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FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM NEWS

Edgecombe County Veterans' Military Museum

January 2018

Halloween Fun

This past October we enjoyed visits to the Vet Museum by parents and kids dressed in their scary but cute costumes. It is amazing that the Tarboro downtown event has grown to be loved by so many. All the merchants downtown joined in with the fun during the day time, and the residents of the historic district hosted Stations of the Curse during the evening. Halloween in Tarboro has become an all-day event with different age groups participating. We started at 10:00 AM and went on until 9pm. Of course, we ran out of candy and had to replenish our supply. Kelsi Dew, with the help of local volunteers, organized some students to help and we were able to decorate the Museum. The student volunteers were all early college students and were enthusiastic in their support. We were glad to have them and hope for their return. It was a hectic time, but everyone wants to do it again. Having the parents and grandparents escorting the costumed kids to the Museum makes for a promise for a return trip. Many had never been before and were surprised at all the exhibits. We hope to have them back often.

Christmas Parade



Jeep Rides, A Tar River Christmas and the Tarboro Christmas Parade

On December 7th 2017 E.C.V.M.M. opened after hours from 6pm-9pm in conjunction with the holiday activities hosted by the town of Tarboro for a Tar River Christmas. Celebrating the Holidays the Vet Museum offered Jeep Rides to parents and their families. Although it was a cold night we had several groups come in to ride the Jeep. E.C.V.M.M. hopes to host another event where Jeep Rides are offered to the community. Continuing with the Christmas Spirit E.C.V.M.M. participated in the annual Tarboro Christmas Parade. As you can see the Vets are leading the parade with flags flying.

TOYS FOR TOTS Again in 2017 we filled up two boxes and they were collected for distribution. We will make every effort to continue with this and we will again seek your donation. Thank you for your contribution.



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

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Memorial Brick

We were fortunate to again be able to lay eleven more bricks honoring Edgecombe County Veterans. On November 18, we held the ceremony which marked the passing of 800 bricks in the Memorial brick yard. There is no other County in North Carolina which boasts such reverence for its Veterans. We all hope that if you have a relative or friend that you would like to remember, that you would please consider buying a brick. Contact the E.C.V.M.M. so you can fill out the form and buy a brick.

If you have already purchased a brick and would like to locate it, go to the website, www.edgecombevet.com and click on Honor your Veteran. You are then directed to Brick Memorial and locating a brick...If you select the Brick List then you will find the names of the 800 plus vets in Alphabetical order next to the row and column location.

World War 1 exhibit

2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the closing of the First World War. E.C.V.M.M. has been working for several months towards honoring Edgecombe County veterans who served during this time frame. Local volunteers and the ECU Graphic Design department have been working on a new exhibit showcasing the First World War. The exhibit will be completed in late January or early February. Research on Edgecombe Veterans has led to the discovery that five veterans from Edgecombe County were awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and one received the Navy Cross. An American Red Cross unit was established in Tarboro as well as Auxiliary components from around the county. We have updated the KIA/MIA and died in service lists for World War I for Edgecombe County. This has led to a special request of you. We have asked for assistance from the community in our efforts to learn more about the items in the museum, as well as to locate photographs of WWI veterans that the museum does not have.