

UPDATES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By Kim Kovesci, MAPS Executive Director

MAPS to Celebrate Grand Opening of OMM Room

The Ohio Military Museum Room will officially open on August 26, 2017 at a 3:30 PM Ceremony.

The OMM artifacts were transferred in the Fall of 2015. Since that time, we have added an elevator, renovated the elevator lobbies, museum space and storage area. We have installed Plexiglas on the mezzanine rail and painted the stairwells.

We want to thank all MAPS Members, especially the former OMM Members, for volunteering their time to contribute to the success of this project. Many hours were spent preparing the displays before being inserted into their show cases.

We would like to thank The Ward J. and Joy A. Timken Foundation for funding the renovation of the OMM Room. We would also like to thank Ohio Society of Military History Inc. for funding the cabinet for the OMM Room. Finally, we would like to thank the staff and students of the Portage Lakes Career Center trades classes for building the walls, drywalling and painting the OMM Room.

This project took a great deal of time and effort and we all have a right to be very proud of what we have accomplished. The addition of the Ohio Military Museum to MAPS will soon become a very important part of our mission to educate the public. Thank you again to everyone who helped!



HOURS OF OPERATION

SUNDAY	11:30 - 4:00
MONDAY	CLOSED
TUESDAY	9:00 - 4:30
WEDNESDAY	9:00 - 4:30
THURSDAY	9:00 - 4:30
FRIDAY	9:00 - 4:30
SATURDAY	9:00 - 4:30

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MAPS Receives Grant from ACF

We have received a \$10,000 grant from the John A. McAlonan Fund of the Akron Community Foundation. This grant will be used for our Summit County High School US History Program. These two organizations have been very supportive of MAPS and I want to thank them for their continued support.

★ 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.

More from the Executive Director

MAPS Receives Grant from the Timken Foundation

MAPS Air Museum has been notified of a grant from the Timken Foundation of Canton for \$75,000. This grant will be used to help fund Phase II of the second floor renovation project.

Phase I (completed) has been completed and includes the elevator, elevator lobbies, OMM Room and storage room.

Phase II (2017-2018) will include HVAC for the remainder of the second floor, a meeting room (funded by Green Lions Club) and restrooms. We should have the drawings shortly and begin work this Fall.

Phase III (2018-2019) will include the banquet hall, some window replacements and remodeling the remaining museum spaces.

Phase IV (2019-2020) will include installing a kitchen to support our banquet hall and many events.

This is a very aggressive schedule that can only be accomplished with the help of our volunteers, the Portage Lakes Career Center, local foundations and our supporters.

We would like to thank the Timken Foundation of Canton for their financial support for this project. Utilization of the space on the second floor is the most important objective at MAPS and will support the future growth of our wonderful organization.

Rebuilding Together

Rebuilding Together serves U.S. Active Duty Military and Veteran families. In Stark County, our passion is helping the brave men and women who have served our country. We partner with the Veterans Service Commission, Stark County Regional Planning Commission and Stark County Honor Court to ensure that low-income military and Veteran families have safe and healthy homes.

“Rebuilding Together is honored to help veterans live in a safer and healthier home,” according to Paul Holm, Executive Director. “We greatly appreciate the support of our partners in the veteran, corporate, and government communities who support our program and help make it happen.”

The organization provides home repairs that address the major systems in a house: plumbing, electrical, foundations, roofs, etc. To be eligible for the program, you must own your home, have current homeowners insurance, meet income requirements, and live in Stark County (excluding Canton, Alliance, Massillon, and Hills and Dales.) Call today to request an application at [330-470-8800](tel:330-470-8800).

