Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum Trust, Inc.’s 2022 Annual Report is an informative summary of the year. We appreciate your time given to it and hope reviewing this yearly recap provides a sense of satisfaction and pride (as it did for us in preparing it).

The year that was 2022 had many firsts and many successes, which isn’t always easy to do and it doesn’t happen all of the time (yes, sometimes we hope for a different or better outcome for our projects, programs and events). But you will see what kind of year it was through the stories, narratives and data contained in the following pages.

Once again, we are very proud of our many accomplishments achieved in 2022 and eager to continue those remaining in our “unfinished” column. As this year seemed to be the first full year of ‘new’ normal operations since the pandemic, we found ourselves often looking back to what was and comparing it to what is – a kind of spring cleaning throughout the entire year. We continue to start and sustain relationships with the community, our guests, event sponsors and program supporters, to which we are very thankful. They enable Soldiers & Sailors to stay relevant. And the purpose of this report is to capture and share the important achievements, facts, and figures with the readers and provide a frame of reference to enable the readers to understand what makes up a year at Soldiers & Sailors.

So, on behalf of our Board of Directors, our Staff, and all the Veterans we remember every day, thank YOU for Honoring Them with your Presence.

John F. McCabe, President/CEO

PS: Thank you for waiting patiently as we finally finished our Annual Report for 2022, on the eve of 2024. A lot of things occurring in 2023 impacted our ability to complete the report much sooner. However, we have begun our 2023 Annual Report already, expect to have changes to the look and format without losing the important content, and are aiming to have it in your hands or email Inbox early in the second quarter of 2024!

"Great job. We've done this about five times and each was enjoyable as well as honoring to those who served."
MISSION STATEMENT

Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum is one of the few memorials in the United States dedicated solely to America’s military personnel, representing all branches of service and honoring both the career and citizen service member. Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum Trust, Inc.’s mission is to preserve a lasting tribute to those men and women of Pennsylvania who unselfishly gave of themselves in serving their country during the American Wars. Through educational outreach programs, museum exhibits, and veteran service programs, we share and promote the significance of the facility to the community as a living memorial, an educational asset, and a cultural treasure.

"Very moving to see how carefully & respectfully artifacts are stored & displayed here. Learned so much! Thank you!"
Since its doors opened in 1910, Soldiers & Sailors has stood as a tribute to Allegheny County's Veterans, as well as a meeting place. We continue both traditions. Listed below are the veteran and military history-related organizations that gathered here in 2022.

Women’s Army Corps
American Legion
Vietnam Veterans Inc. (VVI)
Davis Star
Federation of War Veterans

"Please keep everything as it is. Building is beautiful. So very much history."
COMMUNICATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS & AWARENESS

Increasing awareness and extending communications and messaging to a broader audience were goals achieved in 2022 at Soldiers & Sailors. With the complete return to in-person events, effective marketing and advertising is a necessity and we are pleased to report that our efforts resulted in tremendous growth in these areas.

We have continued to experience larger viewership and extended our reach through free virtual programming including but not limited to:

- **The Spotlight On Series**: A free virtual program with a speaker or panel discussing a moment in history that is brought to life through featured Soldiers & Sailors artifacts.
- **The John L. Ford, Sr., African American Heritage Celebration**: Another free offering, this program is a valued aspect of the museum’s community outreach. It emphasizes the importance of African-American contributions to the military and the affect war had on African American veterans.
- **Vietnam War Veterans Day Ceremony**: Soldiers & Sailors partnered with Veterans Breakfast Club for a day of thanks and recognition for Vietnam Veterans.

There were also positive developments with our annual programs. The *Silence of the Lambs Night* grew significantly over the previous year due to the high level of PR we received as well as our successful social media presence. Both our existing donor base and online followers contributed to this growth that is reflected in the numbers.

