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RMMM NEWSLETTER

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MEMORIAL DAY WORLD WAR I CEREMONY

The RMMM marks the 90th anniversary of America's entry into World War I with a special ceremony on Memorial Day, May 28. The Museum's annual Memorial Day celebration will feature a presentation of certificates to family members and descendants of service personnel who were called to duty during 1917-19. The Certificates of Appreciation will note individual service during the Great War, and will be suitable for framing. If you, family, or friends wish to honor a WW I veteran, please contact the Museum prior to May 8. If possible, please include the veteran's rank at the end of WWI, and his or her overall years of service.

The ceremony will be held at 3:00 at Building T-316. The keynote speaker will be Prof. Jeff Wiltse of the University of Montana Dept. of History, who will offer a 90-year retrospective on the US Declaration of War in 1917. Professor Wiltse has taught late nineteenth and twentieth century American History at UM since receiving his doctorate from Brandeis University in 2002. He is the author of *Contested Waters: A History of Municipal Swimming Pools in America*, which received the Alan Nevins Prize from the Society of American Historians in 2003.

In keeping with the World War I theme, Hayes Otoupalik will be offering demonstrations of his World War I French Renault tank, one of the last three working models of its type in the world.

The tank was featured in a World War I video, copies of which are for sale in the Museum's new Quartermaster's Store.

Also on Memorial Day, visitors will receive an update on the USS Missoula project, which is scheduled for completion by Veterans Day of this year.

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MAJOR GENERAL MOSELY VISITS MUSEUM

In October, the RMMM was visited by Major General Randall Mosely, Adjutant General of the Montana National Guard. Mosely and several of his staff were given a tour of the Museum by President Gary Lancaster and President Emeritus M.Y. "Bo" Foster.

Major General Mosely congratulated the RMMM on its efforts in presenting military history to the public, and noted the importance of such work to the Montana National Guard.

MORRIS and HELEN SILVER
MEMORIAL LIBRARY OPEN

On Memorial Day the Museum will debut the new Morris and Helen Silver Memorial Library, which will feature by that date, over 1100 titles pertaining to all aspects of military history. The library was funded by a generous grant from the Morris and Helen Silver Foundation. The new facility will be open to public inspection during the day, and thereafter open to scholars, writers, and other visitors seeking to complete research on projects pertaining to military topics.

USS MISSOULA PROJECT

On Memorial Day, visitors will receive an update on the USS Missoula project, which is scheduled for completion by Veterans Day of this year.

MONTANA STATE KOREAN WAR
MEMORIAL 10TH ANNIVERSARY

On June 16, the Montana Korean War Memorial Committee will mark the 10th anniversary since the Memorial's installation in 1997. The Ambassador of the Republic of South Korea is scheduled to deliver the keynote address that day at Rose Memorial Park. The RMMMh will be present with a special Korean War display, and other information pertaining to upcoming Museum programs. Attendees are urged to bring lawn chairs and bottled water.

MEETING WITH MONTANA
MILITARY MUSEUM

In October, Museum Board members M.Y. "Bo" Foster and Kermit Edmonds met in Helena with trustees of the Montana Military Museum at Fort Harrison to discuss possible joint projects.

MUSEUM RECEIVES GRANT FROM
MISSOULA BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

The RMMMh was awarded \$8000.00 this winter by the Missoula Building Industry Association from its annual charity fundraising banquet. Museum President Gary Lancaster accepted the award at the MBIA's banquet in October. Lancaster expressed the Museum's appreciation to the Association, and noted the money would significantly help the Museum to reach its goal of completely restoring Building T-316. The grant will be directed toward the installation of Korea and Vietnam displays at the Museum.

FORT MISSOULA CEMETERY "STORIES IN STONES"
SATURDAY JUNE 23RD, 2007 1-3 P.M.

To commemorate the 130th Anniversary of the establishment of Fort Missoula, the RMMMh and the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula will be presenting "STORIES IN STONES" at the Fort Missoula Post Cemetery. The Fort was established on June 25, 1877. Come and join us as we tell the history of the Cemetery; and stories of some of the men, women, and children that are buried there. Learn about two Medal of Honor winners; 1918 Flu victims; S.A.T.C ; life of a Frontier Officer; a Frontier Army Laundress; who the local V.F.W post is named after; the Ordnance Sergeant; Fort Ellis re-burials; the post mascot, and others.

Captain Charles C. Rawn, who founded the Fort in 1877, will be conducting tours of the beautiful Fort Missoula grounds, concurrently with the "Stories in Stones" presentations at the Cemetery. Don't miss these programs.

MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF
MUSEUM CONFERENCE

The RMMMh assisted in the hosting of the Montana Association of Museums annual conference in Missoula in March. The conference was well attended. The Museum provided the dessert portion of the event's progressive dinner to about 40 attendees from museums around Montana, many of whom expressed approval of the Museum's progress to date.

QUARTERMASTERS STORE
OPENS

The RMMMh Quartermaster's Store is now open in Building T-316 during regular Museum business hours.

