



501(c)3 Non-Profit

Annual Report 2021

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: Since reopening in February, the Broomfield Veterans Museum has returned to nearly pre-pandemic levels of activity and attendance, and is increasingly being recognized by the community as the gem that it is. We owe a great debt of gratitude to our board members, volunteers and curator who have made this all possible under less than ideal conditions. In fact, during this past year three organizations have seen fit to recognize the museum with awards that ultimately go to the entire marvelous staff of volunteers, and to one person in particular.

Broomfield Veterans Museum is Rated #1

The editors of *Dream Vacation* magazine rated the Broomfield Veterans Museum *Number One* of the "16 Best Things to Do in Broomfield." *Trip Advisor* gives a similar high rating for our museum.

Flint Whitlock inducted into the Colorado Authors' Hall of Fame

Flint is a prolific author of military history books and articles, as well as a history lecturer and battlefield guide for *National Geographic* and the *Smithsonian*. He is a member of the Museum Board of Directors and designer of exhibits for the museum.



2020 Josephine Miles Honorary Award

On August 1 (Colorado Day), History Colorado announced that the Broomfield Veterans Museum was a winner of the 2020 Josephine Miles Honorary Award. This award recognizes the museum's efforts in "...educational value, volunteer leadership, and community engagement...."and was accompanied by a monetary award.



David and Shirley

On a sad note for all of us was the loss of our board member and good friend, **David Jamiel**, who succumbed to Covid-19 in February. David served his country as a U.S. Army aviation mechanic during the 1960's, and later almost four decades with the US Bureau of Land Management and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. David guided our educational outreach efforts with both he and his wife, Shirley, often giving talks as historical reenactors.

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- * partial year

Broomfield Office of Cultural Affairs
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Elizabeth Beaudoin
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Museum Attendance

- ~2,048 signed attendance
- ~171/month (51% Broomfield)

Outreach Contacts

- ~440 from 3 visits, events, & talks

Volunteer Support

- 21 docents, archiving, general
- 9 Board members
- ~5,181 hrs./year
- ~432 hrs./month

Community Programs

- Memorial Day Ceremony
~152 pers
- Flag Retirement Ceremony
~165 pers
- Broomfield Days - Open House & Parade
- Veterans Day Program ~185 pers
- Coffee & Conversation -
Veterans sharing stories, 2x/mo.
- speakers in 2021 - 21
- 217 since program start- 2012

Electronic Outreach

- Newsletters – 8
- Newspaper articles – 8
- Facebook followers – 602
- YouTube views – 4,806
- Electronic newsletter recipients - 776

CURATOR SUMMARY: This has been a busy year for our Collections Committee and Archival Team, as 337 objects were accessioned into the Permanent Collection. Additionally, we reviewed 206 objects that had previously been identified as “Found-in-Collection,” with no known donor since 2014. The Committee reviewed each item and determined whether it was something that fit the museum’s mission, could be exhibited, or could be used in the Education Collection. All objects that did not fit this criteria were transferred to other museums, given to reenactors, given to a non-profit thrift store, or (in rare cases) disposed. Examples of museum transfers included a large stack of Pearl Harbor newsletters that were given to the Pearl Harbor Museum, military records for a Massachusetts WWII veteran given back to the family, and a book on a Wyoming veteran given to a WY veterans museum.



“**Operation Footlocker**” is a traveling truck (footlocker) that can be loaned to local schools containing a collection of artifacts, photographs, personal stories and equipment, supported with teacher interpretation notes. We have completed one trunk focused on World War II experiences and have had positive responses from several local schools who would like to borrow it.

The past year also saw the breakdown and setup of five temporary exhibits, the reorganization of the Global War on Terror Room, a new ARTillery Exhibit, and a temporary outreach exhibit at the Thorton Adult Center. Many thanks to our Collections volunteers who helped move objects, track their locations, and updated our PastPerfect database as things changed.

DISPLAY & EXHIBITS COMMITTEE: Recognizing that exhibits and programs are the main reason why most people visit museums, during 2021 we installed the following five new temporary exhibits in the Forefathers exhibit area:

- **January – The 75th Anniversary of the end of World War II**
- **March – The 160th Anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War.** Highlighted in this display was a collection of Civil War artifacts loaned by Tracy Perry and Bob Moulder. Associated with the exhibit was a Civil War display on 20 March, complete with reenactors setup on the front lawn of the museum.
- **May – Admiral Arleigh Burke exhibit.** Working in conjunction with the Burke chapter of MOAA in Boulder, we mounted an exhibit about the Admiral’s life, which included a visit and presentation by the well-known Burke scholar Dr. David Rosenberg.
- **September – The 20th Anniversary of the 9/11 Attacks**
- **November – The 80th Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor**

ARTillery Art Gallery: We had three art exhibits in the main hallway of our museum:

- WWII veteran **Joe Guennel**, “A Life in Full” (photos and artwork)
- Collection of **WWII US Navy posters** – in conjunction with the Admiral Burke exhibit
- US Air Force veteran and artist, **Lori Mellinger** – display of patriotic paintings done on acoustical ceiling tiles

PROGRAMS: Our photo collage pages show attendees at five very popular programs the museum hosted during this past year. These programs included:

- **Coffee and Conversation** - 21 presentations covering a broad range of veterans’ stories, historical topics and a Veterans Affairs update. We also were able to live-stream the talks on Youtube for people who could not come to the museum.
- **Memorial Day Ceremony (31 May)** – Music by the Rocky Mountain Brassworks and remarks by Broomfield civic leaders at Broomfield Commons Park. Unfortunately, rainy weather cancelled the Lions Club food sale.
- **Flag Retirement Ceremony (12 June)** – Hosted at the museum with an Honor Guard and hotdog cookout provided by North Metro Fire Department and displays by the Tenth Mountain Division’s Living History Display Group.

- **Broomfield Days Parade and Open House (16 September)** – Parade participation and museum open house, reception and reenactors exhibit.
- **Veterans Day Program (11 November)** – A very special event with a guest speaker, music by the Mile High Fife and Drum Corps and Broomfield Civic Chorus, American Legion Post 58 Honor Guard and reenactors with the American Military Living History Association.

It has been a very rewarding year. The Board of Directors and the volunteers wish to thank our Community, the Broomfield City Government, the Broomfield Community Foundation, the Broomfield Rotary Clubs, the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) and the many individual donors who make this museum possible.

Lew Roman, 2021 Board President

Thank You to our Community and Grantors,

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Many thanks to our marvelous volunteers!

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