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

WED, SEP 6	DIRECTOR MEETING	3 PM
SAT, SEP 9	MEMBERSHIP MEETING	11 AM
SUN, SEP 24	PANCAKE BREAKFAST	8 AM - 1 PM
SUN, SEP 24	VETTES AND JETS	9 AM - 1 PM

OCTOBER

WED, OCT 11	DIRECTOR MEETING	3 PM
SAT, OCT 14	MEMBERSHIP MEETING	11 AM
SUN, OCT 29	MILITARY COLLECTOR'S SHOW	6 AM - 4 PM

NOVEMBER

WED, NOV 8	DIRECTOR MEETING	3 PM
SAT, NOV 11	MEMBERSHIP MEETING	11 AM

DECEMBER

WED, DEC 6	DIRECTOR MEETING	3 PM
SAT, DEC 9	MEMBERSHIP MEETING	11 AM

(Please check website for updates)

★ MAPS ★ 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!

★ MAPS TRIVIA ★

QUESTION:

Military designators for aircraft include a letter or letters and a number. What do the letters mean?

(answer on Page 9)

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Bob Schwartz, Director Chair

A big MAPS thanks to Chris Paprocki who has been editor of the MAPS Briefing since 2011. Chris's heavy work schedule has prevented him from working on the newsletter and he has had to curtail his work on our Briefing. We welcome Marylou Thompson who has accepted the challenge of producing our BRIEFING.

Congratulations to Ted Mathies for his award at the Cleveland Military show. Ted joined MAPS in May, 2013. He placed his hospital tent just outside the hangar on the ramp where displays his Vietnam era medical equipment. Ted also serves as the MAPS Safety Officer. If you haven't toured Ted's tent, be sure to do so the next time you're at MAPS. (See article Page 10)

Jim Baker whose obituary appears in this issue joined MAPS in June 1999 and was a Tour Guide. He really enjoyed taking visitors through the museum and was very knowledgeable when it came to answering questions and discussing aviation with other members. (See obituary Page 7)

Ron Lash and his wife Betty joined MAPS in August of 1990 and was one of our original members, holding member number 25. Ron and Betty were both very active for most of their years in MAPS. In later years, Ron liked to come in and visit with his pup and talk with other members. (See obituary Page 7)

Albert Rugani joined MAPS in June 2012 and was also a long time member with the Ohio Military Museum. Al spent a lot of time at the OMM in Massillon, assisting in their work and helped in OMM's move from Massillon to MAPS. (See obituary Page 7)

The new elevator lobby is located in the back of the hangar to the left of the library. The elevator lobby was once a paint shop back in the 1950's. It was used as a storage room for MAPS and contained all sorts of odds and ends. More recently, it stored all of our tables and chairs. Now the room houses our vending machines and will soon be formally dedicated to the Timken's who have awarded us several grants over the years for the elevator, OMM room, Library and several more rooms upstairs. There is a display cabinet that is in the process of displaying Timken Company artifacts. The room will also be painted in Timken colors.

Director elections were held in June. Bob Hollis, Jim Jackson and Ken Ramsay were re-elected to two year terms. Len Palmer was elected to the board for the first time. At the Board's reorganizational meeting held in June, Bob Schwartz was re-elected Board Chairman and Rick Hamlet was re-elected Vice Chairman. A big thanks to all those who took time to vote.

As we are "going to press," Collings weekend 2017 has come to an end. Both MAPS and Collings had a very successful weekend. All the numbers are not in yet but we set a record for the most visitors on a Collings weekend. Our Gift Shop had high sales, the snack kitchen ran out of almost everything as Sunday was coming to an end. Collings made numerous flights with avid enthusiasts onboard the vintage airplanes. The weather turned perfect after a shaky start on Friday morning. **A big MAPS thank you to all the MAPS volunteers who came out and volunteered their time - many of you were there for all three days!**

THE “MAGICIANS” OF MAPS

By Reed Kimball, MAPS Director of Education

When you tire of Harry Potter and Hogwarts, you might search out a small group of “wizards” who hide at the Military Aviation Preservation Society. Not often seen in public, they only surface twice a week. On Wednesdays, they briefly appear huddled around the lunch table in the restoration building discussing “secret stuff” (they say work but most probably movies, cars and girls.) On Saturdays, they surface at lunch to get the mandatory hot dog from Mary Ann Cameron (lest they be tracked down and sent to detention.) They are, however, the true magicians of MAPS. They are referred to by a single collective term – **RESTORATION**.

