

FRIENDS OF THE ARMY WOMEN'S MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT 2ND QUARTER OF 2018

From the President...

We're leaning forward in preparation for the Grand Reopening and Reunion of the Army Women's Museum this fall. The ball is rolling fast and things are moving forward in the process. We believe the weekend of Nov 1-3, 2018 will be all you have waited for and more. I am sure you will be amazed and surprised at what the Museum staff and FAWMA have done since your last visit.

We just completed a successful fiscal year and everything you will see and do at the museum is made possible because of your generous donation(s) and support. We are closing in on our Legacy Campaign goal and with a generous pledge coming in the fall, we look forward to starting this new fiscal year off on a high note.

I am humbled by your generosity and can't begin to thank you for answering the call to support the Museum, we so dearly love. If you are not a supporter, please consider becoming a donor, partner, and supporter by uniting with the Friends of the Army Women's Museum Association to make this celebration a success. Our Legacy Campaign continues as we hope to fulfill our goal this fall with your donations of support. Please contact us via email or phone on how you can help. All donations are tax deductible.

We "The Friends of the Army Women's Museum" can't wait to see the Soldiers, Veterans, Civilians, and Family members in November. I hope you have *Saved the Date* of November 1-3, 2018 on your calendar. The registration form and agenda is now available for your consideration and planning (attached below).

I look forward to hearing from you and hope to see you in November. Until then, be safe, happy, and healthy.

Delinda Creal
President
Friends of the Army Women's Museum Association

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From our Museum Director...

Every day at the museum seems to be busier than the one before. It is hard to believe that we are now on the cusp of the installation of the museum's new exhibits. It was only a short time ago, 26 Sep 17, that we sat down with the design teams and began to conceptualize what the new galleries would look like. Although the staff had been working on the project for almost a year before that in anticipation of the meeting. And today, we now see how the whole project is coming to fruition. We've been "under construction" since 1 May. The dust and noise seemed unbearable at times, but then we had a few weeks of quiet which seemed almost worse. We are eager, excited and thrilled to see not only the walls built and painted, but now the track lighting is being installed. The assembling of the dioramas is beginning and in another week, we will be under full construction again!

Thankfully, FAWMA has been supporting the museum every step of the way. I hope you will be able to join us November 2nd to celebrate the re-opening of the galleries.

Dr. Françoise Bonnell
Director,
U.S. Army Women's Museum



Photo on the left:
New walls outline the location of our five teaching galleries. They were freshly constructed and painted in June.

Photo on the right:
Ron Bingham, Collections Manager, records audio at the Fort Lee shooting range. The audio will be used in an immersive exhibit of a 1970s-era shooting range.





FAREWELL TO THE FOGGS!

We bid a fond farewell to Major General Rodney Fogg and his wife, Janie. Janie is an advisor to the Friends of the Army Women's Museum Association and will continue her support of the Army Women's Museum at Redstone Arsenal in Alabama.

SPOTLIGHT:

Rasmuson Family and Foundation

We are truly grateful for the gift and commitment of the Rasmuson Family and Foundation in supporting the renovation of the U.S. Army Women's Museum in honor of their family member, Mary Louise Rasmuson.

Mary Louise had a deep and illustrious career with the Women's Army Corps. She was commissioned an officer in 1942 in the newly created Women's Auxiliary Army Corp (WAAC) and then later the WAC (Women's Army Corps). She served during WWII, Korea and in 1957 became the fifth Director of the WAC. She was first appointed by President Eisenhower and then reappointed by President Kennedy as the highest-ranking woman in the Army during her tenure as Director. Mary Louise implemented vital policies that were instrumental in creating an environment of inclusion for women and minorities over the course of her time of leadership within the Women's Army Corps. Her guidance, as the Director of the Women's Army Corps, inspired a climate of change needed for female soldiers to get the recognition, service credit, equality, and benefits they deserve. She was awarded the Legion of Merit for her steadfast efforts in advocating for parity and equality in wages, job opportunities, and benefits. She was an advocate for African-American service women and fought for inclusion, fairness, and opportunity.

