

# FRIENDS OF THE ARMY WOMEN'S MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

## QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

3RD QUARTER OF 2017

### From the President

Greetings Friends,

It seems as though, I was hoping spring would get here and now the year is almost over. Where did the time go? So much has happened this year. I hope that all of you are safe and life is treating you well.

The construction on the extension is complete and we have begun planning for the "Grand Opening" of this new edition. I can't wait for you to see it. Many of you have already contributed to this project and I think you would be pleased. Mark your calendars for the fall of 2018. The exact date(s) will be announced soon. You will see later in this newsletter, some of the things we are planning and fundraising for this Grand Opening. If you have not contributed and would like to help us make this opening a grand review, please consider purchasing a Memory Bench or a Women in War Outdoor Exhibit panel for our Memorial Garden. I want to thank you for your continued support of the Friends of the Army Women's Association through 2017 and past years. It's your donations through our association that makes supporting the Army Women's Museum possible and I could not thank you enough. I look forward to hearing from you in the New Year and hope to see you at the Grand Opening. Best wishes for good health and a safe holiday season. Happy 2018.

Sincerely,  
Delinda Creal  
President



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## From our Museum Director

Exciting things are happening at the museum! The construction for the expansion of the gallery area is complete—it doubled the space available for the interpretation of the incredible history of Army women. Now the work has begun on the re-design of the combined spaces. It is a huge undertaking, which we have been working on for almost a year now. The process of selecting artifacts and archival images, combined with writing the narrative has been a challenge. There is so much wonderful history to choose from. We are working to “get it right.” The Center of Military History has contracted a design and build team to put our plans into reality. Our first kick off meeting a few weeks ago went really well and we anticipate seeing area designs within the next few months. We will share them as they become available. There are several projects we’re working on to support the gallery re-design. Several new videos are being produced: a new introductory video, an update to the history of the contributions of women to the Army, 1775-present, and three topical ones, women of WWI, history of Hispanic Army women, and women in Army aviation. Additionally, there will be an exhibit that enables the visitor to hear in first person, the reflections of senior leader Army women (both military and civilian) on the changes that have taken place over the past 30+ years. We are looking forward to a grand celebration of the new galleries in Fall, 2018. More to come on that!

~Dr. Françoise Bonnell

## Farewell SFC Peters

The AWM is sad to see our Operations NCO, SFC Nathan Peters leave. He is moving on to his next assignment. He has been a wonderful representative of the museum. He’s learned and embraced the history of Army women and takes great pride in sharing it with every visitor that walks through the door. It has made a big difference having a Soldier in uniform at the front desk and we are very thankful to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Quartermaster Brigade and the Quartermaster School for supporting us by providing needed manpower to keep the museum open on the weekends.

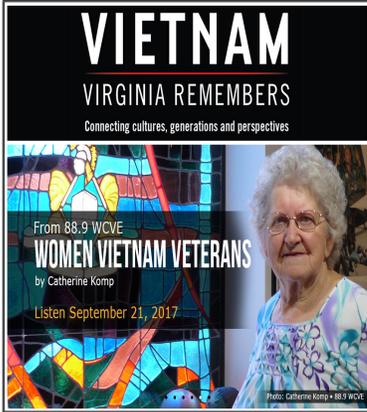


SFC Peters giving an introduction to the museum history to an AIT Soldier and his family.



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# IN THE SPOTLIGHT



## FAWMA Board Member Featured

Florence "Flo" Dunn may seem inconspicuous cruising the aisles of the local commissary, but stop her and you'd find she has an incredible history to share. Now the Community Idea Stations, central Virginia's public broadcaster, is helping to tell her story through a landmark series called Vietnam: Virginia Remembers. The series was created in anticipation of the premiere of Ken Burns' and Lynn Novick's, *The Vietnam War* and is intended to educate the community about the Vietnam War and its affect here in Virginia. As a member of the Women's Army Corps, Flo served in Vietnam assisting with community development and support. The story of her experience there and her support for the preservation of Army women's history will air on 88.9 WCVE on September 21. You can also listen after the air date online at <http://ideastations.org/vietnamwar>



## FAWMA Reaches Out in the Local Community

On Oct 11, 2017, FAWMA board member, Gail Taylor Black met with "The Richmond Band of Brothers and Sisters" a local support group for Vietnam & Combat Support veterans. Mrs. Black spoke about the Army Women's Museum, created awareness of the expansion project, and proposed that the group schedule a field trip to the museum in the spring of 2018. Her primary objective was to let the group know that the museum serves as an educational institution for service members, veterans, and the civilian community.