Often forgotten because of their ability to hide in plain sight and to retreat for extended periods in their highly secretive work facility – AREA 21, they are central to this organization and to its successes. They have the capability to take forgotten pieces of metal hidden in the woods, or in a swamp or in an aircraft “graveyard,” imagine the part that it played in aviation history and then re-build it into its former glory.



MAPS F-84

This work is not for the faint of heart and requires patience and dedication. Restoring these pieces of history requires years of research and work and typically proceeds at a pace that most kids today would consider worse than a “snail’s pace.” These volunteers take the time and effort to research and locate diagrams, blueprints, manuals, parts and aircraft components. If they can be found, they often travel to obtain them. When necessary aircraft parts are not available, they are fabricated from scratch, with the same care and effort that was given to the original aircraft construction. They are also “teachers” willing to bring on new volunteer members of an aircraft “team” and provide them with the basic skills necessary to safely participate and contribute.



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THE “MAGICIANS” OF MAPS *continued*

They are typically not aircraft mechanics and have limited background in aviation and avionics, but are those that have an interest in working with their hands and minds to bring vintage aircraft back to life. Many are ex-military, some are pilots and most (but not all) are retired. They give freely of their time, as do all MAPS volunteers in all areas, to promote the mission of this organization: “*MAPS Air Museum is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating people about the history of aviation and its impact on society. It accomplishes this mission by acquiring, restoring, preserving, studying and exhibiting the impact of aviation on the culture of man.*”



MAPS C-47

Their work and effort behind the scenes, is what MAPS is all about. Without their effort, dedication and perseverance, we would not be the organization that we are today.

If you are a member of MAPS who is not an active volunteer, this is an area that you should seriously examine. If you can find time (particularly on Saturdays), the restoration volunteers will welcome you and make you feel at home. The work that is done by these volunteers in restoration ultimately results in a piece of history – a final product that allows this organization to teach about the legacy of aviation.

CURATOR'S CORNER

Jim Cameron, Curator

The North Coast Military Collectors (NCMC) in cooperation with the Military Aviation Preservation Society (MAPS) will be holding their second Militaria Show. It is a one day show which is held twice a year by the NCMC and this will be the second show at the MAPS Museum. The show will be Sunday, October 29, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

The show features over 180 tables of military relics, antiques and artifacts from the civil war up to the modern war on terror. You will find uniforms, field gear, medals, books, patches, equipment and many other items. All countries are represented including the USA, Germany, Italy, Great Britain, Japan, Canada and more. You will especially find a plethora of WW1 and WWII militaria.

Come out and see some of the most unique items to be found in this area.

Many local collectors set up displays in addition to selling items. There will also be many subject matter experts in attendance. Bring your military items for sale, trade or assessment.

Admission to the show is \$5 and includes all of the museum exhibits. Parking is free and refreshments will be available. The first show had over 1000 attendees and we expect even more this time. In addition to helping to get the word out about the MAPS Museum it is also a fund raiser for the museum. So come out and support your museum and see some fantastic militaria.

★ ★ Why Do We Make A Difference? ★ ★

By Kim Kovesci, MAPS Executive Director

The visitation of the veteran amputee softball team during our most recent pancake breakfast and listening to their stories made me start to think about the importance of our mission.

Our formal mission is to: "Educate the public on the history of aviation and its impact on man."

I believe that we have two other parts to our mission: 1) to provide a place for people to contribute to the success of the organization, maintain their skills and be part of something special and 2) to honor our veterans.

