

PMC Museum e-News



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New Committee Members

Jared Becker '18 was the first cadet member of the Army ROTC Dauntless Battalion to become a member of the PMC Museum Committee. Since graduation, he has been studying law. Jared has agreed to continue to be a member of the PMC Museum Committee.

Tom Vossler '68 served in the Army as a troop leader and taught military history, strategy, and leadership at the U.S. Army War College. Since his retirement, he has

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PMC Class Ring

To replace your PMC class ring, contact

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Depending upon the age and condition of the ring, it may be possible to refurbish the ring.



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worked as a licensed battlefield guide at Gettysburg and published two books on Gettysburg and a field guide to the Battle of Antietam. He and his wife, Barbara, also operate Mountain View Simmentals, where they raise beef cattle.

Mrs. Terry Travis, the vice president for University Advancement, has joined the PMC Museum Committee as the administrative liaison. Her work is dedicated to strengthening relationships with Widener and PMC alumni. In the short time she has been at Widener, Terry has demonstrated her support of maintaining the legacy of PMC.

Katie Herschede, vice president for strategic initiatives and chief of staff for the Office of the President, has also joined the PMC Museum Committee. Her enthusiasm and dedication to preserving the legacy of PMC are welcomed.

Remembering "Captain Dee"

This past August, Giulio DiSerafino '52 passed away. "Captain Dee," as he was affectionately known by PMC alumni, was a revered legend who revitalized the Pershing Rifles drill team, exemplified PMC leadership, and engaged his campus community. In retirement, "Captain Dee" maintained his status as a PMC icon. He consistently spearheaded alumni activities, provided advice and expertise to the PMC Museum, and reminded everyone of the importance and tradition of the annual broom drill. His inspirational leadership and sage advice will never be forgotten.

Per his wishes, donations to the PMC Museum in memory of "Captain Dee" should be made payable to **Widener University (PMC Museum)** with "In memory of CPT Dee" written in the memo line. These donations will be used exclusively for the Remembrance Garden and a suitable plaque commemorating "Captain Dee."

Remembrance Garden

The PMC Museum shall expand the Class of 1963 Memorial Garden located behind Alumni Auditorium. The expanded area will be known as the Remembrance Garden.

The Remembrance Garden will include relocated class monuments (tombstones) from a bygone era. It will be an inviting place for quiet reflection to just stop and relax during frantic moments. Students, alumni, faculty, and campus visitors will be able to enjoy its serenity and historical significance.

Don Ainsworth '57
Colin Ainsworth '11
Gil Alderfer, M.D. '64
Jan Alexander, Collections Manager
Jared Becker '18
Jill Borin, University Archivist
Eric Guzy '20, Dauntless Battalion
Representative
Katie Herschede, Chief of Staff
Dave McNulty '63
Ronald Romanowicz '68
Sheldon Schwartz '60
Clyde Tinklepaugh '73
Terry Travis, Vice President for
University Advancement
Vito Verni '61
Ken Wofford '68

Emeriti Members

Merv Harris '57
Charles Weber Jr. '64

The project is funded equally by the university and the PMC Museum. Thanks to the cooperation of members of the Class of 1963 and the support of alumni, the Remembrance Garden will be a legacy of PMC.

Please consider donating to the PMC Museum for this project. Make checks payable to **Widener University PMC Museum** with "In memory of CPT Dee" written in the memo line.

PMC Museum Phonathon

In October, Widener University students started a phonathon in support of the PMC Museum. The 12 students conducting the phonathon are majoring in social work, nursing, psychology, physical therapy, and civil engineering. As of this writing, they have made 485 calls and have received pledges to donate \$1,875 to the PMC Museum. The students have many more calls to make, and it would be helpful if PMC alumni would update their contact information. This can be done online at <https://alumni.widener.edu/update>.

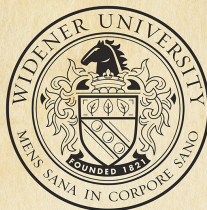
The Museum Committee is mindful of the many worthy causes we are all asked to support. Your donation to the PMC Museum will assist us in our efforts to preserve the legacy of PMC. Your donation will enable us to maintain and improve the PMC Museum so that the campus community can enjoy it throughout the year.

If you were not called and wish to make a donation to the PMC Museum, go online to <https://give.widener.edu/PMC> and scroll to the bottom of the page or you can send us a check.

Please make checks payable to **Widener University PMC Museum** and mail them to Terry Travis, VP for University Advancement, Widener University, One University Place, Chester, PA 19013.

