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Newsletter of the Capital Campaign for the National Museum of the United States Army

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LOCKHEED MARTIN PLEDGES \$11 MILLION FOR MUSEUM'S EDUCATION PAVILION

Lockheed Martin Corporation pledged \$11 million to sponsor the National Museum of the United States Army's Education Pavilion, a unique, state-of-the-art interactive resource center that will feature science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) educational programs related to the company's four product areas-water, air, land, and space.

"Lockheed Martin's \$11 million is the largest pledge the Museum campaign has received to date, and we appreciate the company's remarkable commitment," said MG John P. Herrling (USA-Ret.), Campaign Executive Director, in acknowledging the gift.

"With Lockheed Martin's distinguished reputation for supporting science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) programs that educate young people, the sponsorship of the Museum's Education Pavilion is yet another way of doing their part to help produce an emerging generation of talented scientists and engineers," Herrling added.

Considered one of the marquee features that will give the National Army Museum an important part of its unique identity, the Education Pavilion will be located on the first floor directly adjacent to the Museum lobby. It will include an extensive experiential learning area, complete with classroom space and interactive learning tools like motion-sensitive smart tables, free-standing kiosks, and desk-mounted computers.

Bob Stevens, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. Lockheed Martin. "We believe this is an important investment to make in young people who may be considering a career in science, technology, engineering, or math."

The pavilion is designed for flexibility so that over time future technologies can be incorporated, ensuring that the facility remains at the cutting edge of state-of-theart learning techniques. The pavilion, which is expected to annually engage 180,000 students on site and over

500,000 via the internet, also includes a large student-teacher lunch room and adjoining outdoor terrace.

STEM programs featured throughout the Lockheed Martin-sponsored Education Pavilion will adhere to standards of learning.

"Both Lockheed Martin and the Army have an equally large stake in STEM education as industry requires an ongoing supply of scientists and engineers to continue to provide innovative solutions to Army requirements, and the Army needs technologically savvy Soldiers to properly evaluate, operate, and

"Lockheed Martin is proud to sup-maintain what industry provides," said

port the National Museum of the United David Lewis, the Capital Campaign's States Army's Education Pavilion," said Director of Corporate Programs.





Lockheed Martin's Jessica Smith (left) and Emily Simone with BG Creighton W. Abrams, Jr. (USA-Ret.) at the AUSA Dinner recognizing major donors to the Museum. (see p. 2 for story). Photo courtesy of Robert L. Knudsen Photography, Inc.

wonderful to see Lockheed Martin and the Army, two great institutions, working in the Museum's Educational Pavilion as part of their solution to this critical and ongoing need."

Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., Lockheed Martin is a global security company that employs about 132,000 people worldwide and is principally engaged in research, design, development, manufacture, integration, and sustainment of advanced technology systems, products, and services. The Corporation's 2010 sales from continuing operations were \$45.8 billion.

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US MINT SALE OF ARMY COINS PASSES \$20 MILLION

Within the first 100 days following the US Mint's January 31 introduction of the 2011 Army Commemorative Coins, sales surpassed \$20 million and over a quarter of a million coins were sold.

"US Mint reports indicate that over 75,000 coins were ordered within the first 24 hours following the Mint's sales launch on January 31, and orders have been fairly steady since then," said Dick Couture, The Army Historical Foundation's (AHF's) Chairman of the Army Commemorative Coin Marketing Committee. "Actual sales passed the quarter million mark in early May."

According to Couture, the commemorative silver dollar has been the most popular among buyers so far, with over 140,000 sold, followed by the clad half dollar at slightly over 92,000 sold, and gold at just over 20,000 sold.

"To this point, sales have been generated mostly by the US Mint's direct mail advertising. We've also promoted coin sales in Foundation publications like *On Point* and *Call*

To Duty and on our web site, but our ads in publications like VFW, American Legion, and many of the newspapers servicing the major Army installations haven't appeared yet," reported Colonel Dave Fabian (USA-Ret.), AHF's Director of Communications.

