

2020 Year End Review

By Kim Kovesci, MAPS Executive Director

I want to thank everyone for being so understanding during this very exceptional year. It was a struggle for most but tragic for far too many. Some really good friends, family and MAPS members were taken from us far too soon. Please keep them in your prayers.

We closed MAPS twice from March through July, opened for a while and reclosed right before Thanksgiving to protect our membership. At this time, we have decided to reopen on Saturdays and Sundays only, beginning March 6, 2021.

As can be expected, all of our tracking metrics were severely impacted because of the Covid-19 Pandemic. In fact, we have returned to levels of visitation, volunteer hours and tours that were recorded when I first came to MAPS ten years ago.

It was the first time since I have been involved with MAPS that the organization had a negative Net Ordinary Income at the end of the year. We ended 2020 with a (\$43,052) loss in NOI. I must also state that we withdrew \$25,000 from the spending portion of our endowment to help with operation expenses so the actual impact to NOI was (\$68,052.)

We were very fortunate to receive two grants associated with Covid-19. We received \$22,600 from **First Commonwealth Bank** for Payroll Protection and \$50,000 from **Akron Community Foundation** for the CARE Program. Without these two grants, the real impact to our NOI would have been (\$140,652.)

In addition to the grants, we received \$20,404 in donations and conducted a special Covid-19 Raffle that added \$15,181 to help cover operating expenses.

We want to thank the PPP and CARE programs for supporting our payroll and our MAPS supporters for helping us minimize the negative financial impact to our organization resulting from months of shutdown.

At the start of the pandemic, our board of directors redirected our attention away from the shutdown to the construction projects on the second floor.

We received several grants to help advance these projects to completion. We received \$10,000 from the **Corbin Foundation** to help pay for the HVAC unit used to service the new banquet hall. The **Joseph and Sally Miller Family Foundation** granted \$20,000 to help pay for the carpet in the new banquet hall. The **Henry and Louise Timken Foundation** provided \$75,000 to repair the roof and help pay for the painting of the main hangar. The **Gessner Family** gave us \$5,000 for the second floor renovation and the **Calhoun Foundation** granted \$4,000 for hangar

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HOURS OF OPERATION

MAPS will reopen to the public on Saturday, March 6, 2021 and will be open Saturdays and Sundays only. The gift shop will also be open on these days. See pages 4 and 16 for specific weekend hours.

ADDRESS and PHONE

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★ Mission Statement ★

MAPS Air Museum is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating people about the history of aviation and its impact upon society. It accomplishes this mission by acquiring, restoring, preserving, studying and exhibiting the impact of aviation on the culture of man.

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painting. These restricted grants supported our efforts to prepare the new construction areas for reopening in the spring.

A small group of very dedicated workers began to renovate "By YouTube." If we didn't know how to do something, we watched videos. We started our projects by finishing the classroom. Then we moved to the second floor restrooms with drywall, tile, fixtures and patricians. Next was the kitchen, banquet hall and new museum spaces.

There is an old saying, "It's a smart man/woman who turns a disadvantage into an advantage." I think we followed that wise advice during the "Year of Covid-19" and possibly completed these areas four years ahead of schedule.

Great job everyone! Thank you!

Pictures of our accomplishments

**Banquet
Hall Walls**

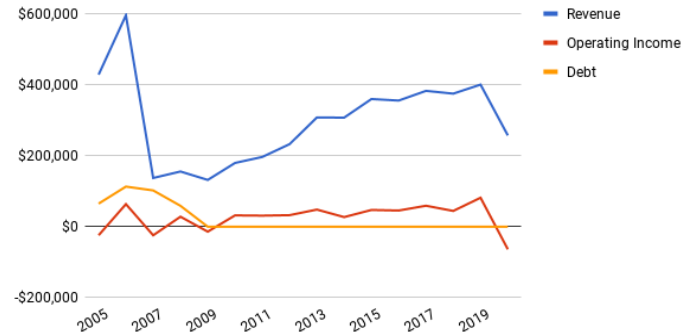
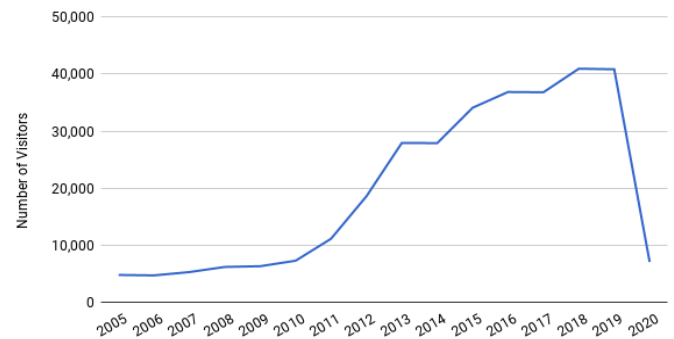
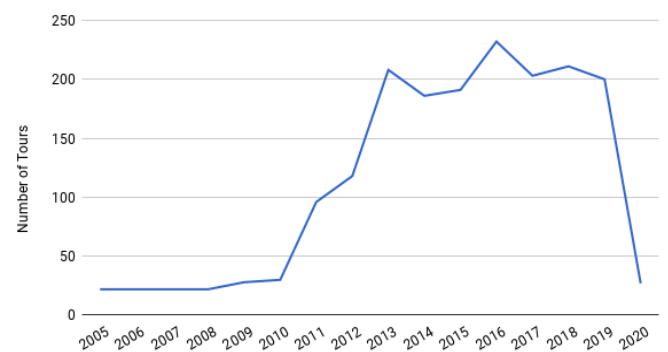
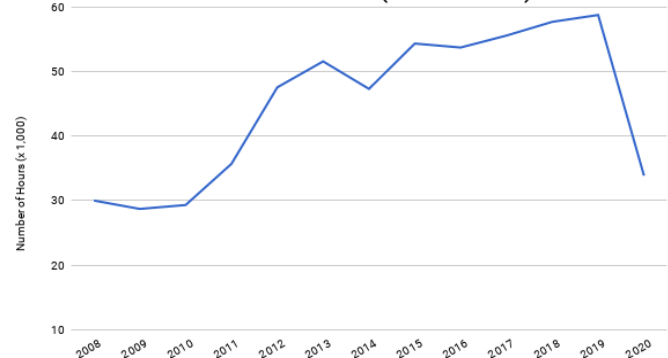