Commemorating Alumni Who Died in Service to the Country

The PMC Museum and Widener University have collaborated on a commemoration for PMC alumni who have died in service to the nation. The efforts of university archivist Jill Borin, Ron Romanowicz '68, and Andrew Fraser '67 in researching the list of PMC alumni names were invaluable. Two memorial plaques were made with one on display



*Honoring those brave service
members who walked these
grounds and gave their lives
in action for our country.*

Civil War

Zadoc Aydelotte
Samuel H. Bolton
Henry Clay Robinett
Peach Ridgway Taliaferro
Alfred E. Townsend

Philippine Insurrection

John A. Logan Jr.

WWI

David G. Allen
John Irving Burns
Bernard J. Cahn
Douglas Tilford Cameron
Edmund Garretson Cook
Henry DeHority
Elliot Durand
Phelps R. Holman
George B. Murtha
Joseph C. Morris Small
Parker Vanamee

WWII

Herbert R. Amey Jr.
Herbert Bailey
Adam John Bassetti
Gordon M. Bettles
Peter E. Buck II
William F. Callahan Jr.
William A. Cortwright

Robert S. Currier

Walter Joseph Czarnecki

William H. Derr

S. Ellsworth Duff

John Howard Faust

James L. Flood

Russell A. Freas Jr.

William T. Gardner

Edward Gazarian

James W. Gilbert Jr.

Roscoe N. D. Gray

Benjamin Ralph Kimlau

Daniel A. London

James G. Lynch

William R. Maddock Jr.

Milton R. Matteson Jr.

Hugh F. McCaffery

Joseph P. McCaffery

Frank H. McCracken

Marshall V. Moss

Clarence E. Myers

Richard O'Malley

Thomas R. O'Malley

Michael Richard Pessolano

Samuel H. Rosenbaum

Jack Shoyer

William Franklin Spang

Robert Francis Spleen

Charles H. Terry

George Wilkens

John Charles Williams III

William J. Wolfram

Korean War

Emery M. Hickman

Frank Montagnolo

Donald Elsworth Olmstead

David W. Shute

Allen A. Stiteler

Vietnam War

William J. Ahlum

Robert H. Aldrich

Robert N. Chinquina

Robert S. Frutchey

John Lance Geoghegan

Dennis R. P. Isom

James G. Johnson Jr.

Daniel F. Monahan

Joe Mossman

William J. Stephenson

David R. Wilson

Persian Gulf War

Richard A. Mulhern

Operation Iraqi Freedom

Shane R. M. Mahaffee

Nathan R. Raudenbush

PMC Museum Security

Access to the PMC Museum is now only available by a secure key card. This

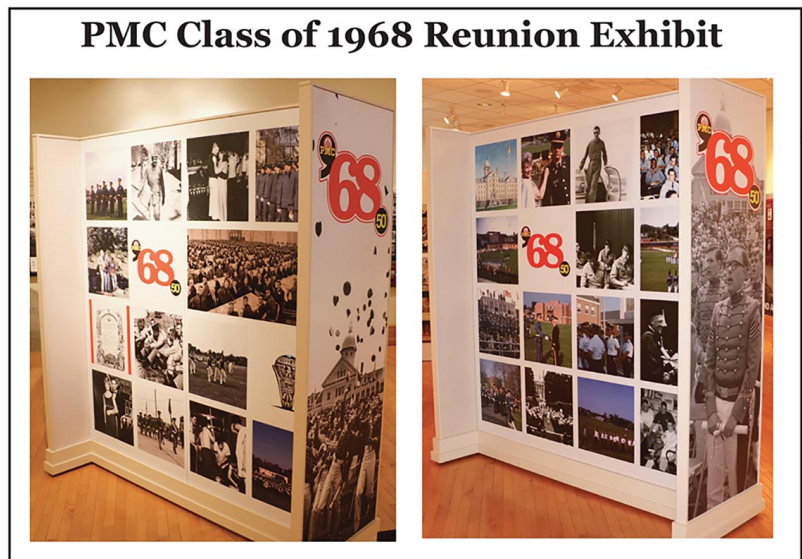
improvement in security will enable Campus Safety to have a record of all who enter the

PMC Museum. In addition, there is a camera focused on the entrance. A fire suppression system will also be installed.

PMC Reunion Exhibit

Each year, members of the 50th reunion class work in partnership with the PMC Museum staff and university archivist Jill Borin to select photos for the reunion exhibit. Several members of the Class of 1968, including Jim Love, Ken Byerly, and Ron Romanowicz, spent several hours reviewing photos that focused on their time at PMC. Click on the link to see the whole exhibit:

<http://digitalwolfgram.widener.edu/digital/collection/p16069coll30/id/266/rec/>



PMC Legacy Hunt

During this year's New Student Orientation, the PMC Museum and the Office of Student Life collaborated again to make the PMC Legacy Hunt a success. The format consisted of 3 sessions, each session containing 50 new students. The students were divided into groups of 4 and sent on a course to find out more about PMC. This year, 18 PMC alumni manned the hunt locations to describe their significance.