Fabian said that a series of black and white and full color ads have been produced in-house and are being made available for use in veterans' magazines, journals, and newspapers as well as unit newsletters and reunion publications.

"Newsletter editors who'd like to run one of the ads can contact me with the request. Any help in getting the word on the availability of the coins to their members will be appreciated, especially since part of the proceeds from the coin sales will help finance the National Museum of the United States Army," Fabian noted.

To request copies of the ads, contact Fabian at dave.fabian@armyhistory.org or 800 506-2672, extn 4162.



GENERAL MOTORS' \$1 MILLION GIFT SPONSORS HISTORIC MACRO ARTIFACT

The General Motors Foundation's recent \$1 million pledge toward the construction of the National Museum of the United States Army continues the company's longstanding history of supporting the U.S. Army and its Soldiers.

"General Motors (GM) has been an important participant in the history of this country," said David S. Lewis, the Capital Campaign's Director of Corporate Programs. "This act of generosity and corporate citizenship is evidence of GM's continuing role in reinforcing the strength of our nation."

Made in honor of Kent Kresa, a former member of the automotive manufacturer's board of directors, GM's gift will sponsor the exhibit of a historymaking World War II M4 Sherman tank.

The tank, nicknamed *Cobra King*, was assembled at GM's Fisher Tank Arsenal and enjoys historic provenance as the first American tank to break into the besieged town of Bastogne on December 26, 1944, during the Battle of the Bulge.

Cobra King will be a major attraction in the Museum's Saving Democracy: Global War Gallery, where the story of the Army's role in global conflict and how the retooling of American industry changed the course of the war and defeated the enemies of democracy.

"General Motors is honored to help the National Museum of the United States Army to continue to tell the story of the brave and heroic sacrifice of so many who fought to preserve freedom during the world's darkest hour," said Bob Ferguson, GM Foundation Chairman and GM Vice President for Global Public Policy.



When notified of GM's contribution, MG John P. Herrling (USA-Ret.), Campaign Executive Director noted that "no other manufacturer delivered as much material to the Allied forces during World War II as did General Motors."

According to Herrling, Detroit-based GM converted 100% of its production to the Allied war effort in response to President Franklin D. Roosevelt's call to the nation's manufacturing and industrial communities to support the Allied war effort in late 1940. GM was among the first companies to respond, delivering more than \$12 billion worth of materiel ranging from airplanes to tanks, marine diesel engines, trucks, machine guns, and shells.

"GM was an integral part of what Roosevelt called 'the great arsenal of democracy' whenever he referred to Detroit's role in wartime support, and we are proud that the company's alliance with the war effort will be featured in this important historical exhibit," Herrling said.

GM's gift places them in the Five-Star Circle of Distinction reserved for donors of \$1,000,000 - \$4,999,999. More information on the new General Motors can be found at www.gm.com.

COBRA KING

In 2009, Army historians from U.S. Army Europe and curators from the Patton Museum of Cavalry and Armor at Fort Knox, Kentucky, confirmed that an M4 Sherman tank on display at Rose Barracks, Vilseck, Germany, was Cobra King, from Company C, 37th Tank Battalion, 4th Armored Division. Nicknamed Cobra King by its first crew, this tank helped liberate France and was the first tank to reach American lines around the besieged town of Bastogne, Belgium, on December 26, 1944 during the Battle of the Bulge. The Cobra King, an uparmored version of the M4 designated as the M4A3E2 Assault Tank, was identified using serial and registration numbers. Cobra King is being restored by the Patton Museum at Fort Knox in preparation for display at the National Museum of the United States Army to be built at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.



The 'Cobra King' crew—1st Lt. Charles Boggess, Cpl. Milton Dickerman and Pvts. James G. Murphy, Hubert S. Smith and Harold Hafner—pose for a celebratory photo in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, shortly after the tankers led the armor and infantry column that liberated the town in December 1944.

AUSA, AHF HOST NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM MAJOR DONORS

The Association of the United States Army (AUSA) and The Army Historical Foundation (AHF) joined forces on May 16 to co-host an event recognizing the generosity of major corporate and individual donors to the National Museum of the United States Army.