Kitchen Studs



Men's Room

Bar Wall

2020 Tracking Metrics**Financial Year-End Results Year****Visitor Chart****Total Number of Tours****Total Year End Volunteer (Thousands) Hours**

MAPS DIRECTORY

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Kim Kovesci

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Reed Kimball

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Jim Jackson

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Ted Mathies

SCOUT COORDINATOR

Jim Felner

SECURITY

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TOUR COORDINATOR

Reed Kimball

TREASURER

Mac McFarland

WEBSITE & WEBMASTER

Ron Schultz

Chairman's Notes

By Bob Schwartz, Director Chair

Every year beginning in 2014, MAPS has been presenting the MAPS Legacy Award to three members who have made a significant impact on the organization. For the past two years, we have had the ceremony at the MAPS Christmas Party but in 2020 we were unable to host the event for our members.

The previous recipients met in late October and made our decision on the 2020 recipients. Since we have been unable to formally make the announcement and present the plaques, it was decided to announce the names in this issue of the Briefing and then officially present the award later at the formal reopening of MAPS. This year the recipients are:

Fred Lindsay - Presented by Bob Schwartz



As the owner of a Lindsay Plumbing, Fred planned and constructed most of our restrooms at cost. Fred also donated funds to help MAPS survive during the early days. He also helped to organize our first Collings event in 2010. Fred organized and manned the ticket table for other MAPS events over the years, including the old air shows. Sadly, Fred passed away unexpectedly before the announcement was made. See his obituary

on Page 13.

Joseph Miller - Presented by Jim Boyea



Joe Miller found his calling when he joined MAPS in 2007. He was the volunteer who would do anything at any time to help MAPS. Joe would usually be seen around MAPS with his shadow, Dink, his nephew.

Joe could be seen painting the gutters on the hanger while hanging off the edge of the roof. He cleaned the top hanger windows standing on the catwalk, hanging on with one hand!

Joe loved to park cars during special events and would get upset when members parked in spots he thought should be held for customers. One time he went to Osh Kosh, WI to retrieve a plane and also helped take our aircraft to various community activities.

Joe loved to mow the grass at MAPS. He could be found at times mowing at three o'clock in the morning if he couldn't sleep. He was never bothered with obstacles in his way while mowing, he just mowed right over them!

Joe passed away in August of 2014, but his spirit will always be with us at MAPS.

Dave Pawski - Presented by Ken Ramsay

After completing my MAPS membership paperwork 17 years ago, I walked into the restoration area. I saw a man working on an aircraft part, introduced myself as a new member and asked if there was anything I could do. He point-

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ed to the B-26 rudder and said, "Fix that." This was my introduction to Dave Pawski. Over the next few months he showed me how to clean aluminum, how to straighten bent and dented panels, the use of Clecocs, how to patch damaged areas, how to rivet and many other skills needed to restore aircraft.



Watching Dave work is quite impressive. One of the B-26's gear wells was damaged and corroded. Rather than just patching it up, Dave removed all of the damaged/corroded

material and completely rebuilt the gear well. As a working engineer, Dave creates drawings of various parts and tooling needed for aircraft restoration. The B-26 was put on display a few years ago, but Dave continues to work on it and recently added a torpedo mount, 250 pound bombs, and a 50 caliber top gun turret which enhanced the display.

Even though Dave has a full-time job, he continues to support MAPS functions such as car shows, Christmas Party, military shows, Boy Scouts, etc. Frequently he participates by wearing a WW II uniform which enriches the atmosphere of the event.

A couple of years ago, Dave was chatting with a bunch of us and said, "We have a Corsair cockpit, engine and propeller, let's make the rest of it." Thus began Dave's latest project - to build an FG-1 Corsair. Using his engineering skills, he has produced drawings to make various components of the aircraft. To date, the aft fuselage, tail wheel, horizontal stabilizer, and vertical stabilizer are being fabricated. Wing drawings are in the works.

As a long-time member of MAPS, Dave's creativity, skills, helpfulness and leadership are recognized by this Legacy Award.



Upcoming Events

MARCH

WED, MAR 10	DIRECTOR MEETING	3 PM
SAT, MAR 13	MEMBERSHIP MEETING	11 AM

APRIL

WED, APR 14	DIRECTOR MEETING	3 PM
SAT, APR 17	MEMBERSHIP MEETING	11 AM

MAY

WED, MAY 12	DIRECTOR MEETING	3 PM
SAT, MAY 15	MEMBERSHIP MEETING	11 AM

JUNE

WED, JUN 9	DIRECTOR MEETING	3 PM
SAT, JUN 12	MEMBERSHIP MEETING	11 AM
	ANNUAL MEETING - ELECTIONS	

A note about events

Several events that were planned for the time frame above have been cancelled based on Governor DeWine's directives.

