The Museum was so honored to have the Grand Island Air Force Jr. ROTC program visit and do a tour of the facility. Thank you to the staff and cadets of the program for stopping in Seward. More on this story on page 6 of this newsletter.
What a great quarter of events at the Museum! Take a look at the Grand Island Air Force Jr. ROTC program on the cover of the newsletter. So great that groups have taken advantage of the opportunity to come and visit. We are currently working on the “I Am the Guard” Room exhibits for a July 4, 2018 dedication. The current project is the Capital Campaign to raise $1.4 million to finish the “Cornrow to Hedgerow 4-D Experience” and main floor exhibits to completion. The Hedge-row 4-D room is $900,000 and our biggest project to date. Our campaign has a very nice brochure that you should check out! We really need your help in identifying potential donors to take a tour of the museum. We continue to plan and provide educational outreach and assist in yearly events such as the “Run to St. Lo 5K” in June and all the July 4th activities that are being planned. The museum will host General John Pershing, President Teddy Roosevelt and General George Patton. Stand by for more details in the future!

From the Society President....

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.

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"Nebraska National Guard"
Capital Campaign is Launched

The Museum’s Capital Campaign has been launched. It’s focus is on the “Cornrow to Hedgerow 4-D Experience” in 2019 and the main floor completion in 2020. The total for the campaign is $1.4 million dollars. The Hedgerow exhibit is projected at $900,000 and the remaining $500,000 is set for the main floor exhibits. The Hedgerow exhibit is a high tech 4-D experience with the patron becoming part of the famous Keith Rocco painting of the same name. It will involve sound and special effects that will transport the patron into a French hedgerow north of the city of St. Lo, France in July, 1944. The patrons will enter into the exhibit in a briefing tent to get an operations order on taking the city. Once the patron steps out of the tent and into the trail leading past 12 soldiers and a jeep, the special 4-D effects take over. The exhibit is a one of kind in the National Guard museum system. It will bring people from around the country to be part of the exhibit. The estimated completion is scheduled for July 4, 2019 on the 75th anniversary of the liberation of St. Lo. Museum supporters can give to the campaign and help us accomplish this milestone.

Most of the Capital Campaign investment is in the $900,000 “Cornrow to Hedgerow 4-D Experience” to be dedicated on July 4, 2019 for the 75th Anniversary of the Liberation of St. Lo, France in World War II. The interactive display will be the only one like it in the National Guard Museum system.

LEVELS OF SUPPORT

Platinum: $100,000+
Gold: $50,000
Silver: $20,000
Bronze: $1,000
Lifetime Memberships: $250/$500
Donor Wall and Audio-Visual Monitors will show your generosity around the facility to over 30,000 patrons a year.

Timeline:
2018—Pledge/Raise Funds for Capital Campaign
2019—“Cornrow to Hedgerow 4-D Experience” Dedication—July 4th
2020—Completion of Main Floor Exhibits and Rooms—July 4th

There is a cost to building a high quality museum to honor the men and women of the NENG. Please consider giving today!
“Big 3” to Visit Museum in July

The “Big 3” will be on hand at the Museum July 2-4, 2018. They are General John Pershing, President Theodore Roosevelt, and General George Patton.

Schedule for them:
Monday, July 2nd
Leadership Seminar (NENG)
Video—Pershing Love and War
Meet the Big 3
Vaudeville 1918: Welcome Home!

Tuesday, July 3rd
Leadership Seminar (PUBLIC)
Meet the Big Three
Movie at Rivoli: Lost Battalion

Wednesday, July 4th
Dedication at 9:00am
Meet the Big 3
Grand Parade at 4:00pm

Sponsors of the “Big 3”:
Pershing—Cattle Bank and Trust
Roosevelt—Van and Becky Vahle
Patton—Berry Law Firm

Come out and enjoy meeting these historical figures. They will be staying at BOQ #1 (Liberty House B&B in Seward). We’ll also have Dave Gordy and his horses at the Museum on the west property. Seward is the place to be in July!

CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE: WWW.NENGM.ORG
TAG NE AND WY VISIT MUSEUM

The Museum was honored to have the TAG-Wyoming, MG Luke Reiner visit the museum recently. He was guest of honor at the Seward National Guard reunion held at the VFW/Legion Post in Seward. He served in the unit while a member of the Nebraska National Guard. Major General Bohac, TAG-NE, and part of the reunion group toured with MG Reiner. The tour included the showing of the intro movie in the theater and an update on the “I Am the Guard” Room and Hedgerow 4-D exhibit. The general was very impressed with the progress of the NENG Museum.

Update: “I AM THE GUARD” Room

Mr. Dale Wallman is the project manager on the room. Contract work is set to begin in May and completion is scheduled for mid June. Artifacts and pictures have been collected and given to contractors. AV displays will be loaded in May and tested in June when installed. Dedication is set for Wednesday, July 4th at 9:00am in front of Museum.
The Museum was honored to have the Grand Island Jr. ROTC visit recently. The sponsors were LTC (Retired) Donald McQuown and Master Sergeant Bret (Mike) Evans. The Nebraska Air National Guard recruiter Technical Sergeant Dan Dibbern was on hand to talk to the group in the theater. The group was given a tour of the future “I Am the Guard” Room and “Cornrow to Hedgerow 4-D Experience”. The group was traveling back from the SAC Museum and stopped in at Seward.

AFJROTC Mission:

“Develop citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community”

The objectives of JROTC are to educate and train high school cadets in citizenship, promote community service, instill responsibility, character, and self-discipline, and provide instruction in air and space fundamentals.

The AFJROTC program is grounded in the Air Force core values of integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do. The curriculum emphasizes the Air Force heritage and traditions, the development of flight, applied flight sciences, military aerospace policies, and space exploration.

Technical Sergeant Dan Dibbern talks to the Grand Island Jr. ROTC class in the Jones National Bank and Trust Company Theater recently. The Museum would like to thank Lieutenant Colonel Don McQuown for bringing the group to the facility. Great group of young people!
The Museum would like to recognize the professionalism of Doug Hartman and Hartman Historical Services for the great displays we have at the Museum. Doug has worked with staff and interns to bring us high quality displays at reasonable prices. Come out and check on the displays created by his company.

Website: www.hartmanhistoricalservices.com

Hartman Historical Services Projects at the Museum:
“Lawrence Youngman” Exhibit
“Seward Citizen Soldiers” Alcove
“Lost Battalion” Alcove
“Price of Freedom-Telegram Wall”
“1854 Proclamation” Alcove
“Fathers of the NENG” Alcove
“Women in the NENG” Alcove
“I Am the Guard” Room Displays
The Seward 4th of July Committee and Museum

The theme for 2018 is “Family Fun, Freedom and Fireworks”. This is also the 150th anniversary of the July 4th event in Seward. The Museum will be part of the show starting in June with the 3rd Annual Run to St. Lo Memorial 5K (June 9th), Rivoli movie nite—“Lost Battalion” (July 2nd), Vaudeville 1918 “Welcome Home” (July 3rd), and our full schedule for July 4th—OPEN HOUSE (8:00am-7:00pm), DEDICATION (9:00am), MEET THE “BIG 3” (Pershing, Patton and Roosevelt), and 1776 Soldiers (Mike and group) and other VIP’s (Czech Delegation). The Museum will be unveiling the “I Am the Guard” Room and acknowledging our 25th Anniversary of the State Partnership Program with the Czech Republic. This is a special year for the chairman Clark Kolterman as he will be retiring from his teaching position at Seward High School. We hope to see him as a volunteer here at the Museum in the future! Make plans to be in Seward for the July 4th events!

Website: www.julyfourthseward.com

Members of the 4th of July Committee include Sharon Hambek who is a volunteer and helps out on the Fundraising Committee for the Museum. This group of volunteers meets monthly at the Seward Civic Center to plan and execute the largest 4th of July celebration in the state. Clark “Mr. 4th of July” Kolterman is the chairperson.
State Partnership to Celebrate 25 Years

Nebraska and Texas—Czech Republic

The Nebraska National Guard will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the State Partnership Program with the Czech Republic on July 4, 2018 here at the Museum. The Texas National Guard will also be celebrating the anniversary. The successful program has allowed for exchanges of soldiers and airmen to train in their respective countries. The relationships have built a strong connections to the country. Seward will have plenty of Kolaches to greet our visitors in July!

