

#### **2020 Board of Directors**

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Broomfield Office of Cultural Affairs  
& Museums - David Allison  
Museum Curator  
Elizabeth Beaudoin  
Education Program Support  
David Little

#### **CY 2020**

##### **Museum Attendance**

- ~1,184 signed attendance
- ~99/month (32% Broomfield)

##### **Outreach Contacts**

- ~749 from 7 visits, events, & talks

##### **Volunteer Support**

- 15 museum docents & collections
- 9 Board members
- ~5,181 hrs./year
- ~432 hrs./month

##### **Community Programs**

- Memorial Day Picnic – with Lions Club - cancelled
- Flag Day Ceremony – cancelled
- Broomfield Days - Open House & parade - cancelled
- Veterans Day Program & Open House – (~162 people)
- Coffee & Conversation - Veterans sharing stories, 2x/mo.
- speakers in 2020 - 12
- 195 since program start- 2012

##### **Public Electronic Outreach**

- Press releases, newsletters – 10
- Newspaper articles – 14
- Facebook followers - 440
- Electronic newsletter recipients – 751



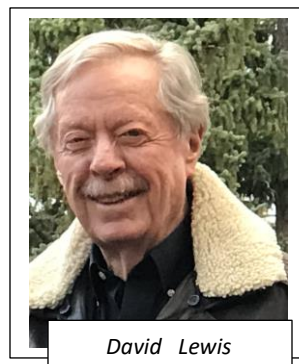
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## ***Annual Report 2020***

***Mission:*** *The Broomfield Veterans Museum seeks to preserve the memories of America's military history and strengthen the bonds to the community by facilitating the stories of veterans as supported by displays and artifacts for the benefit and education of generations to come.*

***A Message from the President:*** The year 2020 is one that all of us will be happy to see in the rearview mirror! With our new curator and several new board members, we started working on a variety of new exhibits, integrating new accessions into our museum collection, hosting visits by local senior organizations and continuing our popular Coffee and Conversation program. Needless to say, all outreach efforts, group visits, and even our Coffee and Conversation program came to a halt as the coronavirus pandemic took hold across the United States. The Veterans Museum was effectively closed to all visitors from March until early July, when the City of Broomfield authorized limited openings of city facilities and museums. This was accompanied with specific guidance for limited attendance, mask wearing, appropriate distancing and sanitizing. We owe a great debt of gratitude to our board members, volunteers and curator who came to work at the museum under less than ideal conditions. They continued our important efforts with archiving, exhibit preparation and hosting the occasional family and group visits.

One sad note for all of us was the death of our Board President David Lewis in early June after a courageous battle with melanoma cancer. David served his country in the Air National Guard during the Vietnam War. He was a great friend who supported the museum as Board Member, Vice President and President. David's friendly countenance and leadership will be sorely missed. Fortunately, another board member, Lew Roman, stepped forward to take up the mantle of leadership.



David Lewis

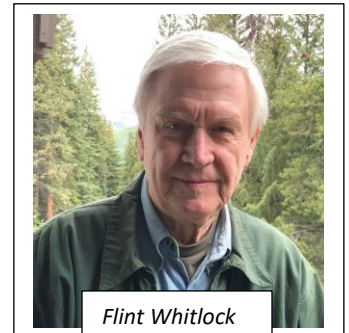
**CURATOR SUMMARY:** Mid-year, we were very happy to have Elizabeth Beaudoin join us as our part-time curator, replacing Veronica Rascona who moved to California. Elizabeth quickly settled in with the help of our great archival volunteers, Robbie Berlin, Bob Hinton and Andy Schell. Through their efforts we continued to make progress in multiple areas.

Accomplishments included 41 new accessions, totaling 159 individual objects into the Permanent Collection. One of these items is a WWII Norden bombsight now on display. Furthermore, 26 new objects were added to the Education Collection, and 25 new objects were added to the Exhibit Prop Collection (many for the new Fallout Shelter exhibit). Additionally, Elizabeth completed the donor reconciliation project begun by Veronica; we now have full-legal ownership of all known accessions. Of the nearly 200 items with no known donation information, the Collection Committee reviewed 56 items, keeping 20 of them for the Permanent Collection.