MAPS has been closed to the public since November 23, 2020 but will reopen on Saturdays and Sundays beginning March 6, 2021.

Saturday hours will be 9 AM - 4:30 PM and Sunday hours will be 11:30 AM - 4:00 PM. The gift shop will be open during these hours.

Please call MAPS or check our website, Facebook or Instagram for all updates. Do not rely on any other internet sites as they may not have the most current information.

CDC guidelines will be followed: social distancing, masks required at all times and hand sanitizing stations throughout the hangar.



Endowment Fund

A message from Kim Kovesci, Executive Director

Our Endowment Fund has been set up to ensure the long term survival of the organization. If you plan to have a financial review done, MAPS Air Museum would appreciate being considered in your plans. Thank you!

The Seeds of Change - Middle and Far East

Part Two

By Reed Kimball, MAPS Director of Education

In the past few articles I have written for *The Briefing*, I have covered military operations that occurred 75 years ago. On May 7, 1945, the German Armed Forces High Command signed an unconditional surrender document for all German forces to the Allies. In the Pacific, the formal signing of the Japanese Instrument of Surrender took place on-board the battleship *U.S.S. Missouri* in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945.



In this two-part series, we have been examining the long term impact of World War II, how it impacted the participants and potentially fanned the flames of future conflict. **The first article** examined the former European Theater of Operations and some of the major “players” that were involved. **In this article** we will continue along the same concept, but this time dealing with the former Pacific Theater of Operations as well as the impact of the war on other areas of the world that we still see in the news even today.

Overview - At the end of the war, millions of people were dead and millions more homeless. As a general consequence of the war and in an effort to maintain international peace, the Allies formed the United Nations which officially came into existence on October 24, 1945. The end of the war also increased the rate of decolonization from the great powers (Great Britain, France, the Netherlands and the United States). Remarkably, this was one of the major goals sought by the Japanese Empire, generally referred to as the “Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere”. In the years after the war, independence was granted to India (from the United Kingdom), the Dutch East Indies (from the Netherlands), the Philippines (from the United States) as well as a number of Arab nations in the Middle East. French Indochina was a somewhat different story as will be discussed. Independence for the nations of sub-Saharan nations (such as South Africa) came more slowly.

China - After the war, the Kuomintang party, led by generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and the Communist Chinese forces resumed their civil war, which had been temporarily suspended when they fought together against Japan.

The fight against the Japanese occupiers had strengthened popular support among the Chinese for the Communist guerrilla forces. Full-scale war between the opposing forces broke out in June 1946. Despite U.S. support to the Kuomintang, Communist forces were ultimately victorious and established the People's Republic of China (PRC) on the mainland. The Republic of China (ROC - Nationalist China) forces retreated to the island of Taiwan in 1949. Hostilities had largely ceased in 1950.

With the Communist victory in the civil war, the Soviet Union gave up its claim to military bases in China that it had been promised by the Western Allies during World War II. A lasting political and military standoff between the two sides of the Taiwan Strait ensued, with the ROC in Taiwan and the PRC in mainland China, both officially claiming to be the legitimate government of all China.

The outbreak of the Korean War diverted the attention of the Communists at the same time as it bolstered U.S. support for Chiang Kai-shek, the two main factors that prevented the PRC



from invading Taiwan. Intermittent military clashes occurred between the PRC and Taiwan from 1950-1979. No formal peace treaty or truce exists and the

PRC officially sees Taiwan as a breakaway province that rightfully belongs to it and has expressed its opposition to Taiwanese independence.

China, following the conclusion of its civil war, was essentially bankrupt. By 1953, economic restoration seemed fairly successful as production had resumed pre-war levels. This growth rate mostly persisted, though it was interrupted by economic experiments during the disastrous Great Leap Forward which caused widespread famine and resulted in tens of millions of deaths, making the Great Chinese Famine the largest in human history.

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Japan - After the war, the Allies rescinded Japanese pre-war annexations and conquests. As a result, Manchuria and Korea became temporarily independent but quickly became battlegrounds in bigger conflicts. The Philippines and Guam were returned to the United States. Burma, Malaya, and Singapore were returned to Britain and French Indo-China back to France. The Dutch East Indies was to be handed back to the Dutch but this move was resisted leading to the Indonesian war for independence.

At the Yalta Conference, US President Franklin D. Roosevelt had secretly traded the Japanese Kurils and south Sakhalin to the Soviet Union in return for Soviet entry in the war with Japan. The Soviet Union annexed the Kuril Islands, provoking the Kuril Islands dispute which is ongoing as Russian forces still occupy the islands and a peace treaty has never been signed between Japan and Russia.



Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin at the Yalta Conference - February 1945

Individual Japanese military personnel remained hidden on various islands in the Pacific Theatre until at least 1974. Hundreds of thousands of Japanese were forced to relocate to the Japanese main islands. Okinawa became the center of this program. The United States covered large areas of the island with military bases and continued to occupy it until 1972, years after the end of the occupation of the Japanese main islands. To further remove Japan as a potential future military threat, the allies decided to de-industrialize Japan. However, Japan experienced rapid economic growth, becoming one of the most powerful economies in the world by the 1980s.

The Philippines - An estimated one million military and civilian Filipinos were killed from all causes and of these, 131,028 were listed as killed in seventy-two war crime events. The Treaty of Manila in 1946 established the independent Philippine Republic. The United States ceded its sovereignty over the Philippines on July 4, 1946. However, the Philippine economy remained highly dependent on United States markets. A military assistance pact was signed in 1947 granting the United States a 99-year lease on designated military bases in the country.