- *The Silence of the Lambs Night* sold out to a guest list of 500 individuals
- We welcomed 300 additional attendees compared to 2021
- *The Silence of the Lambs Night* raised $12,000 in added funding

Due to the positive reviews from our clients and active donor base, Soldiers & Sailors was the proud award recipient of the *TribLIVE’s 2022 Best of the Best Community Awards* for the Best Wedding Venue in the North region. This means that over 208,000 voters selected Soldiers & Sailors across categories this year. Soldiers & Sailors could not be prouder and more honored to have this loyal following and we will continue to dedicate ourselves towards connecting with the communities we serve as we raise awareness for our Museum & Memorial.
OTHER EVENTS, PROGRAMS & HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST

- The Silence of the Lambs Night
- American Legion Youth Dinner
- Balmoral School of Highland Bagpiping Championship
- Carlow University Graduation
- Central Catholic High School Graduation & Senior Recognition Banquet
- Chen Marine Commissioning
- City Charter High School Graduation
- CMU Bhangra in the Burgh
- CMU Computer Science Graduation
- CMU Computer Science Graduation
- CMU ECE Graduation
- CMU Greek Sing
- CMU School of Music Windstream Ensemble Concert
- CMU Tepper Masters & PhDs Graduation
- CMU Tepper Undergraduate School Graduation
- Covestro Conference
- Fox Chapel High School Graduation
- Joe Concert
- John L. Ford, Sr. African American Heritage Celebration: Breaking Barriers in World War II (Virtual Event)
- Joseph A. Dugan, Jr. Hall of Valor Induction Ceremony
- Medal of Honor Museum Foundation Fundraiser
- Navy Sea Chanters Concert
- Nguyen Promotion Ceremony
- NTAG Change of Command Ceremony
- Oakland Catholic High School Graduation
- Passport Academy Charter School Graduation
- Peltier Navy Retirement Ceremony
- Pitt AFROTC Commissioning
- Pitt Army ROTC Commissioning (2)
- Pitt Dhirana Traditional Indian Dance Competition
- Pitt Economics Graduation
- Pitt Engineering Grad Student Orientation
- Pitt Faculty Recognition Event
- Pitt Frederick Honors College Tailgate Event
- Pitt Greek Life Bid Day Event
- Pitt GSPIA Graduation
- Pitt Health & Rehab Sciences Graduation (2)
- Pitt Mechanical Engineering Graduation
- Pitt PACC Banquet
- Pitt Psychiatry Research Day
- Pitt Psychology Graduation
- Pitt School of Medicine Graduation
- Pitt School of Nursing Graduation (2)
- Pitt School of Pharmacy Graduation
- Pitt School of Pharmacy White Coat Ceremony
- Pitt School of Social Work Graduation
- Pitt Sorority Life Memorial Service
- Pitt Steel City Step Show
- Pitt Vets Services Office Graduation Social
- Pitt Welcome Freshmen Silence of the Lambs Screening
- Propel Schools Graduation
- PSO Americana Concert
- PYOP Concert
- Remington Commissioning Ceremony
- Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Day Ceremony & Celebration
- Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum Cannon Ball Fundraising Gala
- Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum Spotlight On Series (12) (Virtual)
- Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum Tabletop Gamers (8) (New)
- Soldiers & Sailors Senior Citizens Day
- Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh Faraday Lectures
- Stop the Violence Black History Month School Program
- UPMC Shadyside School of Nursing Graduation (3)
- USS Albemarle/USNS Corpus Memorial Service Christi Bay Reunion Association
- Vet Tech Graduation
- Vitalant Blood Drives (6)
- Vietnam Veterans, Inc. POW MIA Vigil
- West Penn Hospital Graduation

FREE event
Soldiers & Sailors or SSMH sponsored event

Captian Krause with children during Memorial Day Ceremony & Celebration

Navy Sea Chanters performing at the Soldiers & Sailors Auditorium.

Joseph A. Dugan, Jr. Hall of Valor Induction Ceremony

VVI POW MIA Vigil
Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum continues to shine as an event venue scoring excellent reviews from clients. In addition to being voted TribLIVE’s 2022 Best of the Best Community Awards for the Best Wedding Venue in the North region, we were also voted The Knot’s Best Of Wedding title, out of a crowded list of competitors, because of the quantity and quality of our positive client reviews on The Knot.

Being a Best of Weddings winner opens Soldiers & Sailors up to additional exposure on The Knot and affords us more credibility among would-be clients. Look at the Paid Rental Events numbers for Soldiers & Sailors events to see how we continue to rebound after COVID.