## FAWMA and AUSA

The Friends of the Army Women's Museum Association (FAWMA) supported several AUSA events held at bases throughout Virginia, including Fort Belvoir and Fort Meyer. FAWMA was able to reach out and speak with many of the 600 participants at these events. Colonel (R) Aimee Kominiak and board member, Cydnee Gentry were able to share upcoming outreach programs and opportunities sponsored by FAWMA. They will also attend the Fort Meade AUSA event on October 27.



## FAWMA - OUTREACH

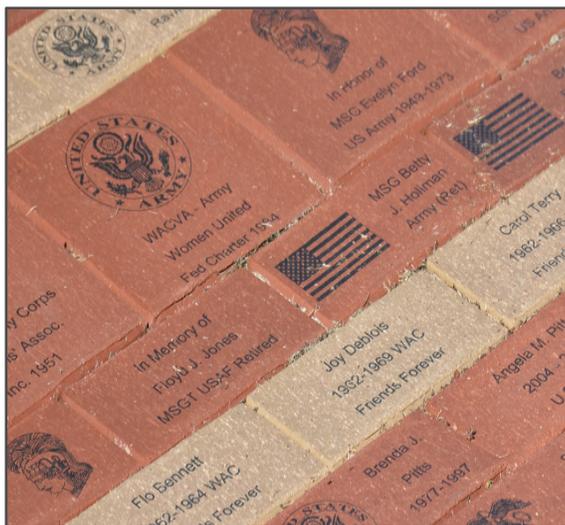
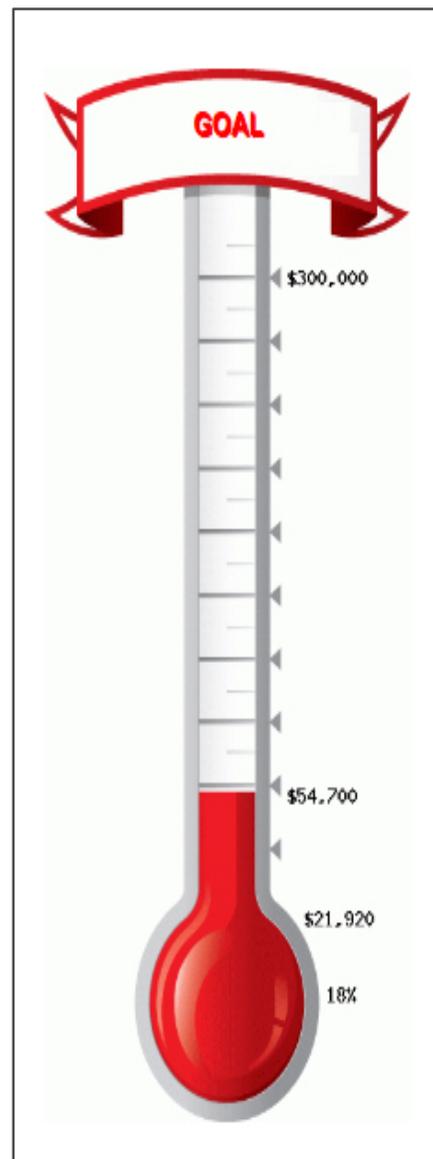
The Friends of the Army Women's Museum Association was honored to have member, CWO5 Phyllis Wilson speak with the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs Council on September 20 about the Army Women's Museum. The event was hosted by the local VFW Post in Enterprise, Alabama and was attended by local officials including Alabama State Congressman - Barry Moore. On October 9th, Phyllis was part of an amazing panel of Army women who met in Washington D.C. to speak on women's issues in the Army. She was afforded the opportunity to speak on the efforts and mission of the Army Women's Museum.