Korea - At the Yalta Conference, the Allies agreed that an undivided post-war Korea would be placed under four-power multinational trusteeship. After Japan's surrender, this agreement was modified to a joint Soviet-American occupation of Korea.

The agreement was that Korea would be divided and occupied by the Soviets from the north and the Americans from the south. Korea, formerly under Japanese rule, and which had been partially occupied by the Red Army following the Soviet Union's entry into the war against Japan, was divided at the 38th parallel on the orders of the U.S. War Department.



A U.S. military government in southern Korea was established in the capital city of Seoul. North of the military line, the Soviets administered the disarming and demobilization of repatriated Korean nationalist guerrillas who had fought on the side of Chinese nationalists against the Japanese in Manchuria during World War II. Simultaneously, the Soviets enabled a build-up of heavy armaments to pro-communist forces in the north. The military line became a political line in 1948, when separate republics emerged on both sides of the 38th parallel, each republic claiming to be the legitimate government of Korea. It culminated in the north invading the south, the start of the Korean War two years later.

Malaya - Labor and civil unrest broke out in the British colony of Malaya in 1946. A state of emergency was declared by the colonial authorities in 1948 with the outbreak of acts of terrorism. The situation deteriorated into a full-scale anti-colonial insurgency, or Anti-British National Liberation War as the insurgents referred to it. This was led by the Malayan National Liberation Army (MNLA), the military wing of the Malayan Communist Party. The Malayan Emergency would endure for the next 12 years, ending in 1960. In 1967, the communist leadership reopened hostilities, culminating in a second emergency that lasted until 1989.

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French Indochina - Events during World War II in the colony of French Indochina (consisting of the modern-day states of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia) set the stage for the First Indochina War which in turn led to the Vietnam War.

During World War II, the Vichy French aligned colonial authorities cooperated with the Japanese invaders. The communist-controlled common front, called the Viet Minh, was supported by the Allies. The Viet Minh was formed among the Vietnamese in the colony in 1941 to fight for the independence of Vietnam, against both the Japanese and prewar French powers.

After the Vietnamese Famine of 1945, support for the Viet Minh was bolstered as the front launched a rebellion, sacking rice warehouses and urging the Vietnamese to refuse to pay taxes. Because the French colonial authorities started to hold secret talks with the Free French, the Japanese interned them 9 March 1945. When Japan surrendered in August, this created a power vacuum, and the Viet Minh took power in the August Revolution, declaring the independent Democratic Republic of Vietnam. However, the Allies (including the Soviet Union) all agreed that the area belonged to the French. Nationalist Chinese forces moved in from the north and British from the south (as the French were unable to do so immediately themselves) and then handed power to the French, a process completed by March 1946.

Attempts to integrate the Democratic Republic of Vietnam with French rule failed and the Viet Minh launched their rebellion against the French rule starting the First Indochina War that same year. The war ended in 1954 with French withdrawal and a partition of Vietnam that was intended to be temporary until elections could be held.



The Democratic Republic of Vietnam held the north while South Vietnam formed into a separate republic.

When the South Vietnamese government refused to hold agreed-upon elections, communists in the south organized the National Liberation Front of Southern Vietnam, commonly referred to as the Viet Cong, to fight to unite south and north and thus began the Vietnam War, which ended with the Democratic Republic of Vietnam conquering the South in 1975.

Dutch East Indies - Japan invaded and occupied Indonesia during the war and replaced much of the Dutch colonial state.

Although the top positions were held by Japanese, the internment of all Dutch citizens meant that Indonesians filled many leadership and administrative positions. Following the Japanese surrender in August 1945, nationalist leaders declared Indonesian independence. A four and a half-year struggle followed as the Dutch tried to re-establish their colony. The Dutch were directly helped by United Kingdom forces who sought to re-establish the colonial dominions in Asia. Although Dutch forces reoccupied most of Indonesia's territory, a guerrilla struggle ensued, and the majority of Indonesians, and ultimately international opinion, favored Indonesian independence. In December 1949, the Netherlands formally recognized Indonesian sovereignty.



The Republic of Indonesia consists of more than 17,000 islands, including Sumatra, Java, and parts of Borneo and New Guinea.

Latin America/Africa/Asia - One of the largest changes post-war was the global shift in those nations of authority. European influence in the Americas, Africa, and Asia diminished significantly, and only Great Britain, France and the Netherlands managed to hold onto some of their colonial outposts. While the United States was considered one of two of the largest military and political powers after World War II, it did not show interest in colonizing with the exception of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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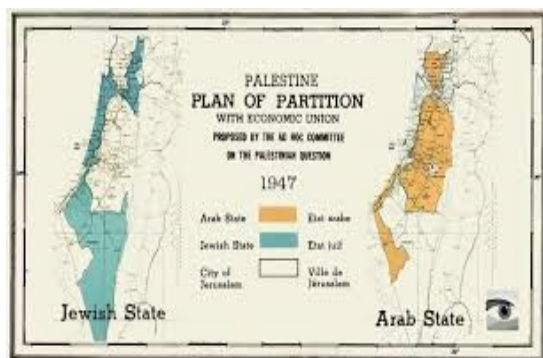
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Middle East - Just as the First World War had resulted in the creation of new states out of the Ottoman Empire and grant of formal independence to Egypt, so the Second World War hastened the end of the formal control of European powers.

The two French mandated territories in the region, Syria and Lebanon, received formal independence in 1943, but the British and French troops finally withdrew only in 1946.

Transjordan, renamed Jordan, received its independence from the British in 1946. Finally, the Second World War effectively decided the Palestinian question. The growth of Jewish economic activity in Palestine during wartime and the revelations about the Nazi extermination camps made it more or less inevitable that there would be a new postwar Jewish state.

