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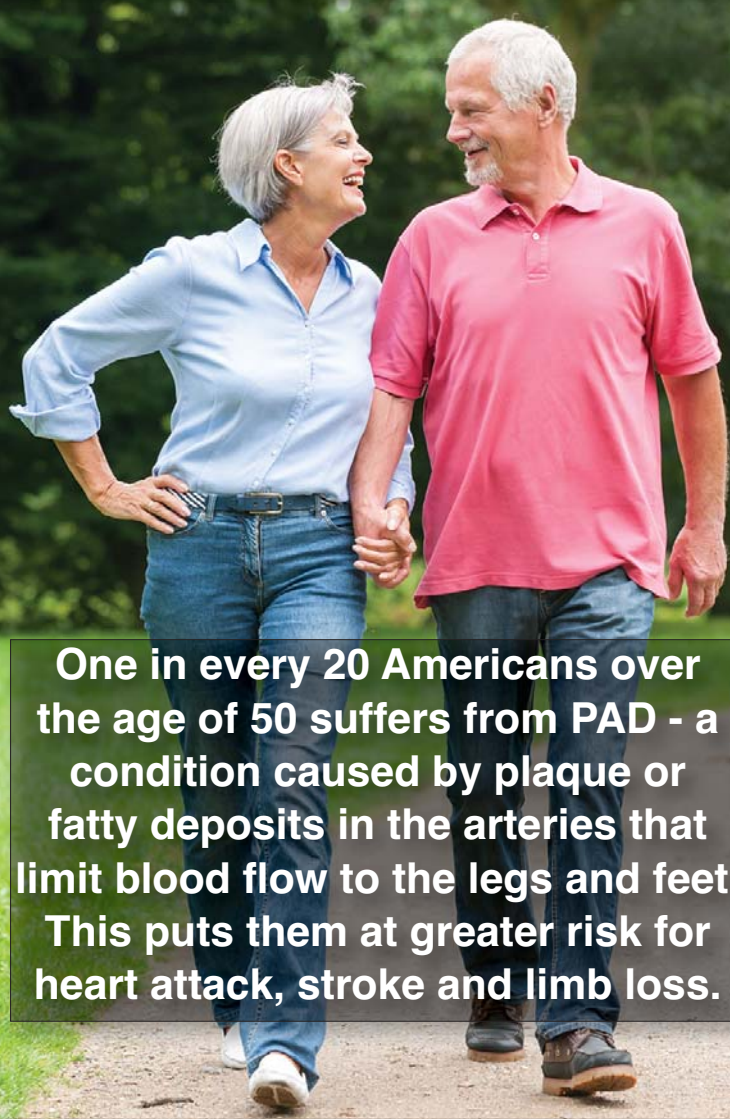
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ASOM Announces Traveling Korean War Memorial

The U.S. Army Airborne & Special Operations Museum (ASOM), with generous support from the Airborne & Special Operations Museum Foundation, will open the "Traveling Korean War Memorial" on the Museum's Parade Field from June 25-28, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The memorial consists of large statues representing a platoon of 19 service members: 14 Army, three Marine, one Navy and one Air Force. The troops wear ponchos covering their weapons and equipment. The ponchos seem to blow in the cold winds of Korea. The long grass on the ASOM Parade Field depicts what is meant to be a rice paddy. The Traveling Korean War Memorial will be open and free to the public 24 hours a day for the duration, and will be lit at night.



Built by Ben Burke and Larry Smith of Lancaster, Ohio, the "Traveling Korean War Memorial" is intended to help visitors remember those that served and died during the "The Forgotten War," according to Freedom's Never Free Traveling Memorials based in Lancaster, Ohio.

In conjunction with the "Traveling Korean War Memorial", the ASOM will host an Author Visit on June 26 with Melinda Pash, author of the book, "In the Shadow of the Greatest Generation: the Americans Who Fought the Korean War". This event is free to the public and will take place in the Yarborough Bank Theater of the Museum at 2:00 p.m.

The Korean War is sometimes called the "forgotten war." Nevertheless, it will never be forgotten by the tens of thousands of veterans who served during that conflict. Nor will it be forgotten by the U.S. Army Airborne and Special Operations Museum, as is evident in the Korean War section of the Museum's permanent exhibit gallery.