Since the invention of the TV, Hollywood movies and television shows have had a tremendous impact on how we perceive heroism and honor. I remember watching John Wayne fly a P-40 as a Flying Tiger, charge up Mt. Suribachi in the Sands of Iwo Jima and all of the other "war movies" we watched as kids.

I thought of the series "Band of Brothers" 101st Airborne who entered Europe during D-Day and fought their way into Germany. Henry Fuller was one of those soldiers who jumped into Normandy and walked into Germany. His display is in our "Gallery of Heroes."

Right after the pancake breakfast, I watched all ten episodes of "Pacific" back-to-back in one night. The series was about the U.S. Marines and their stories of island hopping during WWII. I thought about the bravery of those young men and women, most in their teens or early twenties. I know that two of the Reymann Brothers were in that area and their displays are in our museum.

The next week, I watched "Hacksaw Ridge" and was humbled by the bravery of a combat medic, conscientious objector who refused to carry a weapon. His name was Desmond Doss and he rescued 75 soldiers from Hacksaw Ridge and was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by President Truman.

I watched "We were Soldiers" which dramatizes the Battle of Ia Drang in 1965 Vietnam.

These stories were written for Hollywood but all have a foundation of truth and sadly that is how most of the population learns history. Thankfully, these writers try to tell the stories through the eyes of actual survivors to preserve history and ensure authenticity.

We are very aware that sitting in our Mig-17 makes a lasting impression on everyone because of the amount of switches, gauges and the cramped space. We are also aware that after listening to the presentation at the Pearl Harbor display and looking at the listing of duty stations/deceased names, our visitors will understand why the U.S.S. Arizona is the memorial for the Pearl Harbor attack (1,177 names of the 2,403 total names.)

Everyone should hear the stories that the members of the softball team told. They are told from the person who lived them just like we try to do in our Gallery of Heroes and the OMM Room. They are the ones that really happened, the ones that we should all know and pass on to our children and the stories that made the heroes we must honor.

Honoring Our True Heroes Veterans Day 2017

November 11th every year is a special day set aside to honor the men and women who are currently serving or have served our country in the past so that we can enjoy living in "the land of the free." And behind each of those Veterans, there is also a family who sacrificed while their loved one served our country.

Please remember to thank a Veteran for their service on Veterans Day this year!

Special heart-felt thanks to our MAPS Veterans for their service to our country and their dedication to furthering the MAPS Mission.



MAPS Mourns the Loss of Three Members

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

Ronald F. Lash 1928-2017

Ron was one of our original members, joining in August of 1990 and holding member number 25. In recent years Ron was unable to be as active due to declining health.

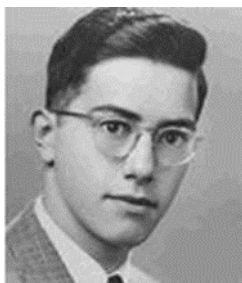
Ronald F. Lash, 89, of Canton passed away on May 24, 2017. Ronald was born in Canton, Ohio on March 7, 1928 to the late Walter and Martha Lash. He was a member of the McKinley Masonic Lodge #431, Scottish Rite, Tadmor Shrine, VFW Post #3747, American Legion Post #44, M.A.P.S. and Dayton Air Force Museum. Ronald formerly attended St. Paul's United Methodist Church. He is survived by his loving wife Betty Lou Lash and son Randy Lash; brother-in-law, Jim (Mina Jane) Groetz and sister-in-law, Deborah (Mark) Shaw and many loving family and friends. Per his wishes cremation has taken place. A memorial service was held on June 5, 2017 at Reed Funeral Home NORTH CANTON CHAPEL with Rev. Gary Smith officiating. Internment will take place at Sunset Hills Memory Gardens at a later date.



Albert Rugani 1931-2017

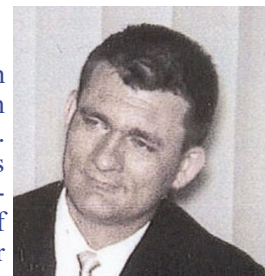
Al joined MAPS In June, 2012 and was also a member of the Ohio Military Museum. Al was very friendly and greeted everyone with a smile. Al was very active with the OMM and helped with the move from Massillon to MAPS.