General Gordon R. Sullivan (USA-Ret.), AUSA President and staunch Museum advocate, emceed the event, which included an update on the Museum project, a thank you to donors, and a keynote address by Senator Daniel K. Inouye (D-HI), the most senior member of the Senate and Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

"We want to say thank you. You can take great pride in the fact that you are helping to ensure that our Army is going to finally have a national landmark and an appropriate place to honor our Soldiers who have defended the Constitution and the American people for 236 years," Sullivan told over 70 corporate executives and Museum supporters in attendance.

Although Secretary of the Army John McHugh and Army Chief of Staff General Martin E. Dempsey were unable to attend because of conflicting schedules, both echoed Sullivan's appreciation for and support of the Museum in special video presentations.

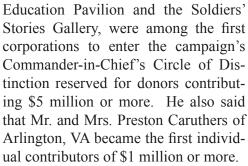
"My message tonight is a simple one: The Army's senior civilian and military leaders in the Pentagon are thankful for and appreciative of your efforts to make the National Museum of the United States Army a reality," McHugh noted.

Dempsey, who assumed his position as Army Chief of Staff only last month, coupled his thanks with a strong endorsement of the Museum project as the Army's new leader: "A great Army deserves a great Museum, and I want you to know that the National Army Museum has my full support."

AHF President General William W. Hartzog (USA-Ret.) reported that over \$25

million in cash and pledges had been received last year, making 2010 the best to date in campaign history and bringing the current campaign total to \$59.5 million.

Hartzog noted that Lockheed Martin Corporation and The Boeing Company, with their respective \$11 million and \$5 million sponsorships of the



Hartzog also thanked the following corporate, organizational donors present for their generosity: AM General, BAE Systems, Association of the United States Army, Raytheon Company, Fairfax County, General Dynamics, Commonwealth of Virginia, General Motors Foundation, DynCorp International, ITT Corporation, Caterpillar, Inc., Oshkosh Corporation, Kongsberg Protech Systems, SAIC, Hensel Phelps Construction, Military Order of the Purple Heart Foundation, LTG and Mrs. Max Noah (USA-Ret.), Calibre, and Agility Defense and Government Services.

Senator Inouye delivered a moving personal account of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and the impact his WW II Army service had on his life and career, commenting, "the Army shaped the course of my life," and "I was the enemy one day, a Senator the next, and



Senator Inouye with (from left to right) Generals Hartzog, Chiarelli, and Sullivan. Photo courtesy of Robert Knudsen Photography, Inc.

now the President Pro Tem. This can happen only in one place—here in the United States."

A supporter of the Museum from the outset, Inouye concluded, "I will do all I can to make this Museum a reality. It's been 236 years in the making and it's about time!"

Army Vice Chief of Staff Peter W. Chiarelli thanked Inouye for co-sponsoring the Army Commemorative Coin Act, and presented him with one of the first 2011 Army commemorative silver dollars produced by the US Mint.

Also appearing on the program was Mr. Brian Edwards, President and CEO of Edwards Technologies, Inc. of El Segundo, California, who explained how state-of-the-art multi-media technologies will provide visitors with a self-selected, personalized Museum experience.

"Based on comments I heard following the event, I believe our donors enjoyed the special update and left both pleased with and proud of their decisions to support the Museum. They definitely understand the value of associating themselves with the Army and the positive values and traits it represents," said David S. Lewis, the campaign's Director of Corporate Programs.

CATERPILLAR CONTRIBUTES TO THE NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM

Caterpillar Inc.'s Defense and Federal Products division recently showed their support for the National Museum of the United States Army with their donation of \$100,000.

Caterpillar is a leader in building the world's infrastructure and enabling progress for millions of people around the globe. The Defense and Federal Products division focuses on the unique needs and requirements of equipment needed by the U.S. military, and Cat equipment plays a significant role in supporting military engineers.

"Ever since our earliest contributions during World War I, Caterpillar has supported the United States Army in each of its military campaign endeavors, to include the current Global War on Terrorism," said Ken Wolbeck, General Manager of Caterpillar Defense and Federal Products. "Our donation today," Wolbeck continued, "is in honor of our storied partnership and continued commitment to the United States Army."

