



Friends of the
**NEW YORK STATE
MILITARY MUSEUM**
Preserving Our Military Heritage

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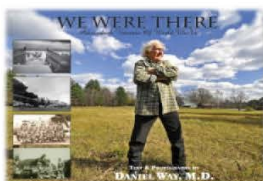


Feb. 10, 2:00pm — Poets, Politics and Poison Gas: The 42nd Rainbow Division Attacks — Military history author Pat Chaisson examines the origins of

the U.S. Army's 42nd "Rainbow" Division, and its combat service in France during World War I, focusing on the Aisne-Marne Offensive of July-August, 1918, and some of the unit's notable characters such as poet Joyce Kilmer and future five-star general Douglas MacArthur. **FREE!**



Feb. 17, 2:00pm — We Were There: Adirondack Survivors of Iwo Jima — Adirondack doctor Daniel Way, author of *We Were There: World War II Stories from the Adirondacks' Greatest Generation*, recounts fascinating stories from some of his patients—World War II Marine veterans who served at the Battle of Iwo Jima. **FREE!**



Mar. 3, 2:00pm — The Fighting Sixty-Ninth — A special screening of the 1940 classic film starring James Cagney based on the World War I exploits of New York's famous 69th



Regiment. Regimental Historian Bert Cunningham will provide an introduction and World War I artifacts related to the 69th, its commander, "Wild Bill" Donovan, and its chaplain, Father Francis Duffy, will be on display. **FREE!**

Mar. 10, 2:00pm — Vietnam Reconsidered — A panel of Vietnam War veterans present a lively discussion of their wartime experiences and their reactions to Ken Burns' monumental PBS series, "The Vietnam War." **FREE!**



Mar. 17, 2:00pm — Hidden in Plain Sight: Seals and Symbols of New York's Military History Marvin Bubie identifies and explains references to New York's military heritage in many of the county, city, and town seals throughout the state. **FREE!**



Mar. 24, 2:00pm — New York's Own Soldier Shows during World War I — Retired librarian and historical researcher David Fiske offers an entertaining look at the variety shows soldiers of the 27th Division, New York's Own, produced and presented at home and overseas during the war. **FREE!**



April 7, 2:00pm — The Art of War: Civil War Sketch Artist Theodore Davis — Historian and author Bill Howard explores the life and works of Theodore Davis, an artist who illustrated the Civil War for the newspaper *Harper's Weekly*. Although lesser known than his counterpart Winslow Homer, Davis was one of the most prolific artists to appear in the pages of *Harper's* and perhaps experienced firsthand the totality of the war more than any other person, from Charleston and the firing on Fort Sumter, to McClellan's Peninsula Campaign, and then on with Sherman's men on their famous march to the sea. **FREE!**



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Trivia Night Fundrasier a Big Success!



Our trivia night fundraiser held on November 3rd raised over \$3,500.00 for the Military Museum. Proceeds are going towards completing our upcoming Korean/Vietnam War exhibit. Our first prize winner for the evening was Michelle Madigan's "Marauders", other winners were Butler Rowland Mays Architects and Herzog Law. Many thanks to all that participated.

OUR VETERAN OF THE YEAR FOR 2017

Please remember to renew your Friends of the New York State Military Museum Membership.

You may renew your membership at our museum store, or by phone at 518-226-0490 or on-line at:

<http://www.friendsofthenysmilitarymuseum.com/index.php/store>.

Benefits of membership include:

E-mail alerts on events,

Membership card,

Invitations to special events and lectures,

Special discounts on purchases at museum store, and our Friends newsletter.

Your support helps us enlarge and open up new exhibits.

Please support the military museum, check out our new exhibits, and visit our museum store.



Photo above: Phil Imbarrato, our honoree being presented an American Flag by Congressman Paul D. Tonko. Master of Ceremonies, Barry Hartman, upper left during annual ceremony November 11 at the museum.

Phil Imbarrato, our veteran of the year for 2017, was drafted into the military and reported for induction in January 1953. After sixteen weeks of basic training at Fort Dix as an infantryman, he saw duty in Korea with the 64th Tank Battalion, 24th Infantry Division from June till October 1953. During this time, one of his main responsibilities was guarding captured North Korean soldiers at Pusan. After leaving Korea, Phil transferred to Mount Fuji Army Base, Japan until discharge in 1955. Phil's awards include the National Defense Service Medal, U.N. Korea Service Medal, Korean Service Medal and the R.O.K. Service Medal. After discharge, Phil returned to college at CCNY and earned a Bachelors Degree in Sales Management in 1957.

See you at the Chowderfest

The Friends of the New York State Military Museum will be participating in this year's Saratoga Springs Chowderfest on Saturday, February 3rd, from 11AM-4PM at the Military Museum. Stop by for some delicious "Military Mud" Chowder prepared by our partners at the Elks Club, and also receive a coupon for a beverage at the Elks Club. Remember—this chowderfest is a fundraiser for the military museum. Enjoy some of our delicious chowder and support the military museum's fundraising efforts at the same time. Looking forward to seeing you on Saturday, February 3rd.

15TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

October 16, 2002-October 16, 2017– fifteen years of the Military Museum being located at 61 Lake Avenue. A small celebration was held at the Military Museum with staff and volunteers to commemorate this anniversary. Commemorative pins were distributed to staff and volunteers, compliments of the Friends of the New York State Military Museum marking this event. A special recognition plaque was presented to Herb Kopper, one of our longest serving docents at the Museum.



Photo above: Herb Kopper, left and Dave Wallingford, Friends of the New York State Military Museum. Photo below: Volunteer Docents of the Museum.



MUSEUM HOURS

Tuesday - Saturday
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

(Closed Sunday &
Monday)

RESEARCH CENTER HOURS

Appointments are re-
quired.

Tuesday – Friday
11:00 am to 4:00 pm

The museum is closed
on
all New York State &
Federal Holidays.

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book—“New York State
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Historic Utica Cannon relocated from Utica Armory to Military Museum.



An old cannon that dates back to the Revolutionary War and was until recently on display outside of the Utica Armory has been moved to the New York State Military Museum to protect it from damage corrosion caused by more than 150 years' exposure to the elements. Nicknamed "Old Saratoga," the cannon was cast in England in the 1740's. It was later allegedly used in the Revolutionary War by General John Burgoyne's Army. Mr. Eric Durr, director of Public Affairs at the Division of Military and Naval Affairs, said that the Utica Armory, home to the 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry of the New York Army National Guard, soon will be receiving an M113 armored personnel carrier from the '80s-'90s that will take the place of Old Saratoga. This is because armories typically have a vehicle that represents the history of the unit of the soldiers housed there, Mr. Durr said.

World War II sketches turned over to Military Museum



A series of sketches drawn by Sergeant Stan Dube during World War II in the Central Pacific were recently donated to the New York State Military Museum by his son Ira. His hope is that the individuals drawn in these sketches can be identified. Sergeant Dube was assigned to the 27th Infantry Division, 108th A Company. Ira believes some of the men pictured in the 17 sketches turned over to the museum are of local soldiers who may have been with the 27th Infantry Division, 105th Infantry Regiment, World War II. The unidentified drawings were delivered to the military museum Dec. 1. Director Courtney Burns of the Military Museum said the sketches will be posted on the museum's website and likely will be displayed in an exhibit this year. The sketches have been catalogued and added to the research library at the museum. It is hoped that the sketches will be put on display at the museum this year.