PMC Museum e-News

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Message from the Committee Chair

During the past year, the PMC Museum has become more relevant to the PMC Alumni, Widener faculty and students, the local community, and has strengthened the ties to the Dauntless Battalion.

Maintaining the legacy and heritage of the PMC Corps of Cadets is the mission of the PMC Museum Committee. Each year there is a 50th Reunion Class exhibit. The Museum recently a display of PMC Class Rings and a marker describing the tradition of the Class commemorating tombstones.

In 1921, Cadet Karl Wettengle wrote “We not merely accept the inheritance, which PMC has bequeathed to us but solemnly promise to pass it on and so prove that we are worthy of it ….” Maintaining the legacy of PMC relies on PMC Alumni. We encourage you to visit the Museum and donate to support its continuous presence.

Ron Romanowicz ‘68

Homecoming 2016

Prior to the start of the Homecoming activities, four members of the Class of 1966, Bill Symolon, Clark Wunderland, Bob Grosch and Dave Eckard, met in Freedom Hall and spoke about their memories of PMC. Katie Colt, a senior Communications student, moderated the panel discussion, titled "Echoes from the Past." The podcast (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kqvg1SZ52kU&feature=youtu.be) of the interview has been posted on Youtube.

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Saturday morning, PMC Alumni were welcomed by Glenn Eckard ’91, the President of the Alumni Council, at the start of the program sponsored by the PMC Museum. Glenn told the audience that “The sacrifices that the men of your generation made for your country, and for this school, have not been – and will never be – forgotten…. the generations that have come since your years here know that we are just the caretakers of the house that you built.”

Throughout the weekend, the PMC Museum was visited by most of the Class of 1966 as well as dozens of other alumni. One of the newest exhibits features a collection of PMC class rings. The ring was aa cherished reminder of every cadet. We hope all PMC Alumni will visit the Museum and be reminded of the Junior Ring Dance and their time at the school.

Veteran's Day 2016

Each year Widener University remembers its veterans and all of those that served our nation in a ceremony in front of Old Main. In addition, the names of those who died in their service of our nation and have their names inscribed on plaques surrounding the flag pole in front of Old Main are read. President Julie E. Wollman and Col. (R) Tom Vossler '68 then placed a wreath by the Veterans Memorial. Pictured above left to right: President Julie E. Wollman, Col (R) Vossler, and LTC Shaffer.

After commenting that his years at PMC were formative ones he reminded the audience that they were gathered on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month to honor and pay tribute to all veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. He stated that the official flag of the U.S. Army carries 189 battle and campaign streamers. Each streamer representing a conflict in which our veterans served, including three streamers that have no ending date because fighting continues.

In closing, Col. (R) Vossler remarked that even before we became a nation, our military veterans established a legacy of honor, of perseverance and of

achievement in defense of our nation and way of life. It is a legacy which we must continue to uphold.

PMC Alumni Luncheons

On November 10, the PMC Museum was the site of a gathering of PMC Alumni. After spending time reminiscing and viewing the exhibits, the group assembled on the steps in front of Old Main for a photo before heading to lunch in the University Center.

The next PMC Alumni lunch at Widener University will be held in Wednesday, May 3rd. We hope you will be able to attend the May lunch.

Since the mid 1980's, PMC Alumni in the Greater Washington DC Area have been meeting monthly for lunch and camaraderie. Anyone interested, please contact Bob Hawley PMC '62 at bobhawley226@gmail.com to be included.

Vision for 2021

The PMC Museum Committee has formed a Vision Group. Its purpose is to propose strategies for the PMC Museum to perpetuate the PMC legacy. Although the Vision Group is expected to report its recommendations to the Committee in the spring of 2017, your vision for the PMC Museum is sought and welcomed. Please contact Shelly Schwartz at sh371@aol.com.

PMC Museum Web Pages

The PMC Museum web pages have been updated and offer some new glimpses about the PMC Museum. You are invited to review the pages at http://www.widener.edu/about/campus_resources/pmc_museum/ and offer your comments and suggestions. When you land on the page, wait a moment and watch the slide show.

Jan Alexander, New Collections Chair

The PMC Museum is fortunate to have Jan Alexander, assume many of the responsibilities of Becky Warda. Since taking the helm, Jan has been involved with the Reunion Class Exhibit and others, handling recent donations to the PMC Museum and updating the Visitors Manual, referenced by Dauntless Battalion Cadets and PMC Alumni that supervise the Museum each Saturday.

Cadet Samantha DeCapua

Cadet Samatha DeCapua is the Battalion Commander of the Dauntless Battalion. She is pursuing a double major in Criminal Justice and Sociology, with a minor in Gender and Women's Studies. Her goal is to enter the aviation branch, and become a helicopter pilot. After completing ROTC Summer Camp, Samantha was ranked fourth in the nation (out of 5,508) by the U.S. Army Cadet Command in a list of the top Army Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets.

Visiting the PMC Museum

The Alumni Engagement Office will now assist PMC alumni and other visitors wishing to visit the PMC Museum during weekdays (Monday through Friday). Please contact the Alumni Engagement Office at (610)499-1154 prior to your visit.

The Museum relies on the support of PMC Alumni in its efforts to develop new exhibits and build an endowment fund. For the fiscal year 2016-2017, the number of gifts has grown. In an effort to recognizes these donors, a list is attached to the minutes.

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