"Building the National Army Museum is a major undertaking, but the tribute it will bring to the dedicated service of our Soldiers is long overdue," commented MG John P. Herrling (USA-Ret.), Campaign Executive Director.



"I appreciate Caterpillar's support and their partnership in making this Museum a reality."

Caterpillar Defense and Federal Product's gift places them in the Two-Star Circle of Distinction for donors of \$100,000 - \$249,000. For more information on Caterpillar, please visit www.caterpillar.com.

NOAHS HONOR COL AND MRS. VAN SICKLER

Retired Army LTG Max Noah and his wife Priscilla recently made a \$50,000 gift to the National Museum of the United States Army in honor of Priscilla's parents, COL and Mrs. D.R. Van Sickler.

The Noahs' roots are deep in the National Army Museum project. They are members of *The 1814 Society* and LTG Noah is a member of the Army Historical Foundation's Board of Directors. LTG Noah, an experienced Army engineer, also serves on the Army Museum's construction oversight committee.

"I think it is wonderful that LTG and Mrs. Noah have chosen to make this gift in honor of their family and that they participate so fully in supporting the Museum," said Carol Harlow, Deputy Campaign Executive Director.

Noah said he is glad he can contribute to the Museum in many ways. When he and Priscilla considered their generous financial gift, they saw a great opportunity to remember her parents in the Army's future national landmark.

Priscilla's father was a member of the West Point class of 1920, participating

in an accelerated curriculum, like many did at that time, to support World War I. Van Sickler served 10 years in the Army's artillery. He left the Army in the late 1920s and became a successful businessman, returning to the Army in 1941 to serve during World War II. Van Sickler served in the Adjutant General Corps for the rest of his Army career with his family enjoying many interesting overseas assignments.

"I loved being an Army daughter, wife, and mother," commented Priscilla. "I hope the Army Museum will show a panorama of generations of Army life where visitors can see a bit of the ways we worked and lived. . . The Army has touched a lot of lives."

Noah said that the National Army Museum will be an excellent site for teaching, learning, and looking at the Army's role in our nation's history, adding that "the Army is, and has been, the backbone of so many efforts in times of war, periods of reconstruction, and times of peace."

The Noahs continue to be active with the Corps of Engineers family, with



Max and Priscilla Noah. Photo courtesy of the Noahs.

Priscilla volunteering with the Army Engineering Spouses Club since 1970. "I have a keen interest in the design and construction side of this project," said Noah. "And, I'll admit, I am proud the Army Corps of Engineers is building this Museum."

Noah emphasized that it is very necessary for the Army to have a National Museum -- that one central monument that the Army calls its own. "I look forward to hearing people say, 'Have you been to the National Army Museum? You've got to go!""

HELP SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT THE NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM!

A Special Message to our Founding Sponsors

As one of our over 82,000 Founding Sponsors, you've already played an important role in the campaign to build the National Museum of the United States Army, and we thank you for that. Now we're asking that you help in an important way of ensuring that friends, neighbors, and Army veterans in your community also know about plans for the Museum.

With this issue of *Call To Duty*, we've enclosed a personalized postcard message addressed to the editor of a local newspaper that serves your community. We ask that you sign, stamp, and mail this special postcard today. The message you are sending to the news editors is: Please write stories about the National Army Museum so your readers know that American Soldiers will be getting a National Museum in 2015 honoring them for the sacrifices they made for our freedom.

When your local newspaper editor receives your postcard he or she will be encouraged to contact our headquarters for a press kit, and for answers to any questions about the Museum. In turn, that newspaper can help spread the good news that the men and women of the U.S. Army in your town will be getting a wonderful new home of their own near the Nation's Capital.

So please sign, stamp, and mail your postcard today. You'll help build awareness of the Museum – and maybe recruit some new Founding Sponsors at the same time!

To the Editor:

For over 236 years, we Americans have owed our freedoms to the men and women of the United States Army. Now, at long last, the American Soldier will be honored with the National Museum of the U.S. Army near our Nation's Capital.