The "Airborne in Korea" exhibit recounts the exploits of the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team and the units two combat jumps during the war. The highlight of the exhibit is a life-size diorama depicting the desperate action on Hill 420 near Wontong-ni, South Korea that took place on May 31, 1951. It was on Hill 420, where Fayetteville, N.C. resident Corporal Rodolfo "Rudy" P. Hernandez of Company G, 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team earned his Medal of Honor. Before his death in December 2013, he entrusted the ASOM to tell his story and consult with the staff on the creation on the exhibit.

Also featured in the Korean War gallery is an exhibit on "Special Operations in Korea." This exhibit tells the story of the U.S. Army 8240th Unit, nicknamed the "White Tigers" who fought with North Korean partisans behind enemy lines and the U.S. Army Rangers, which also fought with distinction during the 36 months of war.

The US Army Airborne & Special Operations Museum is located at 100 Bragg Boulevard, Fayetteville, NC 28301. The telephone number is 910) 643-2778 and the website is: www.asomf.org.

ABOUT ASOM Hours: Tues-Sat:10am-4pm; Sun: 12-4pm; Mon: Closed

• We recommend allowing 2-3 hours to tour the museum grounds.

• Closed Mondays and most Federal Holidays.

• No reservation is needed. However, if your visit is with a large group or tour, please contact our contact our Visitor Services Coordinator here to plan your visit.

• N.C. Department of Health and Human Services recommends public facing businesses post signage reminding guests to social distance and wear a face covering if they are not fully vaccinated.

Admission is free while donations are graciously accepted. A General Admission ticket for the Motion Simulator is \$10. Tickets are available in the gift shop.

Groups are welcome at the U.S. Army Airborne & Special Operations Museum. Contact the Visitor Services Coordinator about scheduling your group's visit by filling out the information request form, calling 910-643-2775, or emailing milevents@asomf.org.

Buses are welcome to use the traffic circle to load and unload passengers at the front door. We ask that when empty, buses use the far rear of the parking lot to allow our other visitors easier access.

School Groups The museum does not have a required adult to student ratio. We do ask that the school provide adequate adult supervision for the group. While in the exhibit gallery it will work best if larger groups can be divided into smaller groups of around 20 people.

We encourage you to allow time for your class to visit the museum Gift Shop. There are many items available for under a five dollars. The gift shop is fairly small, so as a courtesy to the staff please help us by keeping smaller groups together for their gift shop visit and letting only one group in at a time.

• There is a strict no-food policy within the museum. With advance notice, trashcans can be provided in the Reflection Garden behind the museum to allow for group lunches outside in the garden area.

Handicap Access The Airborne & Special Operations Museum is one of the most advanced Army museums and prides itself on attention to detail, evident in the accessibility of the museum to all visitors. Handicap parking is available near the entrance, and all exhibits and the grounds are designed for everyone to enjoy. Gently sloping walkways surround the building, and a wide sweeping path winds its way through the main exhibit area. The museum has three wheelchairs available for those who require them.

Parking There is plenty of parking available in front of the museum, and we have the ability to accommodate RVs and Buses. Large vehicle parking is available along Hillsborough Street and in the parking lot adjacent to the North Carolina State Veterans Park.

Gift Shop The Airborne & Special Operations Museum Gift Shop features a variety of items relevant to airborne and special operations, including books, coins, toys, clothing, and much more. The entire inventory may be found online: shop.asomf.org.

The Gift Shop accepts all major credit cards and does not offer discounts. However, members of our Friends Program receive a percentage off their total purchase. Consider becoming a Friend today!

Your cooperation please The Airborne & Special Operations Museum has on display hundreds of rare and significant artifacts. Preserving these artifacts is a full time job, as time and environmental factors continue to slowly take their toll. It is for this reason, and to be courteous to other visitors, that no food, beverages or smoking is allowed inside the building. Unfortunately, many of the artifacts aren't able to handle the demands of bright lights, and we ask that no flash photography be taken in the galleries. Professional photographers may inquire if they wish to take limited photographs.

Donation Information The Airborne & Special Operations Museum Foundation is a 501(c)3 and all gifts are tax-deductible according to the extent of the law. Our tax identification number is 56-1785731.

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