

Welcome to the February 2021 PMC Museum Newsletter!

PMC Museum e-News



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20th Anniversary of the PMC Museum



October 2020 marked the 20th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Military College Museum's opening, which took place during Homecoming Weekend in 1999. For

the past 20 years, visitors have been able to view items donated and displayed, as well as many special exhibits constructed to recognize the history of PMC and most recently those who served in WWII. Maintaining the PMC legacy is also achieved through education of the Dauntless Battalion cadets who supervise the museum during visiting hours, conducting a legacy hunt during orientation week and continuing the tradition of Battery Robinette during home football games.

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LTC David Gunther and Cadet Hannah Specht '23 join the PMC Museum Committee



LTC Gunther is the current Professor of Military Science at Widener University. He is a native of Quincy, Massachusetts and graduated from Stonehill College with a degree in political science. LTC Gunther was commissioned from Boston University in 2000 as a distinguished military graduate. A major priority for LTC Gunther is to educate Dauntless Battalion cadets on the legacy and history of PMC at Widener.



Cadet Hannah Specht '23 recently joined the PMC Museum Committee as a student representative. Specht is a nursing major and CREW leader and first learned about PMC through Dr. Jennifer Wyse's Introduction to Sociology course. Specht reflects, "As a freshman in Widener's Reserve Officer Training Program, learning about the strong military presence that gave the university its start gave me a strong sense of pride in choosing Widener as the university where I will complete my ROTC training."

Specht concluded that she joined the museum committee because she learned about the honor, valor, and integrity of Pennsylvania Military College alumni and that she aspires to be an officer like those who attended PMC.

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PMC Events Went Virtual During Widener's Virtual Homecoming 2020



Due to concerns surrounding COVID-19, Widener University's 2020 Homecoming was held virtually. Several traditional PMC Homecoming events were reimaged into an online format including Voices From Freedom: PMC Oral History, The Passing of the Flag Ceremony and the Class of 1970's 50th Reunion. The weekend also included a special video presentation entitled World War II: PMC Men Who Served which highlighted the contributions of PMC alumni on the 75th anniversary of the Second World War.

Many PMC alumni participated in these events. The Voices From Freedom: PMC Oral History event focused on the Class of 1970. Student moderators, Hannah Specht '23 and Kyra Jones '21, asked Class of 1970 alumni Jack Dempsey '70, Dave Esto '70, Bill Feyk '70, and Bobby Morris '70 to recall special memories from their time at PMC. In addition, during the Passing of the Flag Ceremony, Bill Feyk '70 served as the class leader who passed the broom drill guidon to a graduating member of the Dauntless Battalion to symbolize the legacy of PMC.

[Explore Homecoming 2020](#)

PMC Museum Updates



PMC Museum Committee Meeting Minutes

The PMC Museum Committee met on October 28, 2020. View minutes from the meeting by clicking below.

[PMC Museum Committee Meeting Minutes](#)



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From the Financial Corner

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World War II: PMC Men Who Served



One highlight of Widener University's Homecoming 2020 virtual celebration was the World War II: PMC Men Who Served video presentation which highlighted the service of 16 PMC alumni who fought during the Second World War. The PMC

Museum estimates that 60 percent of PMC students at the time served during World War II. The PMC Museum would like to recognize Tom Vossler '68, Shelly Schwartz '60, and Clyde Tinklepaugh '73 for their assistance in putting together this video.

[View the WWII: PMC Men Who Served Video](#)

Past Perfect And The PMC Museum Digitization Project



Early this year, the museum began using PastPerfect software to catalog and manage information about its artifact collection. PastPerfect is a commercial database program widely employed by museums around the country. The PMC Museum is launching a digitization project to photograph every object in the museum's collection.

PastPerfect has the capability to associate digital photographs with an object's catalog record so that when the museum is ready to go live with a public online catalog, virtual visitors will easily be able to view images of museum objects along with their written descriptions from the catalog. Dauntless Battalion cadets will be assisting with the digitization project by taking photos of the artifacts.

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Visit the PMC Museum YouTube Channel



The PMC Museum now has its own YouTube Channel where viewers can find all PMC videos in one location. We sincerely appreciate the original creators of these videos as well as those who took the time to upload these videos onto the PMC YouTube Channel.

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ROTC Offices to be named in Honor of General John H. Tilelli '63



Widener University will honor outgoing Board of Trustees Chair Gen. John Tilelli by naming the suite of offices that house the university's Army ROTC program in his honor. Tilelli, a 1963 graduate of Pennsylvania Military College, presided over his final board meeting as chair in May 2020, after five years in the leadership role. He joined the board nearly 20 years ago and will continue to serve as a board member, as well as on the executive committee as past chair. Widener will officially dedicate the office suite to Tilelli with an in-person ceremony after Coronavirus-related government restrictions are lifted and the campus is safely reopened.

[Read More About General John Tilelli](#)

PMC Legacy Award



The Pennsylvania Military College Legacy award is given annually to a cadet from each class year. The Professor of Military Science in conjunction with the cadre, select award winners based on which cadets exhibit the character traits that best represent the legacy of PMC. Last year's award recipients included CDT Jane Stilwell (Freshmen), CDT Pierce Bradley (Sophomore), CDT Kallie Jones (Junior), and CDT Cardon Furry (Senior).

Widener University's Virtual Veterans Day Ceremony



On November 11, 2020, Widener University's annual Veterans Day Ceremony took place virtually via Zoom. The speakers for this event included Professor of Military Science LTC David Gunther and Brig Gen (Ret.) William "Bill" Feyk from the Class of 1970. Feyk spoke about the honor and commitment of serving in the armed forces and encouraged veterans to support each other and seek help when needed.

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