In the New Student Orientation Student Survey conducted by the Office of Student Life, the PMC Legacy Hunt received no negative comments. The following exemplify typical comments:



Meeting the older alumni in the PMC Museum was really cool to learn about our history at Widener and what we were before Widener was Widener. I really like history, so this was right up my alley.

The scavenger hunt was fun and helped us learn about the

history of the university.

I didn't like the scavenger hunt at first, but I changed my mind after meeting the alumni volunteers that were helping with the hunt and telling us stories of how Widener used to be PMC.

Voices of Freedom: Oral History Interview

For the past 3 years, Professor Tim Scepansky and a group of students in the Communications Department have conducted video interviews of PMC alumni. This year's annual video interview, "[Voices from Freedom](#)," was composed of members from the Class of 1968. While the panelists were being questioned, a standing-room-only audience composed of PMC alumni and Widener students watched the proceedings as they were streamed live into a large viewing room in Freedom Hall.



Passing of the Flag

In an effort to perpetuate the Broom Drill and include graduates from the Dauntless Battalion, the Passing of the Flag ceremony has become a part of our tradition. With the help of COL. Tom Vossler '68 (ret.), LTC Justing Shaffer presented the guidon to senior cadet Justin O'Brien of the Class of 2019 on behalf of the Class of 2018.

Broom Drill



We altered the Broom Drill to take full advantage of the limited time available and improve the PMC alumni experience.

Bill Campbell, former senior drill sergeant (Airborne) and current cadre member of the Dauntless Battalion, took command of the Broom Drill formation. PMC alumni were asked to form columns of two. The Broom Drill began with the Dauntless Battalion Color Guard leading the way, followed by the Widener Drum Line led by John Derr '68, the PMC Pennant, and the 50th Reunion Class of 1968.

World War I Symposium



To honor and commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, the PMC Museum and Widener University hosted a public symposium on November 9, 2018. The program consisted of a series of lectures about World War I and a display of WWI War posters from the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center.

The symposium began at 8:30 a.m. and concluded at 2:00 p.m. with a reception in the PMC Museum, which features an exhibit on PMC's involvement in "The War to End All Wars."

The symposium was organized by a committee of Widener University history faculty, administration and Pennsylvania Military College Committee members. “With the great work at the PMC museum with its World War I exhibit and with the national movement towards the celebration of the end of WWI, we had a natural fit and a niche for this,” said Katie Herschede, Ed.D., university office of the president chief of staff.

The symposium featured Widener University Assistant Professor of History Richard Hopkins, Ph.D., speaking on “Voilà les Américains: The Experience of the Franco-American Alliance in WWI” and university Scholar-in-Residence Sahr Conway-Lanz, Ph. D., on “Woodrow Wilson Chooses War.”

The school also welcomed guests from the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center, Molly Bompane, Curator of Arms and Ordnance who spoke on “The Post-WWI U.S. Occupation of the Rhineland,” and Jim McNally, Curator of Military Art, on “Inspiring a Nation: The Poster Art of World War I.”



During the Veterans Day ceremony, General John H. Tilelli, Jr., (USA ret.) , Class of 1963, provided the keynote address and the symposium concluded with a reception at the Pennsylvania Military College Museum on campus, showcasing its World War I exhibit highlighting notable members of the nearly 300 PMC alumni and cadets

who served in combat or other aspects of the war effort.

Staff Ride to Gettysburg

Last year, the MSIV cadets of the Dauntless Battalion conducted their staff ride, a requirement for commissioning, to Gettysburg, Pa. Thanks to the support of the PMC Museum and COL Tom Vossler '68, U.S. Army (ret.), this year's MSIV cadets will also make a staff ride to Gettysburg in late November. Led by LTC Justin Shaffer, the cadets will visit the battlefield to learn about the strategy used by opposing forces and to build “unit cohesion and esprit de corps.”

Visiting the PMC Museum

During the academic year, the PMC Museum is open most Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For specific information about which Saturdays the museum is open, call

Campus Safety at 610-499-4201.

All other visits are by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, please contact the Alumni Engagement Office at 610-499-1154.

****Please note: That due to the refurbishment of the Alumni Auditorium, the PMC Museum will be closed until April 2019.****

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