The Palestinian government aligned with Germany and the Nazi party during World War II. Among other things, this contributed to tensions that continue to exist between Palestine and Israel today. On November 29, 1947 the United Nations adopted Resolution 181 that would divide Great Britain's former Palestinian Mandate into Jewish and Arab states in May 1948 when the British Mandate (Israel, Palestine, Syria Lebanon and Jordan) was scheduled to end.



Under the resolution, the area of religious significance surrounding Jerusalem would remain under international control administered by the United Nations.

Later, as the date for British departure from Palestine drew near, concerns grew about the possibility of an all-out war in Palestine as Arab states threatened to attack almost as soon as the UN passed the partition resolution.

Conclusion - When we study history, we often see conflicts, such as wars, in a vacuum and only as individual events with a “beginning” and an “end”. We rarely look at the events leading up to or resulting from those events as a continuum of actions.

Very often, imbedded in “agreements” such as the Treaty of Versailles that “concluded” World War I, the seeds of the next conflict are planted, only waiting for the right “spark”.

The end of a major war often does not end the divisions between rivals or even temporary allies (such as Nationalist and Communist China or the Soviet Union and its western allies). We forge nations like Austria-Hungary and later Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia out of ethnic areas, such as Bosnia, Croatia and Herzegovina only to see continuing conflict and formation of those same nations years later.

The in the middle-east, the Ottoman Empire falls at the end of World War I to be split into parts that still see conflict today. The European colonies in the Pacific are “liberated” causing a power vacuum resulting in continued conflict.

In our haste to “move on”, we often forget that we never addressed the underlying causes for the conflict or the changes made as a result of that same conflict. We focus on the “wrongness” of protests when faced with them without ever addressing “why” the protests occurred.



George Santayana penned two passages that seem to sum up the focus of my last two articles.

“Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it”.

“Only the dead have seen the end of the war.”



Have you visited MAPS YouTube Channel recently? Playlists include MAPS interviews, speakers, aircraft histories as well as a virtual tour of the museum. Also featured are videos from around the Web regarding MAPS. Check it out - you'll be glad you did!

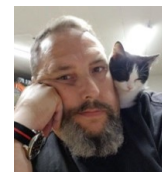
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THE CORNERED CURATOR

By Scott Denniss, Curatorial Staff

An inferior venture in composition by an anti-pathetic anecdotist.

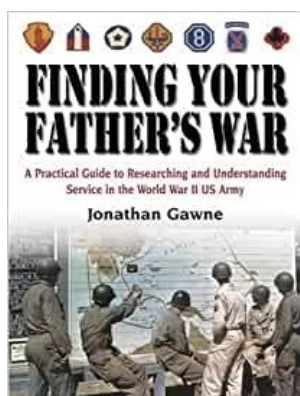


What did Dad do in the war?

One of the most common things I hear from donors is that their loved one never talked about their time and what they did in the military. That statement is usually followed with the question of how they can find out. As luck would have it, researching the background of a service member is something we do quite frequently. With that in mind, I'll give you some of my favorite methods and resources to get you started down the right path.

Where to Start

Beginning a research project can be very intimidating. With so many resources available, it's hard to know where to start. If you've never done it before, I would recommend that you get a copy of *"Finding Your Father's War"* by Jonathan Gawne. The book covers just about every aspect of military research. It will be twenty bucks well spent for all the time and frustration it will save you.



With over 470 photographs, charts, and an engaging narrative with many rare insights into wartime service, this book is an invaluable tool for understanding our "citizen soldiers," who once rose as a generation to fight the greatest war in American history.



Resources

At the top of the list of resources is one that's in our very own house, the **Louise Timken Aviation Library and Research Center**. They

have a very knowledgeable staff and a large catalogue of reference material. Everything from WW1 Ohio Soldiers and Sailors listings to Air Force squadron histories. They also have several rare and harder to find books.

Your local library is also a great place to look. Most have a genealogical section with a lot of local information that you won't find anywhere else. Trust me, not everything is on the internet.

But, speaking of the **internet**, it is a fabulous resource. There are literally hundreds if not thousands of sites where you can glean information. In preparing this article, I reviewed the internet research sites that I've used. I was astonished to discover that I had over one hundred different bookmarks. I've listed some of the major ones below.

The National Archives:

www.archives.gov. If you've been discharged from military service, your personnel files are stored at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). You can request records directly from them. But be aware that they had a huge fire in 1973 that wiped out an estimated 80% of Army personnel records up to 1960.

Ancestry:

www.ancestry.com and its military division [Fold3](http://www.fold3.com), www.fold3.com are two great resources for not only military records but family records as well. The U.S. Navy muster rolls are available and quite valuable for researching Sailors and Marines. Both are paid subscription services but most county libraries offer free access for patron use.

Dad's War:

www.wjohnston.net/dadswar, is a great site to aid you in your research. The focus is WW2 but the methods apply to all eras.

Find a Grave:

www.findagrave.com, is helpful in locating a Service Member's grave. Sometimes when all you have is a name, it gives a few clues. Also regular local obituaries can offer extensive information at times.

WWII Enlistment Records

www.wwii-enlistment.com. This site has close to nine million basic Army service records that are searchable by Surname, Serial Number or Laundry Number. The laundry number is the soldier's first letter of their last name and the last four digits of their serial number, such as "D3287". This is the number that you find stamped or written inside uniforms.

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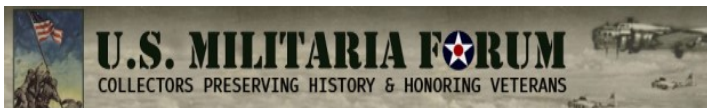
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The Hall of Valor Project:

www.valor.militarytimes.com is a large database of military award citations searchable by name, conflict, branch, or award.

