



ARTILLERY MUSEUM QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

3rd Quarter 2016

Museum News



Interior view of addition

current fluorescent fixtures.

The summer months included a fair number of daycare and summer school tours in addition to our normal Field Artillery school tours and a few Basic Training classes.

In July, we completed a new exhibit case of a typical World War II GI's kit (personal items). Two new wall panels were also added, one on the Proximity/Variable Time Fuze of WWII and a second panel explaining what in the museum is real versus reproduction.



Exhibit of Soldier's Kit (personal items),
World War II

There were two new major acquisitions this



quarter. We received a Japanese Type 91 105mm Howitzer from the National Museum of the Marine Corps. Dr. Joe Rainer and Ms. Dave Warren-Taylor of our Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) Headquarters purchased a CCKW-353 2-1/2 ton truck, the artillery prime mover of World War II. Both will require extensive restoration.

CCKW-353 2-1/2 ton truck

In August, a new exhibit case of Civil War fuzes was added. We also completed a new uniform case housing uniforms and equipment of a World



Civil War Artillery fuzes exhibit

War I Coast Artilleryman who served on British 8-inch howitzers. A new wall panel has been added next to the WW II Forward Observer case telling the story of Lt. John Fox, posthumous African-American Medal of Honor recipient, Italy, 1944.



WWI Coast Artilleryman Uniform Exhibit case

The Exhibits Shop crew installed the canvas seats, canvas top and the M2 .50-caliber Machine Gun on the M5A1 Hi Speed Tractor. The Logistics Readiness Center (LRC) completed the reproduction 155mm projectile racks and we acquired dummy 155mm projectiles to fill these racks. The tractor will be towing a 155mm "Long Tom" Gun in the Korean War diorama of the new addition.

Volunteer Projects

Chris Luther will be leaving us in early October having completed his church tour of duty here at Fort Sill. Arriving here in May 2015, he has given over 80 tours here for everyone from pre-school to Soldiers, NCOs and officers. He will be greatly missed, especially every time a tour group arrives.

Chris Luther giving a tour



Marsha Chasteen continues to operate the museums gift shop and is now generally open two days a week. She is doing an amazing job with zero pay, providing a much appreciated service for our souvenir-hungry visitors.



Harry Shapell has completed the pair of large ammunition boxes, top and rear doors and screens for our M5A1 Hi-Speed Tractor. The rear of the tractor now appears as it was originally made in 1945.

Harry Shapell adding a reflector to the side of the M5A1 Hi Speed tractor

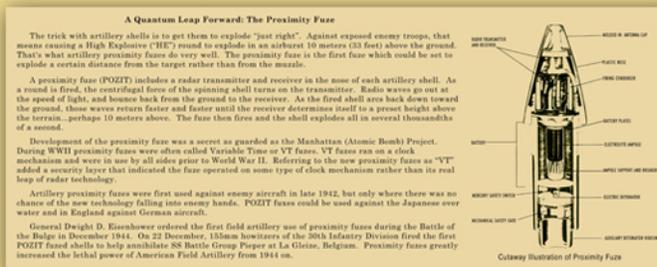
Carrie Starsnic has worked through labeling all 285 pieces in the Emerson artillery insignia collection. She also has been helping at the reception desk and in the exhibits shop.

Lynden Couvillion has precisely measured the new addition with all

its details and produced a large scale planning map. He also continues to help us with our many tours.

New volunteer, Amy Ward has learned to be a docent and gave her first solo tour on 9 September. Amy also served in the critical proximity role as time keeper during a recent Basic Trainee session which resembles a seven-ring circus with 240 trainees.

John Rogers did the important initial research and writing of the Proximity/Variable Time Fuze wall panel now in the North Gallery.



Proximity/Variable Time Fuze Panel

Programs and Events

Date	Program/Event	Location/Audience
22-23 Jul.	WWII Living History	Vance AFB, OK
6 Aug.	WWII Living History	Gaylord Pickens Museum, OKC
13 Aug.	6-pdr.Gun Crew Demo	Artillery Museum
10 Sept.	Septemberfest, Mt. Howitzer & WWII	OK History Center, OKC

Attendance

	Total	Daily Average	Military Students
July	3,326	151	469
Aug.	3,774	171	737
Sept.	4,038	183	738

Queries Answered

	Number of Queries	Total Time
July	11	1:45
Aug.	17	3:20
Sept.	19	2:35

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