

THE NORTH HALL

15 holds artifacts and mementos from the opening of the Memorial Hall in 1910.

Exhibits 16, 17, & 19 focus on World War I artifacts including a rare aviator's uniform, examples of trench art, and uniforms from the 28th Division, which has become the modern Pennsylvania National Guard. The 28th Division continued serving through WWII and most recently has seen combat duty in Iraq.

18 looks across the spectrum of American military headgear from the Civil War to the present.

Exhibits 20 through 24 contain artifacts from World War II. Particularly interesting are the personalized painted leather A2 jackets, in # 22, worn by crew members flying missions over Europe in bombers and fighter planes. Each painted bomb represents a single mission.

Exhibits 23, 24 and the corner stained glass windows honor the hometown heroes of the 99th Division. Known as the "Battle Babies" because of their youth, this division's first assignment led them to the Battle of the Bulge.



THE EAST HALL

Exhibits 26 - 30 honor the various military branches, civilians, and organizations that helped lead the US to victory in WWII.

Beyond the Battlefield depicts the evolution of prosthetic limbs throughout war and showcases the technological advancements made available to the medical community.

Exhibits 32-34 examine the post WWII era including a tribute to the Korean War and a look at the Cold War

36 remembers our dedication to America's POW's and MIA's.

Exhibits 38- 39 bring us up to the current day with artifacts from Operation Desert Storm and Operation Enduring Freedom.



THE JOSEPH A. DUGAN JR. HALL OF VALOR

Since 1941, the Hall of Valor honors Pennsylvanians who have received valor medals, including the Medal of Honor, Silver Star, Distinguished Service Cross and the Distinguished Flying Cross. The most recent inductees are displayed on the stage wall. You can search our computer kiosk database for the plaques and information of our 600+ honorees.

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MUSEUM GUIDE

Celebrating a Century of Honor

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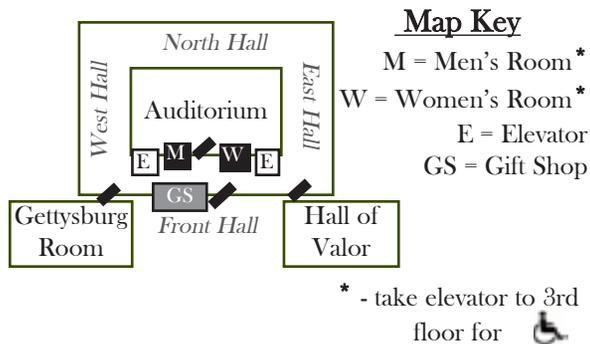
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WELCOME TO THE MUSEUM

Soldiers & Sailors was incorporated in 1905 by the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), a service organization made up of Union Civil War Veterans. Dedicated in 1910 the new Memorial Hall was designed by the architectural firm of Palmer and Hornbostel. The building, which took two years to complete, was inspired by the ancient Mausoleum at Halicarnassus in Asia Minor.



Soldiers & Sailors Memorial was erected as a tribute to Allegheny County's Civil War Veterans. Today 100 years later, we can proudly say that Soldiers & Sailors continues to honor men and women who have unselfishly served our country.



THE FRONT HALL

As you travel around the display area, it is interesting to note that all the corridors are named for the compass direction in which they lie, except one. The "FRONT HALL" is so named because the Union Civil War veterans of the GAR who operated the Memorial Hall, refused to acknowledge any part of the new building with the name "SOUTH".

Our tour begins with the exhibits in the Front Hall with displays about Fort Pitt and the Duquesne Greys and ends with displays examining Operation Iraqi Freedom and the War on Terrorism.

Three supplemental display areas are also found in the Front Hall. The first, between showcases 1 and 2, titled "Wartime Youth," displays artifacts which reflect military themes for American children during times of war.

The second supplemental exhibit is across the hall and looks at how soldiers and families have stayed connected through various communication tools in time of war.

Our third exhibit space, near the Hall of Valor, is the Dr. William Stone Room, which contains a timeline display of US metallic cartridge firing military weapons from the Civil War to Vietnam.

While walking the four halls, take time to look at the bronze plaques which line the outer walls containing the names of 25,000 Allegheny County men who served in the Union Army during the Civil War.

THE GETTYSBURG ROOM

This room features the exhibit "Slave to Soldier" which tells of the African American experience from servitude to service. It travels along a timeline from enslavement, abolition, the Underground Railroad and ends with a look at the black soldier and black veteran.

Also on exhibit in this room are artifacts and information on the Battle of Gettysburg.

THE WEST HALL

Exhibits 3 through 12 are dedicated to artifacts and displays from the Civil War. A few highlights to look for are;

3 holds the cap that Lt. James Harbison of the 139th Pa. Volunteer Infantry was wearing during the battle of Salem Heights when a bullet went through it into his forehead causing instant death.

5 holds artillery shells including several from Allegheny Arsenal. Located in Lawrenceville the arsenal was the scene of a tragic explosion in 1862 in which 78 workers were killed.

6 features non typical Civil War uniforms including two rare and colorful Zouave uniforms and a representative green frock coat from Berdan's Sharpshooters.

8 features a painting of the mascot of Pittsburgh's 102nd Pa. Volunteer Infantry. "Dog Jack" fought with the regiment in many battles, was wounded several times and even captured once by the enemy.

9 is a tribute to Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States during the Civil War.

11 honors African American veterans in the Civil War including Alexander Kelly who received the Medal of Honor, and is buried in Allegheny Cemetery.

12 has the uniform worn by Colonel John W. Patterson during the war. Patterson was killed at the Battle of the Wilderness in May of 1864.

Opposite # 12 showcases the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) founders of Soldiers & Sailors.

14 references the Spanish American War fought in Cuba and the Philippines in 1898.