**DISPLAY & EXHIBITS COMMITTEE:** Although 2020 was a difficult year in many respects, under the direction of committee lead Flint Whitlock, our volunteers continued to add and upgrade almost every exhibit in the museum. Some of the year's highlights included:

- (1) Two temporary exhibits mounted in the "Forefathers" space:
  - Sgt. G.K. "Joe" Guennel – German-born Littleton resident who served in WWII as an interrogator of prisoners of war; after the war he moved to Colorado and founded the state's youth soccer programs.
  - 75th anniversary of the end of World War II — highlighted the contributions to the Allied victory by Coloradans. The exhibit will remain up until early 2021.
- (2) Numerous additions were made to the World War II exhibits, including:
  - Display of a loaned medallion once belonging to Mussolini
  - Scale models of WWII planes (B-17, B-24, B-25, P-47, P-40)
  - A Norden bombsight and other related aircraft parts
  - Female mannequins fully and correctly uniformed; fully outfitted German soldier mannequin
  - Field desk and typewriter
  - Vintage-style radio to play WWII-era music (on CDs)
  - Several new posters throughout four rooms (Tuskegee Airmen, Byron "Whizzer" White, Governors Love and Vanderhoof, Navajo Code Talkers, etc.)
- (3) Cold War Room completed with a 40-foot timeline of significant events that encircles the room. Additional posters and artifacts added, including a hazmat suit and an inert sarin gas bomblet on loan from the Rocky Mountain Arsenal.
- (4) An annex to the Cold War Room, known as the Fallout Shelter complete with a bunk bed, desk, chairs, table, bookcases, toilet, and various artifacts depicting that period of history.



**COFFEE AND CONVERSATION:** During a normal year we typically have up to 22 C&C talks. Due to the coronavirus closure we were reduced to 12 talks, covering a broad range of veterans stories, historical topics and Veterans Affairs updates. Highlight of the year was the joint presentation by Shirley Jamiel and Colleen Sawyer, held at the Broomfield Auditorium, titled "A View of WWII Through Women's Eyes on Both Sides of the Atlantic." Additionally, we hosted a special Veterans Day Program outside the museum with support from American Legion Post 58, American Living History Association, Mile High Fife and Drum Corps, Tenth Mountain Division Reenactment Group and many others. We were very fortunate with the weather and had over 160 attendees.

In summary, the Board of Directors and the volunteers wish to thank our Community, the Broomfield City Government, the Broomfield Community Foundation, the Broomfield Rotary Club, the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) and the many individual donors who make this museum possible.

***Lew Roman, 2020 Board President***

# BROOMFIELD VETERANS MEMORIAL MUSEUM

## Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2020

### ASSETS

#### Bank Accounts

Museum Checking	\$24,169.57
Money Market Account	\$30,048.49
Davenport Fund *	\$5,520.00
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$59,738.06</b>
Uncategorized Assets	\$1,000.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$60,738.06</b>

#### Fixed Assets

Furniture & Technology	\$27,109.69
Museum Collection	\$211,066.00
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$238,175.69</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$298,913.75</b>

### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

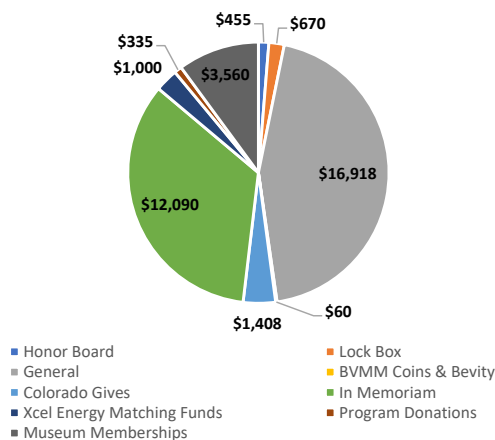
#### Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$186.33
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$186.33</b>

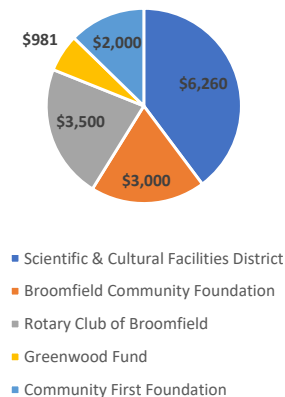
#### Equity

Opening Balance Equity	\$164,645.73
Equity - Broomfield Veterans Memorial Museum	\$26,650.00
Equity - Opening Balance	\$51,322.00
Retained Earnings	\$37,164.11
Net Revenue	\$18,945.58
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$298,727.42</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITY &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$298,913.75</b>

### DONATION REVENUE



### GRANT REVENUE



**\* Robert Davenport, Sr. Fund** - During 2020 the fund made one award of \$1,000 to a needy veteran. Fortunately, this was supplemented by an additional award from the Broomfield American Legion Post 58 to fully meet the veteran's needs. The purpose of the Davenport Fund is to help address emergency financial needs of honorably discharged or retired military veterans and their immediate families.





Prospect Ridge  
Academy Science and  
Social Studies Night -  
Jan. 23



Celebrating the  
birthday of  
104-year-old  
WWII veteran  
Victor - Oct. 1



A special visit from  
former volunteer and  
current West Point  
cadet Gabriel Rueda

**Thank You to our 2020 Grant Providers**







# Veterans Day

November 11, 2020

