



Bob Nevins, Saratoga War Horse Foundation was honored as our Veteran of the Year at a ceremony at the Military Museum on Saturday, November 12, 2016. Also present at the ceremony were Congressman Paul Tonko, Brigadier General Patrick Center of the DMNA, CS and CSM Bob Van Pelt (Ret.), President, AUSA-CDNY Chapter. Bob served as a medical evacuation helicopter pilot during the Vietnam war, serving from '70 to '71.

He earned three Distinguished Flying Crosses for Heroism, a Purple Heart, the Soldiers Medal and ten Air Medals. He became a commercial airline pilot before retiring to devoting full-time efforts founding Saratoga War Horse, a non-profit that focuses on helping veterans with post traumatic stress.

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Winter/Spring 2017 - Speaker Series Calendar of Events-Saturdays.

Jan. 28, 2:00PM – *Charles Lindbergh: An American Aviator* – Tim Clark, a retired US Air Force pilot and Lindbergh enthusiast, presents a first-person account of one of America's greatest heroes and aviation pioneers. **FREE!**

Feb. 4, 2:00PM – *War on the Middleline* – Local historian Jim Richmond recounts the 1780 raid by British soldiers, Loyalists, and Mohawk Indians on the recently settled Middleline Road in Ball's Town and its impact on those taken prisoner and their families. **FREE!**

Feb. 11, 2:00PM – *Saipan: The Friction of War* – Retired National Guard officer and historian Pat Chaisson will discuss this key World War II battle fought from June 15 – July 8, 1944. At Saipan, the largest military operation in the Central Pacific Theater so far, 49,000 US Marines and soldiers hit the beach expecting to fight a handful of poorly-armed enemy castaways. Instead, over 30,000 well-armed and entrenched Japanese combat troops awaited them. The six weeks that followed were among the bloodiest of the war. **FREE!**

March 11, 2:00PM – *The War of 1812 from President Madison's Perspective* – Professional historical interpreter Kyle Jenks portrays President Madison discussing the latter part of the War of 1812. From the attack on Fort McHenry that inspired our future national anthem and the Burning of Washington to the Battle of Plattsburgh to the signing of the Treaty of Ghent, President Madison reveals his insightful rendition of the story of America's First Invasion. **FREE!**

March 18, 2:00PM – *The Tammany Regiment* – Civil War historian Fred Wexler traces the history of the 42nd New York Volunteer Infantry from its recruitment under the infamous New York City political organization through its three years' service in some of the most brutal battles of the Civil War. **FREE!**

March 25, 2:00PM – *The Man Who Captured Tojo* - Associated Press reporter Chris Carola will give a presentation on the key role John "Jack" Wilpers, a bookie's son from Saratoga Springs, played in capturing—and keeping alive—one of World War II's most wanted war criminals, Japanese Prime Minister Hideki Tojo. Carola will also discuss his 20-year quest to get Wilpers, a CIA retiree, to talk about his place in history for the first time since 1945. **FREE!**

April 8, 2:00PM – *Over There with O'Ryan's Roughnecks: The 27th Division under British Command, 1918* – The 27th Division, New York's Own, was one of two US Army divisions to serve under foreign command during World War I. John Bessette will give an overview of the formation of the 27th Division, its training in America and with the British in France, its deployment in the trenches, and its role in breaking the Hindenburg Line. He will also discuss the experiences of several representative New York State doughboys, particularly their interactions and relationships with their British and Australian counterparts. **FREE!**

All events are on a Saturday at the Military Museum.

“American Bombshells USO style show”

Saturday, Feb. 25th

Tickets are \$30. through our Museum Store or \$35. at the door.

Upcoming exciting events at the Military Museum! Don't miss!

Night at the Brewseum

Friday, April 21 from 6PM to 9:30PM at the Museum.

Tickets are \$40., through our Museum Store or \$45. at the door.

The American Bombshells ,a modern day twist on the Andrews Sisters serve as Ambassadors of America's Gratitude, traveling the globe with an All-American Show that dazzles in three part harmony.

Saturday, February 25 at 1PM, the Friends of the New York State Military Museum are proud to present the “American Bombshells”, as they perform their USO style show of patriotic songs to honor our veterans at the Museum. This entertaining show will honor all veterans but especially our Vietnam and Korean War veterans. Tickets are \$30. each pre-sale and \$35. at the door. Please plan on attending. Mark your calendars!

Supporting our Fundraisers will help us complete our Korean/Vietnam war Exhibit.

Our 6th annual Night at the Brewseum

Featuring craft beer, wine and food tasting event is Friday, April 21st, 2017, 6:00pm to 9:30pm at the Museum on Lake Ave in Saratoga Springs, NY.

