

VETERANS MUSEUM OF THE MID-OHIO VALLEY

NEWSLETTER

NEVER FORGET THOSE WHO SERVED

JUNE 2006

Membership News

You are invited to become a member of The Veterans Museum of the Mid-Ohio Valley Association. A one-year membership can be yours for a \$15.00 donation. A lifetime membership can be yours for a \$100.00 donation. Either membership will enable you access to the museum for the duration of your membership without paying an additional admittance charge. All members will receive a membership card and a copy of each monthly newsletter. Each one-year membership is renewable on December 31st.

If you are not a member of The Association you are encouraged to join today. There is a Membership Form inside this newsletter that you may complete and mail in. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact any of the Board Members.

New Members

Michael Dennis of Parkersburg, West Virginia

One-year member

Mark Beecher of Parkersburg, West Virginia

One-year member

WELCOME TO OUR ASSOCIATION

FAMOUS QUOTE..

*I have just returned from visiting the Marines at the front
and there is not a finer fighting organization in the world.*

-General Douglas McArthur

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Board of Directors has selected the date of **Saturday, July 22, 2006** for the **Grand Opening** of the Museum. I want you to set aside some time to be there for this special event. The Agenda includes a military memorial ceremony with a 21 gun salute, a helicopter fly-over, a United States flag ceremony, a dedication of the Museum, and opening the displays for public viewing. The Mayor has even agreed to close a portion of Avery Street for our opening ceremony. Tell everyone you know, especially veterans and their families to attend.

The Museum will be open to participate in another exciting activity coming to our area August 4 - September 15, 2006. **HOME FRONT HEROES** featuring the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibit will be at the **Parkersburg Art Center**. The Veterans Museum will be supplying some uniforms for the exhibit. We are excited to be involved in this special and educational event. To learn more about this activity contact the **Greater Parkersburg Convention and Visitors Bureau** at 304-428-1130 or visit www.greaterparkersburg.com/homefront.htm.

The **PARKERSBURG AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (PACF)** awarded the Museum with a \$3000.00 grant. The money from this grant will allow us to purchase display cases for our exhibit. On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you, PACF, for your continued support of the Veterans Museum.

Volunteers are desperately needed to finish the manual labor on the building to get it ready for the grand opening. The members of the **Big Red Vet Club from PHS** have been helping on weekends and they have been wonderful workers. There is still much to do and I am hoping some of our Association Members will pitch in to help, especially on a weekday. Some of the things that need done are painting, installing base-board, laying floor tile, finishing the restroom, hanging an interior door, cleaning the windows and installing window blinds, cleaning the carpet, setting up the new display cases and track lighting system. Please call Gary at home at 304-428-3610.

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The 2nd Annual Open Car and Truck Show for 2006 is now history. Thanks **Mary Ann Rexroad** for organizing this fund raiser. Several of our Association members were there, working in various capacities. Thanks to all who attended and participated to make the show a success. We look forward to next year!

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To become a member of the Museum Association or to renew your annual membership complete the form below and mail it with your payment today.

MEMBERSHIP REQUEST FORM / MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM For *Veterans Museum of the Mid-Ohio Valley Association*

Please send my Membership Card to:

Name _____ NEW MEMBER _____

Address _____ RENEW ONE-YEAR _____

City, State, Zip _____ Phone # _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Enclosed is my check for: (please check one) _____ \$15.00 Annual Membership (Renew by 12/31 yearly)

_____ \$100.00 Life Time Membership

Please mail to: VETERANS MUSEUM ASSOCIATION
937 Avery Street
Parkersburg, WV 26101

Calendar of Events

June 15 - July 15, 2006 ----- Volunteer Workers Needed

July 22, 2006 ----- Grand Opening of the Museum

August 4 - September 15, 2006 ----- Home Front Heroes Exhibit

A WORD OF THANKS

Donations from long-time supporters and newest friends have made this whole museum effort possible. Special thanks to the following donors:

- ☞ **Parkersburg Area Community Foundation** for the grant of \$3000.00 to purchase display cases
- ☞ **Wood County Commission and Assessor Steven A. Grimm** for the donation of surplus furniture
- ☞ **Charlie, Belpre's Computer Guy**, for the donation of a computer
- ☞ **David Moore** for the donation of sheet rock
- ☞ **Don and Becky Burch** for the donation of paint