Take a look at all the displays that are being projected for the Museum. This issue will cover the proposed displays for the alcoves/shrouds around the interior of the building. Take a look at the plans for the dedication on July 4, 2016.
From the Society President....

What a great July 4th dedication we are planning for this year. We will officially open the Museum! We can’t wait to see the cornerstone exhibit—The Curtiss Pusher when it is attached to the ceiling in the front of the Museum. We’ve got three rooms to dedicate: John W. Cattle, Sr. Exhibit Area, Jones National Bank & Trust Company Theater, and the Learning Center (yet to be named). The Seward 4th of July Committee President expects us to see over 6,000 people on that day! We are excited to show off the Museum! The images on the shrouds are going to be another “wow” when people come in the door. Images are being selected to cover the theater walls and the main shrouds in the front of the Museum. Plans are in the works to promote Seward for Chautauqua 2017 with the theme of World War I (city is yet to be determined). Still looking for a corporate sponsor for our Learning Center. The Curtiss Pusher is being built with delivery in late June. Make plans to be in Seward on July 4th!

NNGHS Mission Statement:

To collect, access, preserve, store, account for, de-militarize, and value historical artifacts and records for training, development, and interpretation of the Nebraska Army and Air National Guard and the State of Nebraska military history and heritage of its citizen-soldiers and airmen. To educate and “tell the story” to the members of the Army and Air Guard and the general public about the heritage of the Nebraska National Guard in both peace and war.
THE PRICE OF FREEDOM DISPLAY

The Price of Freedom Display is to be the most moving tribute to all the Nebraska National Guard service-members that have given the ultimate sacrifice. The display has gotten a much needed start from the Nebraska Funeral Directors Association. They have given a generous donation to start the project and look forward to having members support the remaining balance. The Wall of Western Union Telegrams shows the sacrifice of Nebraska soldiers of the 134th Infantry Regiment in World War II. The intent is to show the patron how the notification of those killed was relayed in a simple telegram (similar to an email or text today). Across from the telegrams is the Wall of Faces that depicts the images of the fallen since 1854 and the ability to pull up information about them. The shroud will have the image of the soldier saluting the casket at a funeral.

THE STORY BEHIND THE PICTURE...

When Kevin Hynes, Nebraska National Guard Public Affairs Officer, snapped Doug Wagner saluting over the flag and casket at a military funeral, he didn’t know it would be an award winning picture and would become part of the “Price of Freedom” display at the Museum. The image will be part of the shroud to the display.

Doug on a visit to the Museum recently.
Shrouds and Alcoves Displays.....

Alcove: 1854 Proclamation

Alcove Topics
1. Seward and the NENG
2. Women and the NENG
3. Lost Battalion—World War II
4. 1854 Proclamation
5. The Modern NENG—since WWII

Shroud Topics
1. 1913 Arsenal
2. “All Hell Can’t Stop Us”
3. Miltonberger
4. Poster of World’s Greatest Aviator
5. Army Guard
6. Air Guard
7. When You Needed Us…We Were There
8. World War II and Nebraska
9. Chaplains
10. Four of the shrouds will have wraps and moving images (AV or projected)

Many of the displays are collaborative funding ventures with donors. The Seward and the NENG was funded by a donation from a family and a matching brick and mortar grant from the city of Seward. Check out the Facebook page for GoFundMe information and how you can help!

Alcove: Women and the NENG tells the stories of the first volunteers and the many that followed.

Shroud: 1913 Arsenal

Recreate the façade of the old 1913 Arsenal on the shroud overlooking the entrance.

The poster for the World’s Greatest Aviator will be on the shroud overlooking the front exhibit area and the reproduction Curtiss Pusher

The story behind the motto: “All Hell Can’t Stop Us”
Cattle Sponsors Exhibit Area

With a generous gift from Virginia Cattle and Family and the Cattle National Bank and Trust Company, the front exhibit room is now the “JOHN W. CATTLE, SR., EXHIBIT AREA” in honor of Major John W. Cattle, Sr., World War II veteran and prominent citizen in Seward. Major Cattle fought with the 9th Infantry Division during the war in North Africa, Sicily and Northern Europe. His artillery unit was one of the first across the bridge at Remagen in 1945. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Croix de Guerre and Purple Heart. The new exhibit area will feature temporary displays related to the history and heritage of the Nebraska National Guard. This will allow the Museum to rotate exhibits to bring in more visitors. Above the area will be an exhibit to 100 Years of Aviation—the Curtiss Pusher. The room will be dedicated July 4th.