Price of Freedom—Telegram Wall

The Price of Freedom—Telegram Wall is coming together….thanks to the support from the Nebraska Funeral Directors Association, Zabka Funeral Home (Seward), Greg and Dixie Zabka, Brad and Jill Perdue. The 140 Western Union Telegrams were created by Concordia intern Erik Hart and curator Captain Cody Cade. Hartman Historical Services will complete the display and install it this summer. The telegrams represent the fallen of the Nebraska National Guard in World War II.
Nebraska Life Magazine Visit

Nebraska Life Magazine just completed a story on the Nebraska National Guard Museum. The facility will be featured in a future edition of the magazine. The editor was able to tour the facility with the NENG Historian. The tour started in the theater with the new introduction movie and went around to the new exhibit areas and displays that have been completed recently. The Museum looks forward to seeing the Nebraska Life Magazine article!

Tourism Grant to Museum

The Nebraska National Guard Museum received a $2,500 grant from the Seward Visitors Committee for the “1854 Proclamation” Alcove that is being sponsored in part by the Bottle Rocket Brewing Company here in Seward. The alcove display will be created by Hartman Historical Services and feature a replica of the December 23, 1854 Proclamation that is considered the birth-date of the Nebraska National Guard. The display will also feature pictures from the early years and a story-board telling about the proclamation. The display is expected to be unveiled this summer.
Pack 256 Visits Museum

The Museum was honored to have Pack 256 visit the facility recently. The scouts were able to watch the movie in the theater and get a tour by the NENG Historian. They were given a first hand look at the new “I Am the Guard” Room and the “Cornrow to Hedgerow 4-D Experience” Room during the evening event. They got to walk through the World War I trench and to experience what it was like to be a soldier during the war.

“Doc” Joins the Staff

We have another staff member at the Museum….Richard “Doc” Hans is a part of the federal grant program, National Able. He works part time at the museum doing our scanning and cataloging. He was a former member of the Nebraska National Guard and served in the Seward unit. He has been a volunteer at the Museum in the past and helps with some of the society committees. He joined the staff at the right time as our other National Able employee, Roxie, was sidelined with hip surgery. Now to not be confused….we also have Dr. Van Vahle helping at the Museum….so make sure you are talking to the right “Doc”.

Members of Pack 256 on the main floor of the museum in front of the Mini-Phantom jet.
Snow Pictures of the Museum....
Thank You to Our Sponsors

Van and Becky Vahle (President Teddy Roosevelt)
Berry Law Firm (“Run to St. Lo” and General Patton)
K & K Parking Lot Painting (“Run to St. Lo”)
Cattle Bank and Trust Co (“Run to St. Lo” Timing and General Pershing)

NebraskaLander Award to Clark Kolterman

One of the great supporters of the Museum is Clark “Mr. 4th of July” Kolterman. He has given much time and effort to see that the Museum is fully engaged in community activities in the city of Seward. His efforts have brought great recognition to the Museum at the state/national level. He was recently honored with the 2018 NebraskaLander Award at the rotunda in Lincoln. He accepted the award on behalf of all the volunteers he has worked with over the years. Thank you to Clark for all the support he has given to the Museum and the city of Seward!

Picture at right shows Clark performing at our Vaudeville 1917 show last year.
We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your interest in applying for membership in the Nebraska National Guard Historical Society, Inc.

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Meet the Intern….

Erik Hart is our intern for the spring semester from Concordia University. He is a senior and will be graduating in May. His project at the Museum was the “Price of Freedom: Wall of Telegrams” for the Nebraska National Guard soldiers killed in World War II with the 134th Infantry Regiment, 35th QM and 110th MED. He worked with our curator Captain Cody Cade to complete the telegrams. Doug Hartman of Hartman Historical Services will complete and install the display in the future. Erik was another in the long line of great interns from Concordia University. We look forward to seeing Erik back on July 4th for the dedications.

In Memory of….

Dale Bruha, former NENG soldier passed away on January 29th. He was a soldier in the Korean War and was awarded the Silver Star. He was a great supporter of the “National Airborne Day” activities at the Museum (here pictured with retired Colonel Tom Brewer). Our condolences to the Bruha family.
More Pictures from the Museum.....

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