In addition to our present book and logowear offerings, the gift shop now offers a substantial selection of children's toys, CD's, posters and other souvenir items.

ARMED FORCES DAY
MAY 19TH

On Armed Forces Day, the RMMMh will have several Military Vehicles on Display on grounds from 1-4. (To bring a vehicle, call 549-5346)

NEW DONATIONS

Thanks to the following donors:
Hayes Otoupalik-U1H1 helicopter Parts
Paul McCoy - WW II M-1 helmet
David Hayes - office equipment
Missoula Public Library- WW II books
Don Beller - Civil War books
Charles Willey family-Civil War books
Mary Jean Ungarette-WW II field Manuals

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:
Our sincere thanks go to the following for their continued support of the RMMMh:
JTL's paving crew- painting picnic tables;
Tom and June Peterson,-mowing and cleaning;
Tommy Tristan- expanding unit patch display
Tom Beaudette Consulting Engineers
Maria Chestnut

WE STILL HAVE WINDOWS AVAILABLE!! FOR ONLY \$250.00 YOU CAN PURCHASE A "WINDOW TO THE PAST"

If you are interested in dedicating a window in this building for a friend or loved one, there are still some windows available!



The new windows that have been installed look great! A 2x3 brass nametag will be placed on an oak plaque with the name of the person you are dedicating the window in honor of.

T/4 LAVERNE PARRISH BUILDING

Please make checks payable to: RMMMHS Mail to: PO Box 7263 Missoula MT 59807

Please print the following information for your family member or friend, to be placed on the brass name tag.

In Honor of: Name: _____

Branch of Service: (if app.) _____ Rank: (if app.) _____

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone number: _____ Date _____

E-mail address : _____ # of Windows Purchased _____ Amt. Enclosed _____

The RMMMHS is a private 501 (c)3 non-profit Institution. Contributions are tax-deductible to the amount allowed by law. Your continued support for our exhibits and programs are most welcome.

The Museum offers memberships on several levels.

MEMBERSHIP IS RENEWABLE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, ON VETERANS DAY, NOVEMBER 11.

____ Youth-under age 18--- \$10.00

____ Adult-----\$25.00

____ Family-----\$50.00

____ Business-----\$100.00

____ Lifetime -----\$500.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Date _____

If you are renewing your membership, please check your address for accuracy, and note any corrections on the form.

E-mail address: _____ Amt. Enclosed _____

Please make checks payable to: RMMMHS

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YOUR SUPPORT IS SINCERELY APPRECIATED.

**PLEASE HELP THE MUSEUM CONTINUE TO EXPAND
WE ACCEPT ONE TIME CONTRIBUTIONS, GIFTS, OR GRANTS**



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and study of the U.S. armed services from the Frontier
Period to the War on Terrorism.

LABEL

DONATIONS NEEDED!!

We are accepting donations for our 7th Annual
COLLECTORS sale!! We would appreciate any antiques,
collectibles, or good quality items that you no longer want.
All proceeds from the sale of the items will go
toward building restoration.
We can arrange to have items picked up if necessary.
Give us a call at **549-5346**, or **549-6280**

**WE WILL NOT ACCEPT MILITARY ITEMS
FOR THIS SALE.**

**ANNUAL JULY 4TH CELEBRATION
COLLECTORS SALE!**

At the T/4 Laverne Parrish Building at Fort Missoula
Join us between 8-5, on the 4th and
see what bargains are available!

BARBECUE!!!

We'll also have our annual barbecue, on the 4th,
so shop till you drop, and grab a dog or burger while
you are there. Come and enjoy the fun!!

SPRING AND SUMMER PROGRAMS AT RMMMMH

All programs are at 3:00 on Sunday afternoon, in the
Parrish Building, unless otherwise noted.

RMMMMH UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 19- Armed Forces Day – Military Vehicle Display 1-4 to
Bring a vehicle call 549-5346
- May 28- Memorial Day- WWI Ceremony and Grand Opening
of Silver Memorial Library; see related articles
- June 16- Montana Korean War Memorial 10 Anniversary
- June 23- “Stories in Stones” at Post Cemetery, see related story
- June 27-Fly in- Museum of Mountain Flying WWII B-17 and
B-25 bomber
- July 4th Celebration Collectors sale and Barbecue
- July 26-130th Anniversary .of Nez Perce War - Fort Fizzle
- Aug. 9-10 130th Ann Nez Perce War Ft. Fizzle &
Battle of Big Hole- TBA

CURRENT MUSEUM EXHIBITS

- "The Ultimate Sacrifice: Montanans in Battle"
- "Glory Road: The Civil War in the Mid-Atlantic States,
1862-63"
- "The U.S. Army vs. the Depression: Fort Missoula and
the Civilian Conservation Corps"
- "The World Conflict, 1914-45"
- "Bluecoats in the Big Sky: Montana, the Army, and the West
1795-1898"

*** MUSEUM HOURS: **MEMORIAL DAY THROUGH LABOR DAY DAILY 12-5** ***