Albert Rugani, 88, of Massillon passed away June 29, 2017, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on March 17, 1931, to the late America and Gena Rugani. He was a retiree of LTV Steel and also from the Park Department in Massillon. He proudly served his country in the United States Army; and continued to volunteer for several organizations until his passing. He enjoyed his casino trips and was especially proud of his Italian heritage. Albert is survived by his daughter, Lana (Lonnie) Freeman; grandchildren, Todd Burns and Lori McAfee; great-grandchildren: Briana, Jalen, and Justin McAfee and Kyle and Ashley Burns; sister, Norma Shaw; brother-in-law, Bob Serafini; sister-in-law, Barbara Rugani; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Fern Rugani; sister, Deloris Serafini; and brothers, Raymond and Richard Rugani. A going home celebration was held on July 11, 2017 at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman with services and full military honors.



James C. Baker 1935-2016

James C. Baker died at age 81 on October 31, 2016, having been born March 10, 1935 in Windfall, Indiana. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Jean (Harris) Baker of Kent; daughters, Janet Rader and Jolie Baker of Kent; and son R. Jefferson Baker (Joyce) of Garrettsville; grandchildren E. Jean Wills (Jason) of Kent, James Rinehart (Jill) of Morristown, Tennessee and Jenn Lisa of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and great-grandchildren Savanna, Jason, Ethan and Lindsay Wills; Cameron and Will Rinehart.



He received his B.S., M.B.A. and doctoral degrees from Indiana University. He spent 39 months in the United States Army, serving in Japan and Korea as a translator of Korean after graduating from the Army Language School in Monterey, California.

He was a professor of international business and finance at the University of Maryland, San Francisco State College (now University), and Kent State University, where he was chairman of the Finance Department from 1971 to 1975 and chairman of the Kent State Business Doctoral Program from 1993 to 2000.

He was appointed to the U. S. Regional Export Expansion Council for three terms and volunteered in several positions with the Cleveland World Trade Association from 1978 to 1991.

He was an adjunct professor at George Washington University, the University of Hawaii, Madrid Business School in Spain, Catholic University in Ponce, Puerto Rico, and Hiram College, as well as a faculty member in international business for Kent State University Geneva, Switzerland semester program. He also lectured at Columbia University, The Ohio State University, City University Business School in London, England, The George Washington University, and the College of Wooster. He was a fellow at The Hague Academy of International Law in the Netherlands in 1972. He spent 1975 through 1976 at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) in Washington, D.C., where he observed House and Senate Banking Committee hearings.

He was the author or co-author of seventeen books, and more than 100 journal articles. He also served on the editorial boards of eight academic journals.

In addition to his academic record, he served on the Portage County Blue Ribbon Executive Committee as well as two Kent City Council sub-committees and on two Kent City Boards. He also had leading parts in plays at Weathervane Theatre and with the Stow Players. He volunteered extensively with the Military Aircraft Preservation Society (MAPS) air museum in Green Township, Ohio, and during the 1970s and 1980s, he volunteered with the American Morgan Horse Association. He served as speaker a couple of times at the Kent Civil War Society. He was a life-time member of the Portage Animal Protective League.

MAPS Anniversaries

May 1, 2017 to August 1, 2017

*** designates Family Membership*

25 YEARS

Minor, Peg
Strahler, Carl

20 YEARS

Cox, Dale
Johnson, Richard
Clark, Theodore
Petersen, Ronald
Waechter, Bernie **

15 YEARS

Baker, Jim **
Johnson, Vickie

10 YEARS

Reynolds Family **
Sahyers, Chuck **
Lynn, Ralph
Schindewolf, Donald **

5 YEARS

Trowbridge, Matthew
Trowbridge, William
McKinstry, Clair
Warren, Robert **
Boyea, Ira **
Kettler, Rick **
Slutz, Clyde
Jarvis, James
Saurer, Mark
Wilson, Kenneth
McVey, Jeff **

Congratulations!
Thank You
For Your
Continued Support!

