the deteriorated and unusable uniforms, etc. We are still working on the multiple boxes of paperwork, some of which contain paperwork not even related to the museum that we are paying storage on. I believe we are finally getting the collection down to a manageable amount of better-quality artifacts which will be a great help should we ever lose our storage at the county garage and have to move.

MVMEC YOUTUBE CHANNEL

If you haven't already discovered it, the Military Veterans Museum has a YouTube channel! Please like the videos and subscribe to help the channel grow. We are currently in the middle of a "Veterans Stories" Series and have 5 episodes from WWII Veterans sharing their experiences and are releasing new videos each Friday. We also publish videos from our artifacts collection, motor pool vehicles and events. Please scan the QR code to the right with your cell phone camera to be taken directly to the videos.



RENAMING "OPEN HOUSE"

At the MVMEC Annual Banquet & Meeting, the members voted on their three favorite names from a list of eleven. This list was generated by an article in the Fall 2023 issue inviting members to send in a new name for the "Open House". At the November 16th Board meeting, the Directors chose their favorite from the top three entries. The new name for that event is the "Military History Day". The winner to receive a cap from the PX Gift Shop is Terri Schlack. Thank you to those who sent in some great names for this event.

EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION



Ciera Striley presented a proposal to develop an outdoor trail on the museum property for the community to reflect and remember those that have served in the United States armed forces as her Eagle Scout project. Ciera will be in charge of this project from beginning to end to her Eagle Scout. A Motion made by Dale and seconded by Grady that the Board approve Ciera's proposed Eagle Scout project. Motion passed.

Ciera will need to get final approval from the Scout Council before she can proceed with her project. Once she receives approval she intends to begin fundraising in the fall of 2023, start the project in the spring of 2024 and have it completed by the summer of 2024.

WE BUILD, WE FIGHT! HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SEABEES!

The Father of the Seabees, Rear Adm Ben Moreell, came up with this motto to show the world what this group can do. Which leads to another motto widely accepted, "Can Do". Because of the need for camps, airfields and other structures around the world, the Seabees were formally established in March 1942. They help build some of the first structures at the South Pole.

How did the name "Seabees" come about? It is a clever way to shorten the name of this group of Navy men and women of the **C**onstruction **B**attalion. They can and do build anything anywhere. The Seabees have built bases, airfields, roads, bridges and performed underwater construction, all while providing protection for themselves and those around them. Anything the military needs structurally, the Seabees are there. They are also known for their humanitarian work around the world.



FOUR CHAPLAIN'S DAY

Heroes come in all manners, shapes and forms. It so happens that on February 3, 1943, there were four chaplains aboard the USAT Dorchester. The ship left New York eleven days prior as part of a convoy of three ships and about 900 people. A German submarine fired a torpedo at the ship killing hundreds.

The four chaplains offered what they could right down to their life jackets knowing their own fate. George Fox (Methodist), Rabbi Alexander Goode (Jewish), Rev Clark Poling (Dutch Reformed) and Fr. John Washington (Catholic) were the brave individuals who sacrificed their lives.

Honoring these four religious church leaders is one way of promoting interfaith unity and spirit of service among individuals, so in 1998 the Senate named February 3 as Four Chaplain's Day.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- FEB 1** Blue Star Mother's Day (1942)
- FEB 19** Coast Guard Reserve Birthday (1941)
- MAR 3** Navy Reserve Birthday (1915)
- MAR 5** SeaBee Birthday (1942)

LITTLE KNOWN DATES TO REMEMBER

- FEB 3** Four Chaplain's Day (1998)
- MAR** Month of the Military Caregiver
- MAR 25** National Medal of Honor Day (1990)



MVMEC's 5th Annual Corn Hole (Bean Bag) Tournament



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Tournament Play.
Double Elimination.
Tournament Trophies
with gift card for 1st,
2nd and 3rd Place!

Food and Beverages
Available for Purchase.
Please No Carry-ins.

Registration: 8:00 am
Gameplay: 9:00 am
\$15.00/person
Sign up with a partner or individually.

**Saturday March
16th, 2024
Military Veterans
Museum**

**and Education Center
4300 Poberezny Rd**

We need volunteers to help
with the following:

1. Serving Food
2. Registration
3. Scoring/Scheduling
4. Set-up - Remove vehicles and help with layout, set tables up ... etc.
5. 50/50 Raffle sales person
6. Sales of raffles Ticket
7. Clean-up - Remove trash, put tables away, Return vehicles etc.

QUESTIONS:

Call (920) 891-5188

or email

Dennisorseske@gmail.com

RETIRING OLD US FLAGS

On November 13, the Boy Scouts utilized the Flag Retirement Facility. We are now recognized as a place to bring old flags no longer used.



NEW MEMBERS



Tony Reeves	Paul Brunette
Mike Van Sickle	Hudson Page

HURRY! HURRY!

The MVMEC can sell tickets

ONLY until **DECEMBER**

31, 2023! Purchase your

tickets at the MVMEC or

through a Board Member.

SPORTSMAN'S RAFFLE WINNERS:

9/14	Paul M	\$375
9/21	Andrew R	\$360
9/28	Tyler M	\$370
10/05	Brian G	\$375
10/12	Dylan L	\$550
10/19	Jason F	\$360
10/26	David S	\$275
11/02	Tyler P	\$435
11/09	Becky L	\$450
11/16	Jerry H.	\$440
11/22	Gene R.	\$385
11/30	Kathy S.	\$430



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- Executive: Stu Tribbey
- Exhibits: Grady Freeman
- Fundraising: Tom Sonnleitner
- Marketing: Dale Anderson
- Membership/Volunteer: Dale Anderson
- Operations: Joe Miller
- Outreach/Education: Stu Tribbey



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