"We got married here! It was great!"
Some 268 guests visited Soldiers & Sailors September 13th and October 5th for RADical Days. As a regional asset, we participate in the Allegheny Regional Asset District’s annual ‘thank you’ to taxpayers that offers a chance to see the best of Allegheny County’s top cultural destinations free of charge.

"What took me so long to visit? Very cool and well presented. Thank you."
2021 REVENUES AND EXPENSES

Support and Revenues

- $1,408,381
- Government Assist / Grants
- Contributions
- Auditorium / Banquet Hall Rentals
- Other Income
- Special Events
- Program Service Fees

Expenses

- $1,339,677
- Programs: Museum / Hall / Education
- Management / General
- Fundraising
- Special Events
- Program Service Fees

Liabilities & Net Assets

- $1,565,434
- Accounts Payable
- Compensated Absences
- Net Assets: Designated - Remembrance Park
- Temporarily Restricted
- $8,155
- Rental Deposits
- Net Assets Unrestricted
- Investment in Fixed Assets

Assets

- $3,013,546
- Cash & Cash Equivalents
- Accounts Receivable
- Equipment
- Leasehold Improvements - Work in Progress
- $29,957
- Grants Receivable
- Inventory
- Leasehold Improvements
- Other Assets

- $454,492
- $17,998
- $19,428
- $4,761
- $1,049

- $2,105,471
- $323,030
- $68,448
- $183,640
2022 REVENUES AND EXPENSES

Support and Revenues

- Government Assist / Grants: $55,099
- Contributions: $45,910
- Auditorium / Banquet Hall Rentals: $71,547
- $841,000

Expenses

- Programs: Museum / Hall / Education: $408,548
- Management / General: $384,523
- $1,645,317

Liabilities & Net Assets

- Accounts Payable: $163,161
- Compensated Absences: $207,841
- Net Assets: Designated - Remembrance Park: $6,916
- Temporarily Restricted: $1,394,651
- $4,502,904

Assets

- Cash & Cash Equivalents: $1,816,583
- Accounts Receivable: $16,592
- Equipment: $409,321
- Leasehold Improvements: $17,572
- $3,071,588
DEVELOPMENT & FUNDRAISING

The past year at Soldiers & Sailors has been a time of growth in areas of corporate and individual funding. We experienced advancements due to concentrated efforts in timely and consistent relationship building, modernizing how individuals may donate to our organization, utilized effective marketing, and execution of our most popular annual happenings. The progress we have made is evident in the following areas:

• Cultivation of new donors
• Sustaining current relationships
• Forging more impactful partnerships with area corporations

The Pittsburgh community truly embraced Soldiers & Sailors in 2022 by attending and, in most instances, selling out our most cherished fundraisers while supporting new efforts. Here is a summary of last year’s events:

Memorial Day Ceremony & Celebration
With the return of our in-person ceremony and celebration last year, hundreds of individuals and their families came to our Museum and Memorial to honor Pennsylvania servicemembers while enjoying traditional Memorial Day activities including a stirring performance by Camp Chase Fifes and Drums. Over $10,000 was raised from the support of regional corporations and Veteran Service Organizations,

The Silence of the Lambs Night
In the Fall, The Silence of the Lambs Night returned. A sold-out crowd of 500 supporters poured into the building to experience the iconic movie in the building where the film’s most recognized scene was filmed. Between the evening’s presenting sponsor, ticket and bar sales, and commemorative t-shirt purchases, over $14,000 was generated in net proceeds, which is nearly a $12,000 increase over the previous year.

Cannon Ball Gala
The Cannon Ball Gala, our major fundraiser, took place a week after The Silence of the Lambs Night. After two pandemic related postponements, guests were eager to enter our halls for a night of cocktails, dinner, and a mission-driven program. The ballroom was at capacity. This event was also a sell-out with 350 attendees, comprised of 20 corporate sponsors and several tables of veterans accounting for over $87,000 raised. The relationships made from the Gala have already led to increased funding opportunities, such as invitations to Pittsburgh Trusts as well as participation in our updated development committee.