New Members

May 1, 2017 to August 1, 2017

*** designates Family Membership*

Bell, Jennifer **
Berger, George
Bonnell, Dana **
Chambers, Tim **
Comi, John **
Deegan, Thomas **
Dillon, Doug **
Enz, Tobin
Glenn, Margaret **
Gustaevel, Bradley
Gustaevel, Gregory **
Hanna, Mark **
Henderson, William **
Horne, Ken **
Huffman, Nikole
Hull, Russell **
Jamieson, James **
Marquardt, Skip
Marusiak, Ted

McCool, James **
McMasters, John **
Meredith, Mike
Mourton, Christopher
Olson, Chris **
Orlando, Allyn
Rabal, Lisa **
Roby, Holly Ellen **
Rush, Mackenzie
Ryan, Calvin **
Schoon, Grant **
Semilia, Jeanne **
Shapiro, Karen
Sweeney, David
Vukich, Terry **
Wallace, Tristan
Wise, Justin **

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Here's what TripAdvisor has to say about MAPS:

"MAPS Air Museum is an internationally known museum of aviation and serves as a center of aviation history for Northeast Ohio. The museum features over 100 exciting educational displays of its collection of acquired artifacts, interactive exhibits and historical archives in its own library. The museum currently has 48 aircraft in the inventory."



THANK YOU!

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Ever Wondered.....where to host a special event?

Why not consider MAPS for your wedding, wedding reception, birthday or anniversary party, business meeting, award ceremony or other special occasion.

MAPS hosts numerous events every year and would be happy to host your next event. Please call or e-mail Kent Kleinknecht, Event Coordinator, at 330-323-5764 or mapsevents@mapsairmuseum.org for more information.



Recent wedding and reception held at MAPS

MAPS TRIVIA ANSWER

ANSWER:

The letters on a military aircraft typically describe the primary mission of the aircraft.

B = Bomber F = Fighter T = Trainer
C = Cargo A = Attack H = Helicopter

Visit MAPS to view the B-26 Marauder, F-100 Super Sabre, C-47 Skytrain, F-14 Tomcat, A-7 Corsair II, F-11 Tiger, AH-1G Cobra, and the T-33 Shooting Star, plus many others.

Welcome Kent Kleinknecht

Kent Kleinknecht was added to the paid employee roster at MAPS in mid-February of 2017. He has two major responsibilities: first, Kent will assume the role of event coordinator and the second is to perform routine custodial duties two times a week in both the hangar and the restoration building.



Kent is responsible for coordinating with the people/groups renting the facility to ensure that all contracts and insurance requirements are correctly received. He will also ensure that the events are staffed appropriately and that the setup is performed as negotiated. If you would like to help during events, please let Kent know.

Kent, a retired teacher, has been a member of MAPS for about 17 years and is now a life member. He was the Crew Chief on the F-86D and the F-101 and worked on the Marauder for about 7 years.

Please remember that it is still the responsibility of every member to clean up after himself and help keep the facility as clean as possible for our visitors. If you see paper on the floor, please pick it up. If you see a mess, please clean it up. We only get a chance at a first impression one time. Let's try to make it a good one!



Pancake Breakfast
Last one of the season!
Sunday, September 24th



MAPS Display Wins “Best Overall Display” at MVPA Convention

At the 42nd Military Vehicle Preservation Association Convention held at the I - X Center in June of this year, MAPS own Ted Mathies took home the top honors with the Best Overall Display Award for his Vietnam Era MASH Field Hospital. It was chosen for the award from more than 100 other exhibits and vehicles on display!