The U.S. Militaria Forum:

www.usmilitariaforum.com, is a wealth of information with very knowledgeable and helpful members.



Golden Arrow Research:

www.goldenarrowresearch.com. If you don't have the time or desire to do it yourself then you go to a pro. There are numerous professional research organizations out there and one of the best is Golden Arrow. Geoff Gentilini and his staff are highly regarded in the area of military research. They are my "go-to" team when I don't want to do it myself. They are thorough and their rates are fair. Just don't tell Geoff I sent you, he'll probably charge you double!

Those are just a few of the many resources available. You'll discover that once you start, one clue will lead you to another and then another. The next thing you know, it's 3 AM and your eyes are bloodshot from staring at the computer for ten hours.

So until next time, good hunting and as always I remain your humble raconteur.

ment that operated generation and transmission systems. During power outages, repair and restoration is a critical function. Bob was the Supervisor of Transmission Systems.

Bob met his future wife, Pat at a party in 1960. One of her girlfriends was dating a friend of Bob's and the two quickly became high school sweethearts at Central Catholic HS. Bob and Pat will celebrate 58 years of marriage this year! They have 6 children – 3 boys and 3 girls, 14 grandchildren – 7 boys and 7 girls, and 2 great-grandchildren – yup, you guessed it - 1 boy and 1 girl.

Pat has also been active at MAPS. In 2017, she and Bob both received the MAPS Legacy Award for significantly contributing to the success of MAPS. They are both Lifetime Members.

When asked what the best thing about MAPS is, Bob replied, "...the people, lots of enthusiastic members."

And he has a special message for someone special:

"I would like to thank my dear wife Patricia for all her support in all our volunteer efforts over many years. I also think nostalgically about the year we spent apart when I was in Vietnam in 66-67 and you had our little son and daughter to care for on your own."



Focus on Volunteers

Anyone who is a volunteer at MAPS knows the smiling face and quiet demeanor of Bob Schwartz. He walks around and talks to the volunteers – sincerely interested in their projects and what they're working on. And when he's not doing that (in recent months) he can be found painting, hanging dry wall and mudding on the second floor banquet hall and the new galleries.

Bob grew up in Canton and has been an active member of MAPS since 2006. His first visit to MAPS was to donate some things and as he walked around, he thought, "they speak my language" and he was hooked. Bob started as a tour guide and on Wednesday evenings he would help with membership records. He also worked on restoring the blimp gondola that was donated to MAPS by Good-year.

As Bob got more involved with MAPS, he saw changes that needed to be made. He decided to run for a board position and was first elected to the board in 2008. This was during a time when there was no Executive Director due to financial constraints. He was chosen Chairman of the board in 2009 and has been reelected and held that position ever since.

After graduating from high school, Bob joined the Air Force in 1962, primarily for the educational benefits they offered and he wanted to specialize in electronics. He was deployed to Vietnam from 1966-1967 as an Air Traffic Control Technician. In 1970 he left the Air Force as a Staff Sergeant.

After the military, Bob went to work for First Energy (was Ohio Edison) and remained with them for 34 years until his retirement in 2004. He worked in the depart-



Restoration Work in Process

By Ken Ramsay, MAPS Director and Restoration Crew

Despite the fact that MAPS has been closed to the public for many months over the last year, a group of dedicated and talented members of the restoration crew have been hard at work! Restoration of an aircraft (especially one that has not been received in the best of conditions) takes many, many hours of painstaking work plus research to make sure the plane is restored in the most accurate way possible. Below are some pictures of our current restoration projects.



The **F-102** was brought into the hanger so work could continue during the winter. Sanding and priming was finished and the canopy removed so new windshields could be installed. Painting has begun on the tail.



The components of the **OV-1** were moved to the hanger and the aircraft assembled. Final lettering is in progress.



The aft fuselage section of the **F-105** was damaged and had many patches. The patches were removed and large sections of skin were replaced.



Most of the **H-19** helicopter's outer skin needed replacing and much of it has been fabricated and installed pending final riveting.

MAPS Anniversaries

November 1, 2020 to January 31, 2021

*** designates Family Membership*

20 YEARS

Pawski, David**

Harriman, Terry

20 YEARS

Manfull, Chris

15 YEARS

Price, Ron

Ramey, Jerry & Julie **

Ganyard, Nancy

Satchell, Steve

Reese, Todd**

10 YEARS

Cabral, Mary

Paprocki, Christopher

5 YEARS

Robinson, Richard

McCaulley, Raymond**

Witt, Charles

Skibicki, Robert

Norton, Dick

Richardson, Bradford

Kenyon-Farrington,

Jeanne

Gibson, David

Seesan, Tom

Johnson, Michael**

Claus, Ron

CONGRATULATIONS!

Thank You For Your Continued Support!

New Members

November 1, 2020 to January 31, 2021

*** designates Family Membership*

Cirelli, Bennett

Cox, Susan**

Ledasil, Joseph**

McDowell, Zachary

Hobson, Mark

Hippich, Bryan**

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2020 Raffle Winners

A big MAPS thank you to all who participated in this year's raffle. This was our biggest raffle ever! We grossed \$18,000, topping our previous high of approximately \$15,000 in April of 2020.

Many people donated more than the cost of the raffle tickets and MAPS is grateful for the support we received from members as well as the local community. With the lack of revenue from visitors and events in 2020, this year's raffle revenue came at a most advantageous time.