Fill the Hill and Light Up the Hill
With Fill the Hill and Light Up the Hill raising over $7,800 and over 230 flags representing our local veterans on our lawn, it was the perfect ending to an impactful year of fundraising.

Veteran’s Day Open House: Celebrating America’s Post 9/11 Defenders
Sponsored by Allegheny County Department of Veterans Services, this free community event honored Pennsylvania’s Post 9/11 Veterans in conjunction with the continued awareness of our newest statue, America’s Defenders. This beautiful bronze statue depicting two combat soldiers serves as the "cornerstone" and heart of Remembrance Park, our proposed front lawn transformation that will create a garden and park showcasing Soldiers & Sailors' artifacts and memorials.

Tabletop Gamers
This is a new monthly event aimed at increasing museum attendance and Friends Membership purchases. Gamers ages ten (10) and up of all experience levels (including none) are invited to bring or play historical board games and miniatures war games in keeping with our mission. Price is the cost of Museum admission. (You will find more about this new program on page 22)

In addition to our events, Soldiers & Sailors has implemented other revenue streams to add to our development efforts. For example:

• Our Museum gift shop has been added to our newly integrated online fundraising platform.
• During Cannon Ball, online auctions complete with mobile bidding capabilities were added to the evening to engage current and new donors.
• We introduced crowdfunding as a way for a rental wedding client to raise funds for our nonprofit.(Go to page 14 for more on Alicia & Don’s story) The funds raised were matched,resulting in $8,825 in new dollars contributed from this peer-to-peer effort.

The investment in our fundraising platform and CRM has made all this possible, and we will continue to strive to maximize its benefit.
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Alicia Scott and Don Huffner (pictured right) decided to have their wedding reception at Soldiers & Sailors. Both hail from military families and wanted to do something to give back to servicemembers. Not only did they ask friends and family to donate to Soldiers & Sailors instead of giving traditional wedding gifts, but the couple also matched donations. Here is a list of those who participated in the “Alicia & Don Say I Do” crowdfunding effort that raised $8,825 for Soldiers & Sailors!

$5,000-$2,000
Alicia and Don Huffner

$1,000
Geofrey von Kuhn

$999-$500
Linda Assante
Mark Hertz
Nancy Huffner

$499-$100
Sloan Bermann
Jeffery Daniels
Connor Hild
Pat Jones
Elysia & Matt Leone
Heather Loukas
Cathy Luby
Dennis McNamara
Alicia Scott
Eric Weltner

$99 and Below
Ken Schenk

"Beautiful place for a wedding."
The Fill the Hill Story
In the early days of October 2020, our staff discussed a few concepts and ideas on how to avoid having Veterans Day become another casualty of the COVID pandemic. Facing limitations related to social gatherings, funding, and promotional means, a simple but impactful idea of filling our historic front lawn with flags for November grew into the "Fill the Hill" program. The community's response blew away our expectations. That support continued in 2022 with a steady stream of donations.

The following pages are dedicated to those who made Fill the Hill/ Light Up the Hill donations helping us raise $7,800.

2022 Fill the Hill Donations

$200 and More
Don Charley
Ford City VFW Post 4843
Richard & Nancy Williams*

$100-$199
Carol Aeberli
American Legion West Hills Post 924
American Telecom Corp. of PA
AR Trucking Inc.
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Judy Black
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"Fantastic museum. Amazing museum. Deserves more public notice."
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There are various ways to provide financial support to Soldiers & Sailors. The Friends Membership Program is one of those options, and yes, membership does have privileges! So, our Friends enjoy knowing they’re helping maintain a Pittsburgh landmark while receiving the perks listed to the right.

Our program has three levels: Family($70), Dual($40), and Individual($25). Please encourage those in your circle to join either during a visit to the museum or online at soldiersandsailorshall.org

All Friends members receive:
· A membership card valid for one year from the date of purchase
· News and Upcoming Event email updates
· Free museum admission for the year (number of visitors based on Individual, Dual and Family membership level)
· 20% discount on select Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum Trust, Inc. events
· 10% discount on Gift Shop purchases
· 20% discount on group tours. All tour options are available during regular museum hours and must be reserved in advance

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"Amazing setting & museum."
Soldiers & Sailors announced a new admissions program last year that enabled Gold Star Family members, US Military Members, and Veterans and to sign up for enhanced museum admission. Here are the details.