## PRESERVE THE LEGACY CAMPAIGN

FAWMA's fundraising campaign in support of the Museum's transformation officially kicked off on Memorial Day weekend 2017. The initial phase solicited donations from individuals and various military associated organizations. Over the 4-month period (June - September), close to \$55,000 in donations have been received. We are only at 18% of our goal of \$300,000 and recognize that there are many campaigns ongoing to support critical causes such as hurricane and wild life efforts. However, we believe supporting the Army Women's Museum is a worthwhile cause. We believe preserving the legacy of women's courage and sacrifice helps in building character and strength in our young men and women and shapes them into future leaders.

FAWMA will begin the next phase of fundraising by approaching foundations and corporations to gain support for sponsoring the Women in War panels and Memory Benches that will be part of our Museum Memorial Garden. We also know that the museum has other needs that will not be covered by the Army and will require FAWMA to provide the funding. We will be asking our wonderful supporters to consider monthly giving and planned giving opportunities. Our hearts are in this fundraiser because we believe honoring women's contributions helps to build a stronger future.

As a reminder, while the museum receives funding from the Army, it also relies on FAWMA for support to fund certain exhibits, host events for veterans and retirees, and other day to day expenses. Help us *Preserve the Legacy*.



## BRICK TRIBUTES

Do you want to be a part of history? Order a customized brick that will be placed in the landscape areas around the outside of the US Army Women's Museum. Donate a brick as a lasting tribute to honor a service member, a civilian, a spouse, a friend, a family member, a retiree, or yourself in support of our country, our service, and our museum. For more information go to our website at:

<http://www.armywomensmuseum.org/brick.htm>

# PRESERVE THE LEGACY CAMPAIGN DONATIONS

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# THANK YOU!

## Preserve the Legacy Campaign Memorial Benches and War Panels



**Memory Bench in the AWM Memorial Garden for \$1200.00.** An engraved plaque is included that is 10.5" w x 3" h and has **up to 4 lines of text & 24 characters/spaces maximum per line.** (A limit of 10 benches will be sold).

**In Memory or in Honor of:**

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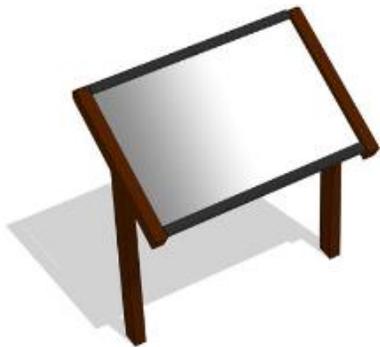
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**Women in War Panels in the AWM Memorial Garden for \$1500.00.** (A limit of 10 panels will be sold).

Donor's names will be placed in the lower right hand corner of each panel. The panels will be located in the memorial garden as a lasting tribute to those who served.

Panel 1: American Revolution Enduring Freedom	Panel 2: Civil War	Panel 3: World War I	Panel 4: World War II
Panel 5: Korea	Panel 6: Vietnam	Panel 7: Special Missions (Haiti, Bosnia, Panama, Grenada etc.)	Panel 8: Desert Shield/Desert Storm
Panel 9: Operation Iraqi Freedom	Panel 10: Operation Enduring Freedom		

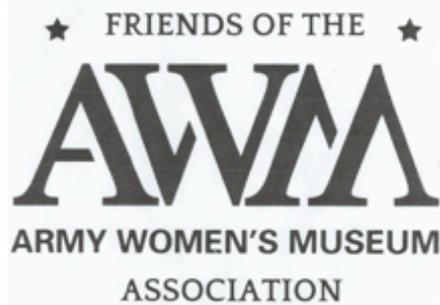
\*The Memorial Garden will be dedicated during the Grand Opening of the new museum galleries in the Fall of 2018.

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