Many members of our community have proudly worn the uniform of the U.S. Army. As a Founding Sponsor of the Museum, I ask that you help make everyone in our community aware of this long overdue national project by running a story on plans to build and open this important new Museum on June 14, 2015, the Army's 240th Birthday.

For more information, please contact the Army Historical Foundation by calling 703-562-4173 for a press kit or visit www.armyhistory.org. Thank you.

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Sincerely,

THE 1814 SOCIETY

With the War of Independence and the War of 1812 still fresh in the minds of many Americans, Congress enacted legislation in 1814 recommending that the Secretary of War gather symbols of combat from the young nation's military struggles. Inspired by the 1814 legislation, the Capital Campaign for the National Museum of the United States Army chose *The 1814* Society as the name befitting those supporters who share a desire to see the Army's history preserved and exhibited for future generations.

Individuals are invited to join *The 1814* Society with an annual gift of \$1,000 or more. For their commitment, these donors receive special benefits and recognition.

Charter membership is exclusively reserved for the first 1,814 donors who join the Society. These

> supporters will receive a special Certificate of Recognition acknowledging their unique status as a Charter Member.

The collective contributions of The 1814 Society will sponsor an important naming op**portunity** in the National Museum.

Members of The 1814 Society will receive an invitation to an exclusive annual event which will invite them to learn more about the Museum's progress and Army history. This year's event will be held in the fall.

With over 650 members, The 1814 Society is growing steadily each year according to Beth Schultz, Director of Grassroots Development for the Campaign. "The 1814 Society provides unique opportunities for more personal access to those who are creating this wonderful legacy for our Army and its Soldiers," said Schultz. "I've enjoyed getting to know many of the members personally, and I look forward to hearing from even more people who are interested in supporting the development of the Museum in this way."

To join The 1814 Society, contact Beth Schultz, Director of Grassroots Development, at (703) 879-0006 or beth.schultz@armyhistory.org.

A TRIBUTE TO A FAVORITE UNCLE

Kevin and Barbara Sheehan have pledged \$50,000 to the National Museum of the United States Army in memory of Kevin's uncle, 1st Lt. LeRoy Joseph Fontaine.

From Needham, Mass., Fontaine was only15 years old when he enrolled in Boston University. A few years later, he set his sights on flying for the Army. Knowing he was younger than the minimum age to be a pilot, Fontaine used his 6'4" frame to support the impression that he was "of age" and he made it through the screening process.

Fontaine went on to become an Army aviator, piloting bombers and transport planes during World War II with the Army's 14th Air Force, also known as "The Flying Tigers." He flew over 45 missions and was awarded a Purple Heart and the Air Medal for heroism and outstanding achievement in China, Burma, and India. Fontaine reached the rank of 1st Lt. and left the Army after the war.

Realizing he missed military life, Fontaine soon returned to the service. By this time, the Army Air Forces had become the United States Air Force and Fontaine put his skills to work flying KC-97 and the KC-135 tankers throughout the Western Hemisphere. According to Sheehan, Fontaine spent most of his time overseas and loved his military career, retiring as a Colonel.

Fontaine did not have children of his own, but he made quite an impression on nephew, Kevin, who describes him as an adventurous man with a great sense of humor. "My uncle was quiet about his service even though he was not shy by nature," Sheehan reflected, "but when he decided to share, he had some great stories!"

The Sheehan's relationship with the National Army Museum began when they joined *The 1814 Society* in 2008. "I was not able to serve in the military due



LeRoy Joseph Fontaine. Photo courtesy of Kevin and Barbara Sheehan.

to a bad knee, and some of us were never called." said Sheehan, [so] "supporting those who served, and the Museum, with this additional gift is a matter of personal philosophy."

"The Sheehan's remembrance of their uncle is a wonderful expression of how one's connection to the Army is not always direct, and can be through the service of a friend or family member," said Rachel Hartmann, the Campaign's Director of Major and Planned Gifts. "This is a wonderful tribute to 1st Lt. Fontaine's time as a Soldier and to his influence as a special uncle."

