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MEMORIAL DAY 2005

Memorial Day is an important day for us as Americans. It is a time when we gather together in remembrance of those who have served so valiantly and paid the ultimate price. In gratitude for the great sacrifices that have been made for our freedom, the Eldred World War II Museum is proud to announce the following distinguished guests.



2nd Lt. John James McGinty III

Medal of Honor Recipient

2nd Lt. John James McGinty III, USMC
Vietnam

2d Lt. McGinty's personal heroism, indomitable leadership, selfless devotion to duty, and bold fighting spirit inspired his men to resist the repeated attacks by a fanatical enemy, reflected great credit upon himself, and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the U.S. Naval Service.

Excerpt from MOH Citation,
February 12, 1968

Mrs. Marilyn Paige

Wife of MOH Recipient Col. Mitchell Paige

Thomas Vetter

1st Marine Division Association, President

Memorial Day Schedule

Monday, May 30, 2005

11:00 a.m.

Local Parade organized by the Eldred VFW

1:00 p.m.

Distinguished guests at the Museum

Our guests will speak in Mitchell Paige Hall

There is no charge for this event and all are invited to join the Eldred World War II Museum in our observance of Memorial Day.

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Letter from the Director

"I have been a part of this family for 53 years and I learned things today that I never knew." Those are the words of Aileen Sirianni after a February 27 event at the Museum. Her husband is one of four brothers who served our country during World War II. Surrounded by family and friends, Jim, Bill, Dan, and Al Sirianni told their stories.

Jim was a clerk typist who did separation work at the end of the War. Bill was a Mess Sgt. at a Field Hospital at the Battle of the Bulge, Dan was a pilot who was shot down over Germany and became a POW, and Al was a driver mechanic who enlisted before the war broke out, was discharged and then drafted back into the service.

All in attendance witnessed an important part of what we do here at the Eldred World War II Museum – we remember. With each story, we remember the crisis that brought us to war. We remember the service and sacrifice that was required to prevail. We remember ones who didn't come home to tell their stories. Finally, we remember that each generation needs to hear these stories and learn the lessons from this momentous time in our history.

As the Director of the Museum, I am honored to have the opportunity to help persons remember – and sometimes hear the stories for the first time.

Jay P. Tennies

Tours

In 2004, over 8,000 people visited the Museum, including 2,000 as part of organized tours. Busses and vans came from schools, tour operators, senior centers, community groups, and churches. A tour is a great way to introduce persons to the Museum. Many groups have already scheduled their 2005 tours, but there is plenty of time for your group to come and visit this year.

Museum Curator to England

Curator Nick Pascuzzi went to England in September 2004. He visited Eden Camp World War II Museum, The British Air Museum at Duxford, and the Imperial War Museum in London. Nick met with Museum personnel at each location and had an opportunity to see how these very successful museums handle their exhibits and educational programs. He came back with some good insights and new ideas, which have been utilized in the development of new exhibits.

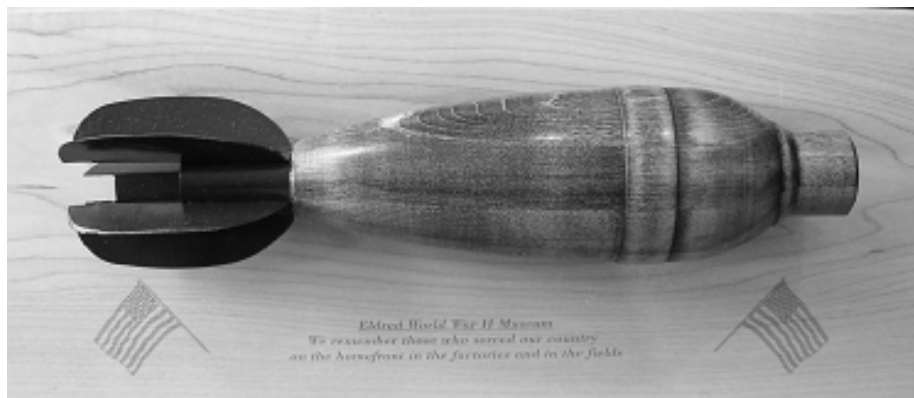
Library & Collections

New Computers and PastPerfect Museum Software have been purchased to assist us in the cataloging of the collection and also in converting the Library over into the Library of Congress numbering system.

The Library continues to grow as new volumes are purchased or donated. The library contains over 8,000 items and is a treasure for the interested reader or researcher.

Mortar Plaques

We wish to thank the Industrial Arts class of Mr. Ed Reitler at Otto-Eldred High School for production of mortar plaques for the Museum. The wooden mortar has metal tail fins and is a half scale replica of the 3-inch trench mortars made by the National Munitions Company.



The first plaques were ready in Spring of 2004. The first one was presented to Col. Konstantin Charov during his speaking engagement at the Museum. It was a special gift for a special friend.

Since that time, these unique plaques have been presented to guest speakers and presented to various officials, including the Governor of Pennsylvania, Ed Rendell.

Capturing History Alive Scholarships

We are proud to announce a new development in *Capturing History Alive*, our educational program for college and graduate students. Ten scholarships of \$400 each are now available for students who wish to conduct research at the Eldred WWII Museum during the Summer or Fall of 2005.

More information is available by contacting Jay Tennes at (814)225-2220 or ww2museum@penn.com

The German Resistance Movement

Dr. Horst Rauhut recently gave a presentation on the German Resistance Movement. Horst is a great friend of the Museum and has a unique perspective on Germany during WWI because he lived through it. He was born in 1930 and can recall life as a young man during those very difficult times. His presentation focused on Dietrich Bonhoeffer, but also recalled the names and courageous acts of many Germans who struggled and often died in opposition to the Nazi regime.

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Museum Shop

The sales case at the museum has expanded to help us offer some more items. We now have *Rosie the Riveter* items, new logo items, a variety of airplanes, and additional books.

The books we now have for sale include:

- ★ ***A Marine Named Mitch*** – Medal of Honor recipient Mitchell Paige’s autobiography
- ★ ***Love Company*** – Donald Dencker’s book about the 96th Division at Okinawa
- ★ ***Navajo Weapon*** – Sally McClain’s book about the Navajo Code Talkers

Each book is \$15 plus shipping.

All of our items are available for sale at the Museum or through the mail. A selection of items can be seen on our website.

***Thank you to everyone
who supports the Museum.
This Museum is a unique place
because we never charge admission.
Your support helps keep the doors
open to anyone who wants
to come learn about
World War II.***

Museum Website Updated

Our website continues to be a popular site – and now it is updated. The website had over 67,000 hits in February and now visitors can see an updated schedule of events, sales items, and pictures of new exhibits. If you have not been to the website, or it’s been a while since you visited, take a few minutes and come visit us online:

www.eldredwwiimuseum.org

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