Museum Director

It is with a deep sense of regret that we report the resignation of Museum Director Vicki Netterville. Although Mrs. Netterville has graciously agreed to remain with the museum in the position of Board President, she has resigned as Museum Director to devote more time to her family, which includes young grandchildren. Mrs. Netterville can be proud of what she has achieved for this institution. Among her many accomplishments, she succeeded in incorporating the Camp Van Dorn World War II Museum as an individual non-profit organization. We are sorry to lose her.

At the same time, we are pleased to welcome Mr. Michael Stewart as incoming Museum Director. Mr. Stewart has been closely involved with the operation of the museum for the last few years, and has served as Secretary on the Museum Board. We are confident that he will also excel as a director.

Mississippi Magazine

Mississippi Magazine is working on a feature article about the Camp Van Dorn Museum. Watch for it in an upcoming issue.

Visitors

Year-to-date in 2009 close to five hundred people have visited this museum. In the last quarter alone, we have hosted a group from Liberty, MS, and one from St. Francisville, LA. Also in this same three-month period, we had visitors from ten states other than Mississippi. During the month of September alone tourists came here from six states: Louisiana, Texas, Arizona, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and California.

Thank you

We are grateful to those of you who responded to our “wish list.” You have filled several of our requests. Thank you for your continued support.

We would like to know . . .

Can anyone help us identify this photograph? The museum acquired a collection of photographs taken by the American Photograph Company at Camp Van Dorn. Most of the photographs were of members of the 63rd Division, the 120th General Hospital, Quartermaster Corps, or WACs. However, the last photograph in this collection is of this child in uniform. No identification was given. Can anyone identify this little boy?

Contributed by Ginny Randall

As a non-profit museum, we are always looking for a way to make money to pay the bills. One of the ladies decided that we ought to have everyone save their aluminum cans. I suggested that we get a can crusher so we could get more cans in a bag. I crush the cans every Monday while Patti James watches for visitors at the museum. I don’t mind. It really helps build up the arm muscles. I want to thank all the good people who save their cans for us. A special thanks to those who wash out their cans. When I get around ten bags and am headed to McComb to shop, I load up the car. My back seats fold down, and I put newspaper down to catch any drips. I look like some kind of pilgrim with my car loaded to the gills with bags and only enough room for me. I go to the recycle shop in McComb, unload the cans, and put them on the scales. Now you know to what lengths we go to keep our museum open.
Memorials received July 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009:

Pete Brantley
   Betty N. Stevens

Gordon Carr, USN
   Tim & Diane Carr

Capt. James Cobb
   Donald J. Spittler (Col. USAR)

Helen Crain
   Randy Patton
   Elwood Crain

Annette Crawford
   Emma Zell Knighton

Patsy Cockerham
   Mr. & Mrs. Billy McGregor

Milton D’Aquilla
   Emma Zell Knighton
   Howard G. Stutzman, Jr.

Wayne Davis
   Mr. & Mrs. Billy McGregor

Jesse Dawson
   Mickey & Bernice Garig

Edward Fleming
   Dr./Mrs. R. J. “Dick” Field

Jack Gatlin
   Emma Zell Knighton

“Bo” Hills
   Mr. & Mrs. Billy McGregor

Mrs. Roland (Marjorie) Hiles
   Roland Hiles

Paul E. Hutchison, Jr.
   Betty Ziegler

S/Sgt. Harry Marks
   Susie Marks Deckert

Delton Moore, III
   Emma Zell Knighton

Gen. George S. Patton
   Charles W. Eubanks

Robert William Prescott
   Emma Zell Knighton

Tennie Robertson
   Emma Zell Knighton

Mildred Rowe
   Maxine Darden
   Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Randall
   Patricia Rogers

Kathy Smith
   Emma Zell Knighton

Luther C. Symons, 99th Div.
   Mr. & Mrs. Keith Symons

Lewell Toney
   Emma Zell Knighton
   Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Randall

Andy White
   Emma Zell Knighton
   Mr. & Mrs. Billy McGregor

Honorariums received July 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009:

In Honor of Them All
   George M. Borskey, Sr.

63rd Infantry Division
   Harold T. Cole

James W. Pyle
   Jim & Odeana Peters

Honored volunteer

Maxine Darden is our newest volunteer. After she retired from her position as secretary for the Centreville Baptist Church, we were fortunate to gain her as our archivist. She enjoys working at the museum, and we enjoy working with her. As Museum Archivist, Maxine assigns accession and artifact numbers. She completes the initial archival forms and places the artifacts in the proper protective covering. As she was learning to identify World War II military items, she saw a need for more reference materials, which she personally purchased for our use.

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