The drawing was held at the December membership meeting and the winners were notified.

Here is a list of our lucky winners:

\$1,000.00	1st Place	J.K. Farrington
\$ 500.00	2nd Place	Chuck Palko
\$ 250.00	3rd Place	Josh Oppie
\$ 125.00	4th Place	Val Kinney
\$ 75.00	5th Place	Evelyn Eyster
\$ 50.00	6th Place	Harry Schoger

Many thanks to each MAPS member who contributed to the success of this year's raffle!

*In the spirit of giving,
we thank you for
your generosity!*

MAPS Mourns the Loss of Three Members

It is with heavy heart and great sadness that we inform you of three recent losses to the MAPS family.

Richard “Skip” Marquard 1930-2020



Richard “Skip” Marquard passed away early on Saturday, December 12, 2020 at the age of 90. Skip was born on May 22, 1930 in North Canton to Ralph & Mabel Marquardt.

After graduating from NoCa High in 1948, Skip began his career at Willis Motors in the parts department. He entered the Air Force in September of 1950 and was stationed in Germany until April of 1952. After leaving the Air Force, he returned to Willis Motors, working there until 1954 when he left to join the Hoover Company. He spent 36 years working in the Engineering Department at Hoover.

After retirement in 1992, he worked various jobs including the BobOLink golf course, North Canton Elks and again at Willis Motors. During his retirement years, he was active with North Canton Elks 2029 serving as Exalted Ruler, Ohio Elks serving as State Chaplain, Zion United Church of Christ, MAPS, Eagles 2223 and the North Canton Cemetery Board. He also volunteered for 25 years at the World Series of Golf at Firestone Country Club.

Skip joined MAPS in 2017 and was an active member, volunteering in the library until the pandemic kept him safely at home.

On June 21, 1952, Skip married the love of his life, Wanda Herrick Marquardt. They enjoyed 65 years together before Wanda passed away in 2017. During their marriage they enjoyed many vacations in Myrtle Beach, SC, trips to Germany and many other trips with family and friends.

Skip is survived by his son, Dave Marquardt and granddaughter, Brittany Marquardt (Todd Cizek), daughter & son-in-law, Linda & Craig Kindy, grandsons, Kevin (Kate) Kindy and Keith Kindy (Abbi Baxter), granddaughter, Annette (Dave) Williams and their kids, Audrey, Mason & Sawyer. He especially enjoyed spending time with his great-grandkids, Marshall & Stella Kindy.

Obituaries continued on next column and following page

Frederick M. Lindsay 1951-2020

Frederick M. Lindsay, 69, passed away on December 4, 2020, following an extended illness.

He was born on November 28, 1951 in Massillon to the late Henry and Maxine (Fothergill) Lindsay.

Fred was the former owner of Lindsay Plumbing. Loving his job, he felt he never worked a day in his life.

Fred enjoyed boating, camping and fishing. He joined MAPS in May of 1991 and was active until about one year ago when his health started to fail.

Since Fred was the owner of a plumbing business, he planned and constructed most of our restrooms at cost. He also donated funds to help MAPS survive during a very stressful time during the early years.

Fred helped organize our first Collings event in 2010. He also organized and manned the ticket table for other MAPS events over the years, including the old air shows.

Fred is a recipient of the MAPS 2020 Legacy Award. This award is bestowed upon three MAPS members each year who have made a great impact on our organization.

Fred is survived by his wife, Deborah Dingler; children Jenny (Tobin) Mathias and Jed (Amanda) Lindsay; stepchildren, Lindsay (Vaughn) Dingler and Derek (Hope) Dingler; and eight grandchildren, Nathan, Morgan, Grant, Linzie, Natalie, Colin, Maxwell and Drew.



Edith Franks 1921- 2021



Edith Mae Franks, age 99 of Akron passed away on Thursday, January 14, 2021. She was born in Rand, WV on July 21, 1921, the daughter of the late Conis and Florence Meyers White. In addition to her parents, Edith is preceded in death by her hus-

Edith's obituary continued

band, Mack; their daughter, Debbie; brothers, Calvin and Eugene; granddaughter, Lindsay. Edith's memory will always be cherished by her children: Jim Franks, Carol Sharp and Judy Cornelius; grandsons, Kevin and Kris; great-granddaughters: Michelle, Marissa and Tiffany.

Edith was a proud Rosie the Riveter in the World War II era, working on the Corsair airplanes for the U.S. Navy. She was a member of Wedgewood United Methodist Church; her faith made her "quite the trooper" and a source of strength and wisdom for her family. Per Edith's wishes, cremation has taken place, and a celebration of her life will be planned for a later date. Edith will be laid to rest with her husband Mack at Greenlawn Memorial Park, Akron.

We at MAPS knew Edith Franks as "Whitey". She always had a big smile and enjoyed checking out the whole museum. In later years, her daughter Debbie would bring Whitey in for a visit about once a month. On one visit, we decided to honor Whitey with a life membership. We found her in the Gallery of Heroes where she was talking to group of high school students in front of the Pearl Harbor display. As we looked at the students, everyone of them had their eyes on her, taking in every word she said. We almost left them alone but it was a great opportunity to present the life membership to Whitey. Every student started applauding and Whitey broke out with a huge smile.

Following is a reprint of an article about Edith that appeared in the Volume 28 Issue 3 Edition of the Briefing.

During WW II, there was a great need for manpower in all branches of the military. In order to fill the void left by men who had been doing factory work, women were hired to replace them. The women worked mainly in factories manufacturing material for the war effort, planes, ships, tanks, guns and every other item for war. They became known as Rosie the Riveters. There was even a song entitled Rosie the Riveter.

