

FRIENDS OF THE ARMY WOMEN'S MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT 4TH QUARTER OF 2018

From the President...

Dear Friends,

We have come to the end of another year and look forward to what 2019 has to offer. The entire board of the Friends of the Army Women's Museum Association "Thank You" for all of your support in 2018 and look forward to your continued support and friendship in 2019.

You made the Army Women's Museum Grand Reopening a success, an amazing experience and a *GRAND* event that will be remembered for years!

We could not have done it without you. Your support allowed for the purchase of many items both small and large. To mention a few: WWII Warrant officer insignia, paint restoration of the helicopter, a helmet cover & helicopter suit, life cast figures, track lighting, plaques, gloves, chairs, women at war panels, band lyre monument and the ten benches in the beautiful memorial garden. Lastly; the Five Life Cast Figures that stands as a memory of our past and hope for our future as Army women.

If you missed the grand reopening, please visit the FAWMA or Army Women's Museum website for some of the highlights. We hope that your New Year resolutions will consist of several visits to the museum. We want to see you.

Again, we thank you for helping us preserve our history; tell our story, and share the many contributions and service of Army Women.

Happy New Year!

~Delinda Creal, President

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From our Museum Director...

Happy New Year! Looking back it seems that 2018 went by quickly, but that is probably because we were so busy. The ribbon cutting ceremony for the grand reopening, the garden rededication and all the reunion events were wonderful. We are thankful for everyone's support.

Over the past few months the number of museum visitors has increased significantly. Perhaps more importantly, we have noted that the amount of time a visitor spends in the museum has almost doubled! We've received great feedback and are pleased with how much visitors are enjoying the interactives, new videos and interesting displays. We are working on a new tour and a visitor guide. In the near future we plan on updating the virtual tour as well.

We look forward to an exciting 2019. Just recently we hosted over 400 Ordnance Advanced Individual Training (AIT) students through the course of several hours. The additional gallery space really helped to ensure the easy flow of everyone so that they could enjoy the displays. We will work on new Soldier programming in order to incorporate the new exhibits; we also plan to expand our K-12 programming.

We hope to see you soon!

~Dr. Françoise Bonnell, Director



59th Ordnance Brigade Soldiers enjoying a presentation by Jimmy Price, the museum's education specialist.



59th Ordnance Brigade Soldiers listening to MG Combs recount a story from the "Voices Project."

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Gratitude to the family of Mary Louise Rasmuson!

We are truly grateful for the donations and commitment of all of our donors this past year, especially the Rasmuson Family and Foundation in supporting the renovation of the U.S. Army Women's Museum. The Rasmuson Family and Foundation's donation in honor of their family member, Mary Louise Rasmuson was a tremendous support towards the renovation and reunion events. We are sincerely thankful for their generous support and are excited to continue our relationship in honoring Mary Louise's contributions to the Army. These contributions continue to have a lasting effect on the community, students, soldiers, and the nation.



OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

GIFT WRAPPING FOR THE HOLIDAYS



FAWMA members and the US Army Women's Museum staff (a total of 14 volunteers) participated in gift-wrapping at our Fort Lee Post Exchange from December 16-24, 2018. The donations totaled \$2,530.00 and will be used to support our Army Women's Museum. We appreciate our volunteers!!



COLLECTIONS – We need your “stuff”!

Don't forget that the museum actively collects archival collections on women's Army service! We just got in several incredible collections relating to the Army Medical Specialist Corps and the service of Army Dietitians. The collections span from Diet Kitchens during the Civil War through humanitarian aid offered other nations during the 1990s. We couldn't be more honored to serve as the repository for this documentation.



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