Tickets are \$40 pre-sale and \$45 day of the event or at the door (if available). Tickets for members of the Active Military (with proper ID) are \$30, and Non-drinker tickets are \$25. Tickets can be purchased on-line. A limited number of tickets are available at the NYS Military Museum Gift Shop. Tuesday thru Saturday 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Our event features beers and ciders from local and regional craft brewers, great wines and a variety of delicious foods from local restaurants. Everything is included in the ticket price.

Our Night at the Brewseum benefits the Fundraising efforts of the of the New York State Military Museum and the Saratoga Springs Lions Club.

On-line tickets sales at: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2723771>.

Military Museum holds successful Trivia Night Fundraiser for upcoming Korean/Vietnam War exhibit

Our third annual trivia night raised almost \$7,000.00 for our upcoming exhibit scheduled to open in spring of 2017. Many thanks go to our local businesses that supported this effort and helped make this another outstanding fundraiser for our museum.

Over seventeen tables of participants enjoyed a wonderful buffet meal from Panza's Restaurant, prior to the evenings trivia contest. Prizes were awarded to the top tables with the most correct answers, congratulations go out to the "Reference Section/Rowland Architects", which won first prize, second prize went to "Madigan's Marauders", and third prize went to "Herzog Law". From left, "Reference Section/Rowland's Architects", and below "Madigan's Marauders", bottom "Herzog Law".



MUSEUM HOURS

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

(Closed Sunday & Monday)

RESEARCH CENTER HOURS

Appointments are required.
Tuesday – Friday 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

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

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Museum Store
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(Tuesday thru Saturday, 11:00am to 4:00pm)

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Saratoga Springs Armory-Military Museum

The Saratoga Springs Armory was constructed in 1889-91 and housed several units of the New York National Guard up to 2002, when our Military Museum was relocated to its present location. Photo circa 1900.



A rifle team of Co. L, 2nd Regiment from Saratoga Springs posing in front of the armory (now the Military museum). with the Mott Trophy in 1912. The Mott Trophy was an intra-regimental trophy named in honor of Major Selden W. Mott, a former commander of the Third Battalion of the Second Regiment. Some of the units stationed at this location over the years include the 22nd Separate Company from 1891-97, Co. L, 2nd New York Volunteers during the Spanish American War, Co. L., 2nd Infantry Regiment from 1899-1920, Co. L, 105th Infantry Regiment, from 1919-?, Co. L, 105th Infantry Regiment, from 1921-?, Co. B, 27th Quartermaster, from 1961-?, and 247th Medical from 1986-?. Co. L, 2nd Infantry Regiment 1899 - 1920 Co. L, 105th Infantry Regiment 1921 - ? Co. B, 27th Quartermaster 1961 - ? 247th Medical 1986 - ?

Sidney Sussman, a volunteer docent, passed away this past summer.

Sidney was 98 years old at the time of his passing, and was still helping us out as a docent up to that time. This wonderful World War II veteran will be sorely missed. (From a previous newsletter article, with one of our newest docents, Brennan Corcoran.)



Sidney Sussman saw service during World War II with the Army in the Pacific theater in Naval Intelligence while assigned with Army units. He was born in the Bronx in 1918, attended P.S. 55 and James Monroe High School, both in the Bronx, and then graduated from New York University (NYU) in 1940 with a Bachelor of Science degree.

Drafted in 1939, but did not enter the Army until 1940, after graduating from college. He first saw service with the OSS (Office of Strategic Services), pre-cursor to our CIA, and was receiving training for service in occupied Europe, because he was fluent in German, but then was transferred to Naval Intelligence, and served in the Pacific, due to a change in assignment. Sidney saw service in Tarawa in 1943, Abemama Island, one of the Gilbert Islands in 1943, and Okinawa in 1945, serving with Admiral Nimitz's staff. While at Tarawa, Sidney got hold of a Japanese flag, and that flag is now framed on a wall in their home. Several months after completing a tour in Tarawa, when undergoing a medical examination, it was discovered that Sidney had been shot above his right ankle, an injury that went unnoticed for several months. Between Tarawa and Okinawa, Sidney attended OCS (Officers Candidate School) at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Sidney claims to have buried Ernie Pyle, beloved World War II American war correspondent, after he was killed by machine-gun fire at Ie Shima, an island off of Okinawa, on April 18, 1945. In 1946, Sidney was finally discharged from the Army as a Captain.

Brennan Corcoran, one of our newest docents, is now in his sophomore year at Saratoga High School. He also volunteers at Grant Cottage, and has one sister in middle school. Brennan's interest in history brought him to the museum.