**ANNUAL GOLD STAR FAMILY PASS**

Gold Star Families are admitted at no charge with an Annual Gold Star Family Pass. Gold Star Family members must certify that they meet the required criteria identified in sections 3.2 and 3.3 of Department of Defense Instruction 1348.36 (Eligible next of kin of a member of the US Armed Forces who lost his or her life in a qualifying situation).

**ANNUAL MILITARY PASS**

• Active Duty
• Guard and Reserve
• Veterans
• Retired Military

US Military Members and Veterans plus their dependents and up to three guests per visit are admitted at no charge with an Annual Military Pass. (Military member/veteran must be present during visit)

Required forms of identification are:
• Department of Defense Identification Card (non-expired CAC card)
• Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC)
• Veteran ID Card
• Veterans designation on a state-issued US driver’s license or identification card
"One of the most informative and beautiful exhibits I've ever experienced!!"
SOLDIERS & SAILORS VOLUNTEERS: SALUTING OUR TROOPS

Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum has a special group of people who are always ready to help. Please join us in saluting our wonderful volunteers!! We appreciate the time you dedicate to the cause.

Use the key below to find the events worked by the volunteers listed.

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“What an amazing and beautiful place. The displays were wonderful! Thank you for everything in this place.”

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In 2022 the Education Team continued to provide quality enrichment through a variety of in-person and virtual programs intended for people of all ages. A very popular endeavor in 2022 was our Footlocker Outreach Program. A Soldiers & Sailors’ Museum staff member or trained volunteer docent traveled to various locations with presentations related to the American Conflicts. More than fifty presentations were given at schools, libraries, senior centers, and other community locations throughout the region. In total more than 1500 people were impacted by this unique hands-on experience.

Another highlight of the year was the World War II Summer Camp. Twenty-three students participated in the weeklong experience. Activities included: meeting re-enactors, tasting period foods (Yes, we even ate Spam!), arts & crafts, tours of the museum and much more. Both parents and students shared their feelings about the program in post-summer camp surveys. Here are some of the responses. The student’s comments first:

“This camp was the best thing I did this summer. I had a lot of fun, and I will come here again.”
“I liked everything about the camp. It’s a great learning experience for everyone.”

Comments from the parent surveys included:

“This was a wonderful camp that had the right balance of reading, hands-on activities, movement, specialty snacks and more. I was thoroughly impressed with the staff, preparation, and content.”

The Education Team also worked on other traditional Education Programs in 2022 that included:

- **VIP School Field Trip Tours** - Our most interactive and engaging museum experience for school field trips. Teachers choose from four VIP Tour Topics: Civil War, WWI, WWII or Cold War (Korea and Vietnam) and then students toured museum exhibits with a docent, participated in writing activities and took part in hands-on experiences with artifacts. Every student on the VIP Tour received a personalized dog tag.
- **Boy Scout Merit Badge Programs** - Soldiers & Sailors is an authorized counselor for two Boy Scout Merit Badges: American Heritage and Citizenship in the Nation.
- **Guided Tours for All Ages** - Led by a museum docent, this 90-minute experience included all public viewing areas of the museum.
- **Tickets for Kids** - Soldiers & Sailors participated in this program providing at-risk youth with experiences that inspire hope, dreams, and achievements for a lifetime.

The Education Team continued to utilize virtual programming to reach a larger audience within the community. This included our annual John L. Ford, Sr. African American Heritage Celebration which focused on “Breaking Barriers in World War II”. Another online offering is our monthly Spotlight On program that included such topics as Gettysburg, Battle of the Bulge, Dog Tags, Liberators of Concentration Camps and more. All of these videos are archived and available to view on our Facebook and YouTube pages. In total more than 5,200 people viewed these programs in 2022.

