



# FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM NEWS

Edgecombe County Veterans' Military Museum

October 2015

## News from President Chris Larsen

Earlier this year, the Veterans Museum elected new leadership for the Board of Directors. Chris Larsen is now President, Calvin Anderson was elected Vice President, Frances Wright was elected Secretary and Gerrelene Walker was re-elected Treasurer. The Board also added four new Directors: Britt West, John Vaudo, Bennie Warren and Donald Pixley.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to remind the public that our purpose is to honor Edgecombe's sons and daughters who answered their nation's call to defend and preserve the freedoms we enjoy today.

The Veterans Museum is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday each week from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We have thousands of photographs on display of military veterans who were, born in, lived in, or had family in Edgecombe County who served their country from the Revolutionary War to today's conflicts in the Middle East. If your family has a veteran and his or her picture is not on display we encourage you to bring the picture to the Museum. His or her addition would mean a great deal to us. We also have on display an impressive collection of weapons and artifacts including swords, pistols, rifles, machine guns, flags, a WWII motorcycle, a fully restored WWII Jeep, and hundreds of uniforms including an Iraqi General's coat. We are also open for special events by appointment.

## Continued from Chris Larsen

The Board Room where one can view hundreds of classic war movies and videos, and the Library which contains an extensive collection of military books and magazines are open to the public for viewing each day we are open. We also have exclusive interviews with some of our veterans on tape. Docents are on hand to provide information about our collections. If you would like to volunteer to be a docent, please call us at 252-823 0891. You determine how much time you would like to contribute. The Board's objectives are for the Veteran's Museum to become more involved in civic activities in Tarboro, especially the restoration and development of the down town area. We also need to increase our membership which currently totals 123 members. You may become a member for as little as \$25 per year. If you are a member of the Veteran's Museum, please renew your membership if you haven't done so already. If you are not a member, please join us.

## GIFT SHOP!!!

Travel Mugs with museum logo and military logo, \$15 each

Tee shirts, caps, coffee mugs, note cards, signed prints by Motsie Brooks, and books are available.



The Friends of The Museum is open Thurs, Fri and Sat from 10 to 4

Email [museum@edgecombevet.com](mailto:museum@edgecombevet.com)

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Facebook group is Edgecombe Vet Museum



### MUSEUM IMPROVEMENTS

If you have not visited the Museum for a while you need to go there soon. We had a leak in the wall on the North side of the building more than a year ago which destroyed the paint job and left us with the plaster deteriorating as well. We were unable to do anything without sealing the outside wall and hopefully that has been accomplished. Even though the town owns the building, we are responsible for the repair. This fact left us with a problem of how to get the job done.

Fortunately Bennie Warren came to our rescue. He removed all the bad plaster and applied new. He finished the wall smooth and we were fortunate to have the original wall paint. He painted the wall and it looks like new. When you see Bennie please offer your thanks for a job well done. We are fortunate to have him on the Board of Directors. We are also fortunate to have Britt West. You can see that he has contributed a welcome addition in the form of display cases. They add a lot to the museum and we are grateful for their presence. Thank Britt personally and visit him at West Furniture Company soon.

### Our Mural

We received a visit from Ryan Stone who lives in Durham who was interested in the Mural on the side of the Colonial Theater. His interest was a result of his association with the artist Michael Brown.

Michael is the muralist who did such a fine job for the Vet Museum in painting the mural which represents the service of Edgecombe Veterans. Mr. Stone is a student at Duke's Center for Documentary Studies and is working on a documentary about Michael Brown and his work.

Ryan came to town in September and took still pictures and videos of the Museum and the Mural. He met with Chris Larsen and completed a video of the Museum. The video is available to be seen at the Museum.

Ryan was impressed with the Museum and Mural. We hope to have him return.