The Rasmuson Family and Foundation's donation will fund an entrance exhibit and have committed additional support towards the renovation. We are sincerely thankful for their generous donation and pledge. Honoring Mary Louise's contributions to the Army will have a lasting effect on the community, students, soldiers, and the nation.



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JANUARY 1, 2018 – MARCH 31, 2018

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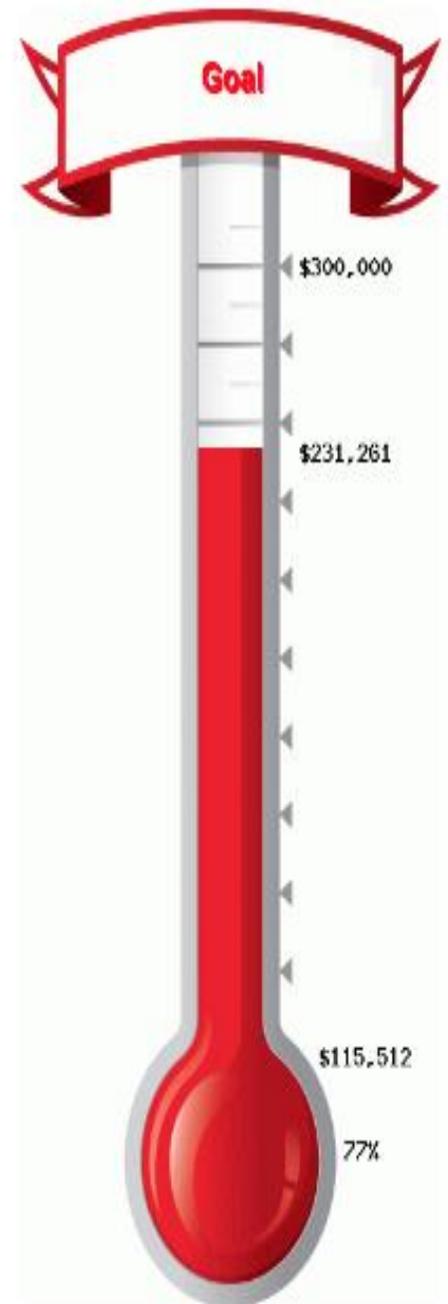
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Thank you!

Preserve the Legacy Campaign!

We are Almost There! Our fundraising campaign, Preserve the Legacy started way back in May 2017. When we set our goal at **\$300,000**, it was mind-blowing but we knew we needed to do all we could to make the new museum exhibits the absolute best. Now, a little over a year later, our campaign has reached **\$231,261** in donations and we are ecstatic! So, what is your money paying for? Here are just some of the items that you made possible. Your donations will fund that oh-so-important museum lighting that will illuminate the brand-spanking new exhibits. Also, one of the exhibits requires actors and audio to give realism to the scene depicted so FAWMA will take care of those costs thanks to you. The Reflection Garden will be all decked out with the Woman in War panels and the Tribute benches along with a WAC Band monument. Lastly, the period life-cast figures can now be a reality and will greet all visitors thanks to a generous donation.

But, don't stop giving. As everyone knows, last minute needs always happen so we still need to keep moving towards the \$300,000 mark. Every donation helps FAWMA pay for things the museum has identified in order to have the Best Grand Reopening and Reunion in November. If you haven't given, please help us now. You can donate the old-fashioned way by mailing a check to us or by clicking our secure link! Thanks for your continued support. Because of you, the Grand Reopening in November will be a huge success!



WE HAVE A NEW OFFICE

FAWMA is excited to let you know of our new office on Fort Lee. We have permanently relocated to Bldg 4310. We are happy to share the space with other non-profits and thank the base installation for allowing us the privilege to operate aboard the post in support of the Army Women's Museum and our military.



FAWMA WEBSITE

FAWMA has been working to update its website to have a cleaner, crisper look. We are happy that the new pages are up and running on our regular site at www.armywomensmuseum.org. We hope you visit as we continue to publish new content. We have updates on the construction and our outreach activities. All the Museum Grand Opening/Reunion information is under the *What's New* tab. Check it out! Please visit and we would love for you to click the Donate tab to support the museum.

HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM

ARCHIVES

Photo Caption: The museum archivist, Ali Kolleda, instructs members of Military History Detachments on the collection of archival material.



MUSEUM OPERATIONS

Photo Caption: Our Education Specialist, Nancy, has been instrumental in holding down museum operations while our NCO has been out on leave. Not only has she been teaching programs, but scheduling and coordinating them as well!



**JOIN OUR PARTNERS, FRIENDS, AND DONORS BY GIVING TODAY.
FILL OUT THE ATTACHED CARD OR GO TO OUR WEBSITE AT:**

[HTTP://WWW.ARMYWOMENSMUSEUM.ORG/DONATE.HTM](http://www.armywomensmuseum.org/donate.htm)

OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Women's Veteran Summit

FAWMA (Cydnee Gentry and COL (R) Aimee Kominiak attended the Virginia Women's Veteran Summit in Alexandria Virginia on June 14-15, 2018. The Summit brought together veterans, community leaders, employers, and government agencies from the federal, state, and local levels to raise awareness about the services and benefits offered specifically for women veterans. In addition to the various exhibitors, the Summit agenda included dynamic panel discussions and speakers. Over 600 women veterans were in attendance and eager to learn of the AWM Grand Reopening and Reunion in November.



Women's Summit in Richmond, Virginia

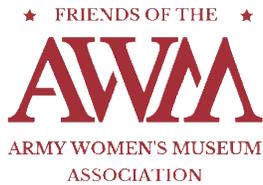
Gail Taylor Black, FAWMA Board member attends the 1st VA Women's Summit- Cohosted by McGuire Veteran's Administration, which took place on April 4th at St. Paul's Baptist Church, in Richmond Virginia. Over 100 people turned out for the event and 75 individuals visited our table and signed up to receive museum updates. Richmond City Sheriff – Antionette V. Irving signing our Quarterly Report email distribution list.



Petersburg Kiwanis Club

Delinda Creal, President of the Friends of the Army Women's Museum Association speaks to the Kiwanis International Club on women's contributions to the Army this summer in Petersburg, Va. The Club President and Patsy Hudson recognize FAWMA at the event.





US Army Women's Museum Grand Reopening and Reunion Events November 1-3, 2018

November 1, 2018 (Thursday)

- 1 – 7:30 PM Registration by *FAWMA* at the Lee Club. Guests will receive their registration materials/tickets purchased to the two *FAWMA* hosted events
- 5:30 – 7:30 PM Reception at the Overtime Sports Bar, Lee Club, Building 9009, Fort Lee, VA (*FAWMA*-hosted with light hors d'oeuvres and iced tea, coffee. Pay-as-you-go Bar available

November 2, 2018 (Friday) (All events at the museum)

- 8 – 10 AM Registration continues by *FAWMA*
- 10:30 AM Dedication of the Museum Reflection Garden along with 14th (WAC) Band Monument, Women In War Outdoor Exhibit and Tribute Benches
- 11:30AM – 1 PM Lunch on your own
- 1:30 PM Gathering for the Ceremony
- 2 – 5 PM Official Ribbon Cutting and Grand Reopening of the Museum followed by a reception and Museum tours

November 3, 2018 (Saturday) (All events at the museum)

- 9 – 10 AM Registration continues by *FAWMA*
- 9 AM – 5 PM Museum Tours
- 10 – 10:30 AM & 10:30 – 11 AM Fort Lee Bus Tour to include WAC Training area (2 tours)
- 11:30 AM – 12 PM Dedication of the CSM Mary A. Lee Gallery
- 12 – 1 PM Luncheon hosted by *FAWMA*
- 1:30 – 3 PM Showing and introduction by Director James Theres of his documentary, *The Hello Girls: America's First Female Soldiers*

We encourage veterans to wear their uniforms to the Friday and Saturday events!!

Fort Lee Access: Please plan extra time to pass through the Lee Gate Visitor Control Center if you do not have a Common Access Card (CAC), Military ID, or Military Dependent ID. All visitors must report to the Visitor Control Center for a background check. We suggest you obtain a Visitor's Pass for the entire length of this event. Visit <http://www.lee.army.mil/pmo/dukes.welcome.center.aspx> for specifics. See Info on how to pre-apply to Fort Lee to have your pass ready when you arrive.



REGISTRATION FOR ARMY WOMEN'S MUSEUM GRAND REOPENING AND FAWMA REUNION EVENTS

Early registration cut-off is **October 1, 2018**. Send your registration form/payment to FAWMA. Registration fee is \$10 and Event Tickets are \$5 per person. **Late** registration costs are noted with cut-off 10/20/18.

Name(s) of Attendees:

(1) _____ (2) _____

(Dates of Mil Service, as applicable) *(Dates of Mil Service, as applicable)*

Address: _____
City: _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____
Home Phone _____
Email: _____ **Cell #:** _____

Check here to allow us to add you to FAWMA's mailing database to receive newsletters, updates and fund campaign information. Your email **will not** be sold/provided to any other organization or company.
 Your phone number will not be used for any activity other than to contact you about the Grand Reopening event or your registration)

	<i>(By 10/1/18)</i>	<i>(10/2/ to 10/20/18)</i>	# Attendees	Total
Registration	\$10 per person	\$15 per person	_____	\$ _____
Reception Event Ticket (Nov 1)	\$ 5 per person	\$10 per person	_____	\$ _____
Luncheon Event Ticket (Nov 3)	\$ 5 per person	\$10 per person	_____	\$ _____
TOTAL REG/EVENT FEES				\$ _____

Note: Registration fee required for **each** attendee. Tickets **required** for reception & luncheon attendance.

Mail to : FAWMA, PO Box 1027, Prince George, VA 23875

- Registration form completed
 Check to FAWMA enclosed for \$ _____ Registration Fee and Event Tickets
 If paying by credit card:
 () Master Card () VISA () Discover () American Express

Name on Credit Card _____
 Credit Card Account/Card Number _____
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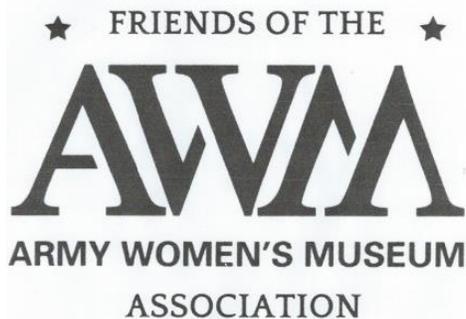
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Check the Agenda to find where to receive your registration packet/Event Tickets. **Also see Fort Lee gate access requirements noted on the Agenda and website.** If you have questions, please call FAWMA's office at 804.734.5742 or email us at LTFAWMA@gmail.com. If you reach our answering service, please leave a message. See our website at www.armywomenmuseum.org **We look forward to seeing you!**



ATTENTION:
**We encourage veterans to wear their uniforms
 to the Friday and Saturday events!**





Yes, I will support the U.S. Army Women's Museum with my tax-deductible donation!

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Preserve the Legacy Campaign

My donation is for:

Lighting _____ Audio/Visual _____ Outdoor Exhibits _____ Gallery Exhibits _____ Other _____

_____ I would like to sponsor a Memory Bench in the AWM Memorial Garden for \$1200.00

_____ I would like to sponsor a Women in War Panel in the AWM Memorial Garden for \$1500.00

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

My check is enclosed and made out to: FAWMA

The Friends of the Army Women's Museum Association is an all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) nonprofit, educational organization. Financial documents are available from: State Division of Consumer Affairs, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, P.O. Box 1163, Richmond, VA 23218

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