A new endeavor for the Education Team in 2022 was the **Tabletop Gamers** program. Tabletop gaming is played on a table with physical pieces, as opposed to video/computer games. It includes both board games with playing pieces (for example, Stratego) and miniature games. One Saturday a month, gamers of all ages gathered at the museum to engage in friendly competition and camaraderie. We look forward to seeing this program continue to grow in the future.
An important part of Soldiers & Sailors' mission includes giving museum visitors insight into military life, as well as a better understanding of history. Our collection of artifacts takes center stage in this effort. Soldiers & Sailors is honored to say our artifacts are donated by Veterans, their families, or loved ones. The Museum Team is responsible for these priceless items and tasked with managing proper documentation, maintaining the collections management database (Past Perfect) and object files, ensuring proper care and preservation, storage, exhibition planning and installation, and overseeing incoming and outgoing loans of Soldiers & Sailors' artifacts. During 2022:

- We added 2,370 artifacts into the PastPerfect database.
- The Museum Team accepted 73 collections of artifacts from donors.

Only a small portion of our vast artifacts collection is on display at a time. In 2022, new artifacts were added to seven of our longstanding displays. While all items added were special, the following were most unique:

- **Vietnam Exhibit:** A battle-damaged tape recorder and in-country photographs of the soldier who owned it
- **Home Front Exhibit:** Vintage World War II posters and service flags
- **Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) exhibit:** A commemorative vintage Civil War canteen

In addition to updating the display's content, large-scale changes were also made in the museum hallways. Work continued on the existing Korean War “niche” case.

- The Pittsburgh-based architectural firm Enginehouse has been moving full steam ahead with the Museum Exhibit Redesign Project. Now in Phase 2, the project will provide optimum display space and protect artifacts from environmental harm. Phase one-planning & design (design development, fabrication documents, layout) was completed in 2021.
- A structural analysis report was completed, and fabrication of the new case has been started.

Efforts also went into securing funding.

- A generous $5,000 grant was awarded by the Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation to support our Museum Exhibit Redesign Project, and a VIP tour raised $2,700 that will be restricted to support a new Civil War Cavalry exhibit.

Not all Museum Team activities happen within the building. Created by sculptor and Soldiers & Sailors curator Michael Kraus, the clay version of *The America's Defenders*, a life-size two-figure statue commemorating those who served in the War on Terror, was disassembled and shipped to a facility in Chicago. There the statue was transformed into bronze. The America’s Defenders statue was returned and installed on the grounds in May for Memorial Day. (Learn more about the *America’s Defenders* return on page 10)

This past September Soldiers & Sailors expanded our annual recognition of service members who died in the line of service since 9/11 with an outdoor exhibit installation. 7053 Dog tags, one for each fallen soldier, were suspended from 200 feet of chain across and between the light posts lining our front walkway. Included in the total were 300 “flag” dog tags which represented soldiers from Pennsylvania.

In some cases, The Museum Team went off-site to fulfill requests to bring our mission into the surrounding communities. These requests included:

- Two virtual presentations to members of the Veterans Breakfast Club.
- A presentation in March to the Lawrenceville Historical Society that featured some of our 2021 donations.
- In November, we displayed Soldiers & Sailors artifacts for Pittsburgh Penguins Veterans Appreciation Day and World of Life Church Veterans Appreciation Day.
Soldiers & Sailors' virtual content can be found on our Facebook and YouTube pages. All of our archived videos are available on these pages. To view a video, click on a title and use controls to play the entire program or you can scan through the video. You can also scan the QR code below to visit our YouTube page.

**2022 Live-Streamed Events**
The John L. Ford, Sr. African American Heritage Celebration
Joseph A. Dugan, Jr. Hall of Valor Induction Ceremony
Vietnam War Veterans Day

Spotlight On Programs
January: One Year in the Curatorial Department
February: Robert Gould Shaw Post 206: African Americans in the Civil War
March: Saluting Women in the Military Major Kathy Silvia, US Army (Retired)
April: Liberators of the Concentration Camps
May: Behind the Scenes: America’s Defenders Statue
June: Fierce Valor: The True Story of Ronald Speirs and His Band of Brothers
July: Witness to History: Gettysburg
August: Behind the Scenes of the Footlocker Outreach Program
September: The History of Dog Tags
October: Dollar Bank
November: Scrapbooks: Preserving History
December: The Battle of the Bulge

"Very moving exhibits. Love the person(al) stories. It brings the moments to life. Very grateful."
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