Group Photo: Ryne Seaman, Jay Cattle, Becky (Cattle) Vahle, Virginia Cattle, Major General Daryl Bohac

NAME OF ROOM:

“JOHN W. CATTLE, SR. EXHIBIT AREA”

SPONSORS:

Virginia Cattle and Family
The Cattle National Bank and Trust Company
Fairbury Tank is going through a complete off frame restoration before unveiling on July 4, 2016 at the parade. Ron Burhoop is the lead volunteer on the project and has removed all the many layers of paint to uncover the craftsmanship of the tank. The many tank treads have all been removed and the broken ones replaced. Thank you Ron for the great work.

The Mini-Phantom arrived in February and is going through its paces to be made road worthy again before the parade. The jet was built in the early 1980’s by SMSgt Billy Leatherwood and a group of Airmen at the base. It was a staple at parades and air shows. It is electric powered. It was at the SAC Museum since 2005. Welcome home!

Lots of volunteer hours went into restoring both the Fairbury Tank and Mini-Phantom back to original specs. Thank you to Ron for the awesome work!
A very generous gift from the Wake Charitable Foundation and Jones National Bank and Trust Company was given towards developing the Museum theater. The Jones National Bank and Trust Company Theater features a state of the art projection and sound system, seating for 60 patrons, and image wraps on the walls. The Museum wishes to thank Steve and Max Wake for visiting the facility and supporting our commitment to telling the story of the Nebraska National Guard. The new theater will feature a 3-5 minute introduction movie before patrons exit into the Museum. The permanent movie will feature local musical talent and images of the state of Nebraska. The theater can be configured to support numerous events such as speakers, movie night, classroom presentations for History Day, etc..

Upcoming Engagements in the Theater:
July 4th:
1:00 p.m.: Diane Bartels, Sharpie: The Life Story of Evelyn Sharp
2:00 p.m.: Charlotte Endorf, Bless Your Hearts: The North Platte Canteen
Anniversaries

- **January 3, 1899**—Occupation Duty during Spanish-American War (Cuba)
- **January 5, 1949**—Operation Snowbound begins.
- **January 6, 1917**—“Burning of the Uniforms” from the Mexican Border service.
- **January 8, 1941**—134th INF arrives at CP Robinson for federal service.
- **January 27, 1972**—First women to enlist in Nebraska National Guard (famous pic with Gov Exxon).
- **February 1, 1946**—President Truman appoints General Miltonberger to be the first Chief, National Guard Bureau.
- **February 4, 1899**—PVT William Grayson fires the first shot of the Philippine Insurrection.
- **February 14, 1862**—Battle for Fort Donelson.
- **March 1, 1964**—67th INF Brigade (separate) is formed.
- **March 6, 1882**—Strike at Plattsmouth to be the first test of the new Nebraska National Guard.
- **March 23, 1913**—Easter Tornado in Omaha.
- **March 27, 1899**—“All Hell Can’t Stop Us” General Hale quote.

The Museum is really looking great! Thanks to the work of Ron Burhoop for keeping the facility looking great! Thank you to CFMO (Shane Martin and his group) for the awesome work on the exterior of the building and the grounds.

The Seward 4th of July Committee and Museum

The Seward 4th of July Committee is excited about the theme of 100 Years of Nebraska Aviation this year. The dedication at the Museum at 9:00am on July 4th will be focused on our tie to aviation since the founding of the Nebraska Aviation Corps in 1915. The dedication will include a wreath laying at the Prairie Trails Air National Guard Memorial in front of the building to honor the 16 aviators killed since 1915. The dedication will also honor the 100 Years of Aviation with the unveiling of the Curtiss Model D Pusher above the John W. Cattle, Sr. Exhibit Area. The ceremony will also feature the unveiling of plaques for the three rooms at the front of the museum: John W. Cattle, Sr. Exhibit Area, Jones National Bank and Trust Company Theater, and the Learning Center (yet to be named). Jackson Street between 7th and 8th will be closed off to showcase equipment: UH-1 Huey, Jeeps, Gama Goat, Mini-Phantom, modern NENG equipment.
Society President.....