In our Gallery of Heroes we are proud to have a Rosie the Riveter display honoring these women who worked long and hard producing war materials. What unified the experiences of these women was that they proved to themselves and to the country that they could do a "man's job" and could do it well. This paved the way for many of the career options that women enjoy today.

In the MAPS display, there is a faded red toolbox with Whitey painted on the lid. This toolbox belonged to current MAPS member Edith Frank. Edith was truly a riveter, working on the tail section of the Goodyear FG-1 and F2G Corsair fighter planes for the US Navy and Marine Corps. Edith, at only 18 years old and her girlfriend left South Charleston, West Virginia to come to Akron and work for the Goodyear Company until war's end and the men came back for their jobs. Her girlfriend returned to West Virginia while Edith married and raised a family in Akron.

Several years ago, MAPS hosted a Goodyear Gathering for wartime employees of the Goodyear Company. A Goodyear built restored Corsair flew in from Idaho and was on display for the gathering. Edith asked the owner/pilot if he would open the access door in the tail so she could check the riveting. He agreed and Edith, with flashlight in hand poked her head in to check the riveting. When she emerged, she declared the riveting "Satisfactory." I can only assume the pilot was greatly relieved at this rating.

Several years ago MAPS hosted a "Gathering of Rosie's" where 20 plus Rosie's from all over the USA were in attendance. The event was professionally video taped for a TV station in the Charleston area.



Edith then as a "Rosie"



Edith in later years with her red tool box.

Meet MAPS Two New Interns!

By Debbie Bussinger, MAPS Archives and Library

MAPS has been very fortunate in the past to host talented interns from local colleges. We once again have two interns, from Walsh and Kent State Universities, that we would like you to meet.

Bennett Cirelli hails from Plum, Pennsylvania (suburb of Pittsburgh) and is currently attending Walsh University, studying for a Bachelor in Museum Studies with a minor in Non-Profit Management.



Bennett enjoys art, reading, music, movies, and researching/gathering information. He is hoping that after graduation he'll be able to either work towards a master's degree or discover a museum to work in that he feels is the best fit for his interests and talents.

Bennett has been working in the library, helping to shelve books, label DVDs and relocate the magazine collection. He will also be helping the curators with the upcoming virtual art exhibit and digitizing slides for the library.

Zac McDowell is a media intern from Kent State University. He is in his senior year, studying Digital Media Production, and is projected to graduate in May of this year.

Zac's hometown is in the film haven of Pittsburgh. He grew up watching a lot of movies and was inspired by that specific medium as well as with music.

Zac hopes to work in the film editing industry in some capacity in the future. His projects at MAPS will include creating video content for our exhibits, removing background noise from our oral history interviews and helping with the video portion of our art exhibit.

Zac would like to thank the MAPS Museum staff and volunteers for bringing him onboard this spring!



Post WWII Housing

By Marylou Thompson, Briefing Editor

After WWII, the return of over three million veterans pushed housing demand to unprecedented heights.

The GI Bill (Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944) gave World War II servicemen and woman many options and benefits. The government guaranteed low cost loans for veterans who borrowed money to purchase a home, business or farm. These loans enabled hordes of people to abandon city life and move to mass-produced, "cookie cutter" homes in suburbia.

Enter the Sears Catalog to the rescue! Although Sears stopped selling kit homes in 1940 because of wartime restrictions on construction materials, they re-entered the housing business in 1946 when they introduced Homart Homes. Who could imagine ordering a home from a catalog?

The Sears Homart homes were prefabricated - they were

pre-built at a central plant, broken down and then transported to the building site.

These small houses were shipped by truck (not train) and arrived in sections measuring 4' by 8' to 8' by 8'. Fasteners were included with these diminutive homes, and the houses were bolted together at the site. Homart homes were very modest with simple lines and shallow roofs. Most were only 600-850 square feet in total.



Notice the ad for a Sears Homart home that can be purchased for a low payment of \$50.86 per month. Of course, the lot, custom finishes and basements are extra!

To put this in perspective, here is what things cost in 1947. Car: \$1,500, Gasoline: 23 cents/gal, House: \$13,000, Bread: 12 cents/loaf, Milk: 80 cents/gal, Postage Stamp: 3 cents, Average Annual Salary: \$3,500, Minimum Wage: 40 cents per hour.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

MAPS has been closed to the public since November 23, 2020 but will reopen on Saturdays and Sundays beginning March 6, 2021.

Saturday hours will be 9 AM - 4:30 PM and Sunday hours will be 11:30 AM - 4:00 PM. The gift shop will be open during these hours.

CDC guidelines will be followed: social distancing, masks required at all times and hand sanitizing stations throughout the hangar.



As MAPS readies itself to return to normal hours of operation, and hopefully begin hosting events in the near future, we will be looking for additional volunteers to share their talents with us.

Some folks volunteer as little as 10 hours a year and some contribute many hundreds of hours. Since MAPS is an all volunteer organization, every hour is important and contributes enormously to our continuing success!

There is something for everyone here at MAPS. No experience with aircraft or museums is needed. Our volunteers like to have fun while keeping their museum running at its best.

We are looking for help in all areas!

Here is a list of possible areas to volunteer: tour guide, aircraft restoration, ground crew, special events, event parking, office/administration, grant writing, displays/exhibits, research, library staff, public relations, historical writing, security/safety, IT work, grounds-keeping, building maintenance, videography, newsletter/website, bookkeeping, gift shop or any other area where you think you can contribute.

Please call or email Kim Kovesci, Reed Kimball or Bob Schwartz to explore how you can share your interests and talents with MAPS.

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