Fontaine passed away in 1995. When Sheehan was asked during a recent telephone interview what his uncle might think of being honored in the National Army Museum, he said, "I think he would be pleased, and his face would show that wrinkled grin of his ... I feel really good about it."

Kevin and Barbara Sheehan's donation in honor of 1st Lt. LeRoy Fontaine is recognized in the *One-Star Circle of Distinction* for donors of \$50,000 - \$99,000.

1st American Volunteer Group "Flying Tigers"

By Patrick Feng

The 14th Air Force is descended from a group of American volunteers from all services of the United States military called the American Volunteer Group and was led by then-Brigadier General Claire Chennault. Chennault had been in China since the late 1930s serving as an aviation trainer and air adviser to Chiang Kai Shek, the leader of Nationalist China. The 1st American Volunteer Group was one of three fighter squadrons that made up the unit and received the nickname "Flying Tigers" based on the shark faces painted on the nose of their legendary P-40 Warhawk fighters. The group first saw combat in late December 1941, shortly after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, and achieved notable success during a vulnerable period of the war. Though outnumbered in many of its sorties, the Tigers were credited with destroying nearly 300 enemy aircraft in the skies above China and Burma, while losing

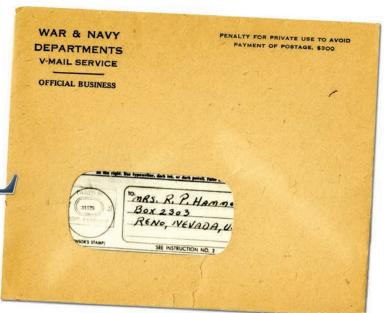
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was disbanded
and replaced
by the U.S.
23d Fighter
Group, which
was absorbed
into the U.S.
14th Air Force under the command of
Chennault

only 14 pilots in com-

Image Courtesy of David Kaufman



V···-MAIL



Sometime and somewhere in late 1944, PVT Robert P. Hammer, 39297014, of Reno, Nevada, wrote the following note to his wife, Dixie:

Dearest Baby:

Am on the high seas and just learned it was possible to send this short note. Won't have time to write Madge so let her know. This has to be in the censors [sic] hands in five minutes. Will write a long letter when we get where were [sic] going.

Love Love Love Bob

P.S. Pardon handwriting. The ships [sic] rockin' and rollin'.

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www.armyhistory.org 1-800-506-2672 PVT Hammer wrote that letter on a Government Printing Office Form 16-28143-5, more familiarly known to GI's as a Victory Mail, or V-Mail, form. The form was standard stationery size with a glue flange on the right side so that when completed, the letter could be folded according to instructions and sealed as a self-mailer (see illustration).

The mailing procedure itself was based on a simple photographic system. Once Hammer filled out and sealed the V-Mail form, it would pass through an "Army examiner" (that was the Army's polite word for "censor") who would open, review, and clear the content before it was converted to 16mm black and white microfilm. The reel of film containing Hammer's letter would then be sent to a stateside mail processing center nearest Hammer's wife's address, where the film would be developed and printed onto sheets of 5"h x 4"w photo paper, folded, and put into a 3 3/4"h x 4 3/4w" manila-colored window envelope for delivery (also illustrated).

The V-Mail system was designed to keep mail moving between stateside and overseas locations without taking up excess cargo space or impeding the logistical flow of tons of food, fuel, ammunition, and other essential war materials by plane or ship. By resorting to microfilm reels, the 37 mail bags that

would normally be required to transport an estimated 150,000 one-page letters was reduced to a single mail sack, while the weight of the same 37 full sacks—approximately 2,500 pounds—was reduced to a single bag weighing about 45 pounds.

The V-Mail system began in the States in early 1942. The first Armyoperated V-Mail processing station overseas opened in mid-April of 1943 in Casablanca following the Allied Invasion of North Africa. Records indicate that between mid-June 1942 and end-March 1945, nearly 557 million V-Mail letters were sent from the US to military destinations overseas, while over 510 million pieces of V-mail were sent stateside by military personnel serving overseas.

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