Museum Outreach and Events...examples

Take a look at all the things we have done at the Museum this past quarter. The Museum has ties to several committee’s that synchronize the efforts of the community and state with activities at the Museum. We are involved in the monthly meetings for the Seward 4th of July, NE150 (includes Seward and Seward County), Chautauqua 2017, and the Christmas Parade Committee’s. Here are some of the outreach we accomplished this past quarter: Curriculum Meeting with Seward Schools on Social Studies (Feb. 11), Mini-Phantom returns from SAC Museum (Feb. 12), Twenty Year Project starts (Feb. 18), Women and the NENG meeting with Marsha and Bonnie (Feb 24), Air National Guard Recruiting for “I Am the Guard” Room (Feb 26), World War I Outreach (Seward MS) (Mar. 4), Legislative Tour with spouses (Suzanne Kolterman) (Mar. 7), World War II Outreach (Seward MS) (Mar. 10), Cattle Donation—Exhibit Area (Mar. 11), State Basketball Tournament—Sportsmanship Award Presentation (Mar. 12), Volunteer Day (Mar. 19), Jones National Bank and Trust Co. Donation (Mar. 21), Nitz family donation to “Airborne!” Exhibit, Denton Historical Society visit (Mar. 22), World War I Outreach (Seward HS) (Mar. 29).

If you wish to participate in our Outreach activities, please call us, 402-309-8763.
Berry Law Firm and Nitz Family Team up on the Airborne Exhibit.

What a great collaborative effort between the Museum, Berry Law Firm and the Nitz Family to bring to life an exhibit honoring the last unit here and Airborne soldiers from around the world. John Berry, himself an Airborne Ranger, and the late Charles Nitz (two combat jumps in Korea) show a real tie to the theme of the exhibit. It will show the side of a C-130 with a jumper standing in the door and another having just jumped and is falling into the Learning Center. The idea for the exhibit came from the Airborne and Special Operations Museum near Fort Bragg, NC. The exhibit will be installed later this summer and dedicated on National Airborne Day on August 16, 2016 at 7pm.

Artifacts on Charles Nitz (Airborne Soldier in Korean War)

Chuck Matzke and John Berry
Remembering Erle Smiley…..

When Marvin (Pee Wee) Schulz dropped off some material on his father-in-law the Museum found a treasure trove of information on Captain Erle (pronounced Earl) Smiley. CPT Smiley was the first commander of Company M (Machine Gun), 134th INF in Seward in 1921. He was also a World War I aviator and barn-stormer. He was also a world renowned poultry judge and founder of the Water Gardens of Beaver Crossing (considered one of the Wonders of Nebraska). He also served as a representative in the state-house and was a community leader (commander of the American Legion) and much sought after public speaker. He passed away in 1938. His memory is now on display at the Museum. Thank you to Marilyn (Erle is her father) and Pee Wee for working with the family to find these artifacts.
Bill and Evonne Williams with Chuck and Jan Matzke at the Seward VFW fundraiser for Vietnam Veterans Honor Flight. The Museum supported the event which raised $1,300 for the flights.

“Run to St. Lo Memorial” 5K Run and 1 Mile Run/Walk
7:00 a.m., Saturday, June 11, 2016
Nebraska National Guard Museum
201 N. 8th Street, Seward, Nebraska

Thank you Jill at Seward County Independent for great the support!

Max Wake, president of Jones National Bank & Trust Company being filmed for the introductory movie to be shown in the theater on July 4th.

Veterans stopping at museum and taking pics.
The Museum has set up some displays to honor our fallen members. The pictures of the fallen since 9/11 is on loan from the JFHQ and is in the entry-way of the Museum. The 44 fallen of the battle for St. Lo is on temporary exhibit in the learning center in preparation for the Run to St. Lo Memorial 5K in June. The Museum is collecting the stories of these fallen heroes for the “Price of Freedom” display in the future. If you have information to share, please call us at 402-309-8763.

The families of Erle Smiley: JoAnn (Smiley) Jones, Don Smiley, and Marilyn (Smiley) Schulz. Support of the Century of NENG Aviation Exhibit—The Curtiss Pusher.
Nebraska National Guard Historical Society

“Volunteer Saturday” Schedule – 2016
201 N 8th Street - Seward, NE

We have made significant progress in the unpacking, cataloging, and storing of the 11,000+ (and growing daily) artifacts, documents, and pictures that make up the historical collection at the Nebraska National Guard Museum. However, we still have much to do in preparing the collection for long-term digital archival, weapons and vehicle maintenance, building and grounds maintenance, exhibit design/construction, and strategic planning for the future. With these projects still needing human resources to complete, we have created a volunteer schedule for the remainder of 2016 to ensure the Society stays on schedule with completing these goals.

Below are listed the “Volunteer Saturday’s” scheduled for the remainder of the year. Some Saturday’s have specific projects or events scheduled and others will be used as opportunity scheduling to complete key tasks as the museum and society prepare for the grand opening of the museum. Please review the below dates and send an email or contact Peggy Brown – NNGHS Volunteer Coordinator at 402-525-1697 or bkvball@gmail.com to lock in your spot on the volunteer days that you would be able to assist.

In the case of the armored vehicle repainting, wheeled vehicle maintenance, or weapons cleaning – if you have tools or supplies that would be of benefit to help support these efforts, please coordinate this with the museum curator – Cody Cade at 402-309-8731 or cody.r.cade.mil@mail.mil.

“Volunteer Saturday” Dates:

March 19: General volunteer work, weapons cleaning, cataloging work on the “Fairbury” tank, and Library setup
April 16: General volunteer work, cleaning, and set up for Night at the Museum event
April 23: Night at the Museum
May 16-17: General volunteer work, weapons cleaning, cataloging on Saturday. Armored vehicle painting on both days.
May 23: Lincoln Air Show assist with displays, raise awareness about the Museum/Society
May 23: Preparation of temporary displays and artifacts for museum ribbon cutting on Saturday, July 4th.
July 4: Dedication of displays, Museum is open last year we had almost 4,000 visitors.

“Volunteer Saturday” Dates (Continued):
July 16: Prep for the Offutt Air Show, vehicle maintenance
July 30-31: Offutt Air Show, set up displays, raise awareness about the Museum/Society
August 20: Cataloging, cleaning, general work
September 17-18: Cataloging, general work on Saturday, Armored Vehicle painting on both days.
October 8: General volunteer work, cataloging, weapons cleaning.
November 12: Cataloging, displays, general work
December 3: Preparing for “State of the Museum” and general volunteer work.

Thanks in advance to each and every one of you that will be volunteering your time, treasure, or equipment in support of the society and museum. Every little bit is deeply appreciated.

Darin Kruger
President, NNGHS

CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE: WWW.NENGM.ORG
We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your interest in applying for membership in the Nebraska National Guard Historical Society, Inc.

We further provide the following information in order to qualify this document as a true attestation that the donations received will be used for purely non-profit purpose(s), in our capacity as a 501(c)(3) charitable or non-profit organization.

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Applicant’s Signature:______________________ Today’s Date:____________

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☐ Family Lifetime $500.00
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Type of Membership:  ☐ Individual Lifetime  ☐ Organizational Lifetime
☐ Individual Annual  ☐ Annual Family    ☐ Family Lifetime

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The Nebraska National Guard Historical Society, Inc. expresses its heartfelt gratitude to you for donations to our “Square Foot Program”. Be one of the first to own a piece of the Nebraska National Guard Museum. Your donation of $500 per square foot will help establish a magnificent learning environment for many future generations to come.

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Number of Square Foot Requested _____ x $500 = Total______

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Remembering “Operation Snowbound” 1949