Ted has been collecting for this display for the last 10 years and it now numbers 250 major pieces of equipment in addition to smaller pieces such as scalpels, IVs, clothing and food items. The realistic display depicts a battalion aide station as it would have appeared during the Vietnam War and measures more than 1000 square feet.

Ted knows first-hand about what he has created - he served in Vietnam as a US Army Combat Medic from 1969-1970 and treated 60 combat soldiers as well as 1,500 Vietnamese and thousands of GIs at the base hospital facility.

His display is back home at MAPS and can be toured outside the main hangar just to the left of the flight line.

Ted and his wife, Judy, have been members of MAPS since 2013. Our congratulations and gratitude to Ted!



MAPS receives Presidential Grant from Akron Community Foundation

Mr. John Petures, President of the Akron Community Foundation issued a Presidential Discretionary Grant to support the Collings Foundation "Wings of Freedom" tour's visit to MAPS Air Museum. This visit exposes thousands of our visitors to the types of aircraft used during WWII. We want to thank Mr. Petures for supporting this very important program!

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Documentary: The Vietnam War Airs on PBS

Ken Burns is an American filmmaker well-known for his style of using archival footage and photographs in documentary films. He has directed and produced some of the most acclaimed historical documentaries ever made. Ken Burnes and Lynn Novick, his long-time professional partner, have teamed up again to create *The Vietnam War*. The 10-part, 18-hour documentary series that premieres on PBS, Sunday, September 17th at 8 PM.

The Vietnam War tells the epic story of one of the most controversial events in American history.

The series explores the human dimensions of the war through testimony of nearly 80 witnesses from all sides – Americans who fought in the war and others who opposed it, as well as combatants and civilians from North and South Vietnam. The series also features more than 100 iconic musical recordings from the greatest artists of the era.

FOCUS ON VOLUNTEERS

Did you ever wonder who is responsible for planting and maintaining the beautiful flowers and grounds that visitors see as they drive up to MAPS?

It is the hard work and dedication of MAPS volunteers Mary Cody and Dianne Reese! Both women enjoy gardening as a hobby and both came from families who had beautiful gardens.

Many of the plants for this year's garden were donated by the Portage Lakes Career Center Horticulture Department. The mulch was donated by Green Township and other plants were donated by Rita Haines.

Our thanks to Mary and Dianne for their hard work in helping to keep MAPS beautiful!



Early June Plantings

Early August Blooms



You may recall receiving an email back in May asking for plant donations for MAPS' Victory Garden.

Victory Gardens, also called "war gardens" or "food gardens for defense", were gardens planted both at private residences and on public land during World War I and World War II to reduce the pressure on the public food supply brought on by the war effort. In addition to indirectly aiding the war effort these gardens were also considered a civil "morale booster" - in that gardeners could feel empowered by their contribution of labor and rewarded by the produce grown. These gardens produced up to 41 percent of all the vegetable produce that was consumed in the nation.

Here at MAPS, our gardeners, Mary and Dianne along with their Honey-Do's (Bill and George) did the ground work to build a mini MAPS Victory garden outside of our main doors to the north. See their awesome results below!

Victory Garden sign made by Valerie Kinney



Early June Garden



Early August Zucchini Plant



Victory Garden Zucchini



Victory Garden Bounty

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EXCITING UPCOMING EVENT!



**Celebrate the Grand Opening of the
OHIO MILITARY MUSEUM ROOM
at MAPS Air Museum**

Saturday, August 26, 2017

Moonlight Serenade Orchestra will play Big Band Music - 1 to 3 PM
Ohio Military Museum Room Dedication Ceremony - 3:30 PM

Military Vehicle Show
Jeeps * Half-tracks * Wreckers * Tanks
9 AM to 4:30 PM on Saturday
11:30 AM to 4:00 PM on Sunday

Access to MAPS Air Museum
47 aircraft and 60 displays
Access to OMM Room
65 Displays of Heroes from Massillon
(13 Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients)