



FY21 REPORT



Medal of Honor posthumously awarded to Richard Kraus (Minneapolis) for his actions on 5 October 1944 and donated, by his family, to the museum on 20 March 2021.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2021

While working within state mandated Covid-19 restrictions, the Museum creatively engaged veterans, their families and the general public throughout FY21.

MINNESOTA MOVIE PREMIERE OF THE OUTPOST (7/16/20)

As kickoff to the Museum's Post-9/11 Project, the Heights Theater in Minneapolis served as the venue for this sold-out, private screening and included in-person remarks from Andrew Bundermann (Grand Rapids) who was depicted in this film based on a book by Jake Taper.



NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR DAY (3/25/21)

National Medal of Honor Day is celebrated every year on March 25 to honor all medal recipients. Since 1861, the Medal of Honor has been the country's highest military decoration. The medal has been awarded to 3,507 recipients who have distinguished themselves through acts of valor. Out of all the recipients, 72 Minnesotans have received this award.

On March 20, 2021 and March 25, 2021, the Minnesota Military & Veterans Museum accepted Medals of Honor from the families of Minnesota recipients. Dale Eugene Wayrynen of McGregor, MN and Richard Edward Kraus of Minneapolis, Minn. were both awarded the Medal of Honor for their time in service. The medals are now on display at the museum and will have an increased prominence when a new, larger facility opens in the spring of 2024.



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MDVA'S POST-9/11 & GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM REMEMBRANCE TASK FORCE (10/20/20)



Daniel Ewer (Archivist) and Randal Dietrich (Director) were both selected to serve on a state task force chaired by Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs Commissioner Larry Herke. The task force strives to educate current and future generations of Minnesotans about the sacrifice and high cost of maintaining freedom. The purpose of this task force is to preserve, educate, recognize, remember, commemorate, and engage the public about Minnesota's history and sacrifices during 9/11 and the Global War on Terrorism.

OUTDOOR EVENTS AT OUR CAMP RIPLEY LOCATION RETURNED WITH THE POPULAR UP-CLOSE SERIES. IT IS A TERRIFIC HANDS-ON PROGRAM....

TANKS UP-CLOSE (7/25/20)

A family-friendly, veteran-led, outdoor discussion in and around our outdoor displays to learn about their importance and hear of first-hand heroics.



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THE MUSEUM OVERSAW TWO MAJOR INSTALLATIONS OUTSIDE THE WALLS OF CAMP RIPLEY....

INSTALLATION OF A GENERAL JOHN VESSEY DISPLAY CASE AT 34TH DIVISION HEADQUARTERS (11/9/20)

A permanent display, curated by Doug Thompson and with input from the Vessey family, was installed and dedicated in this new Arden Hills facility named in honor of General Vessey.



INSTALLATION OF THE MAKING OF MODERN AMERICA AT THE GREAT RIVERS ART GALLERY (5/5/21 – 6/26/21)

The Museum installed WWI-related paintings and artifacts for an extended public viewing at 122 First Street in Little Falls, Minnesota.



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THE MUSEUM HOSTED A SERIES OF IN-PERSON VIETNAM WAR ROUNDTABLE PROGRAMS AT CONCORDIA (ST PAUL). THESE PROGRAMS MOVED ONLINE IN FY21 AND ENABLED A STATEWIDE AUDIENCE TO PARTICIPATE.

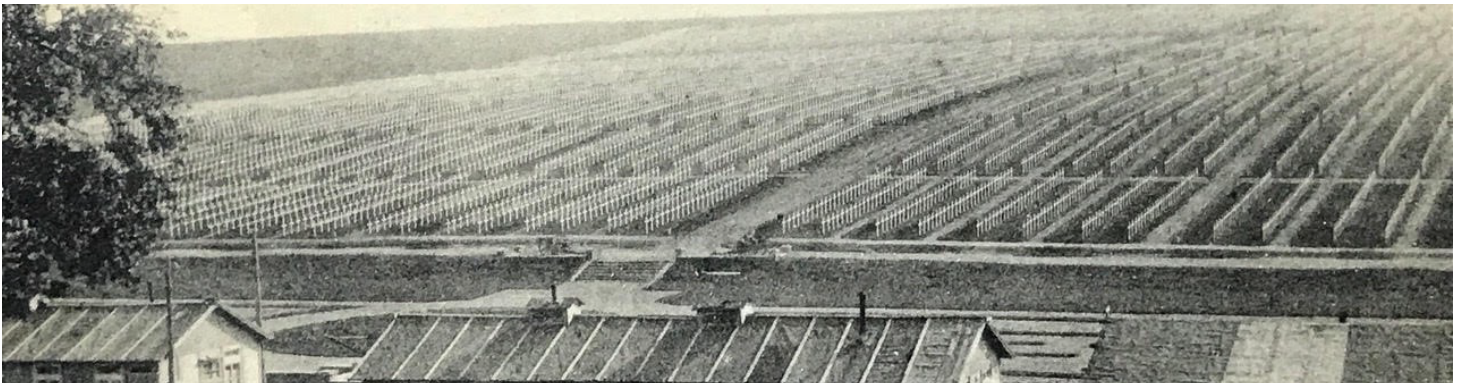
WWI ROUNDTABLES

1918 BY CURT BROWN (11/11/20)

In 1918, Minnesota and its residents were confronted with a series of devastating events that put communities to the test, forcing them to persevere through untold hardship. First, as the nation immersed itself in the global conflict later known as World War I, some 118,000 Minnesotans served in the war effort, both at home and "over there"-and citizens on the home front were subjected to loyalty tests and new depths of government surveillance. While more than 1,400 Minnesotans were killed on the battlefields, an additional 2,300 soldiers were struck down by another destructive force working its way the ranks and around the world.

OUR HEROES' RESTING PLACE BY SUSI ADLER (12/9/20)

Although casualties were expected, 116,708 soldiers dead created a daunting logistical dilemma for the American Expeditionary Force. Susi Adler described the burial logistics and considerations while highlighting Minnesotans who died in service. Whether buried abroad, repatriated to the United States, or commemorated on the Tablets of the Missing, guarding our heroes' resting place shall be our prideful care.



TREATY OF VERSAILLES BY DR MICHAEL NEIBERG (1/13/21)

Michael Neiberg is author of more than a dozen books and serves as Chair of War Studies in the Department of National Security and Strategy at the United States Army War College. He shared his perspectives on the Treaty of Versailles and, to a lesser extent, his recent international work as part of the WWI Centennial Commission.

ROUGH WATERS: HENRY FORD & WWI BY HAL FRIEDMAN (3/10/21)

Henry Ford and the Ford Motor Company's dubious attempt to build Eagle anti-submarine warfare boats for the United States Navy during World War One. Hal M. Friedman, Chair and Professor of Modern History at Henry Ford College, explored how Ford and Company were accustomed to quick, mass-produced items (like the Model T) but ill prepared to build the more craft-oriented Eagle boat.

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POST-9/11 ROUNDTABLES

DEFINING THE PROJECT BY LARRY HERKE & ROGER REINERT (1/27/21)

Deployment stories were shared as well as a commitment to remember the 9/11 attacks and gather stories of veterans from the resulting wars. January Presenters were Larry Herke, MDVA Commissioner and Roger Reinert, 9/11 & Global War on Terrorism Remembrance Task Force Member.

DEFINING THE CONFLICT BY MIREILLE REBEIZ, DR. MICHAEL NEIBERG AND DR. JAMES BRECKENRIDGE (2/22/21)

The roots of America's longest wars in Iraq and Afghanistan trace back to the 1917 shattering of the Ottoman Empire. In the aftermath of WWI, the French and British carved out new colonies called Mandates. This new system produced ethnic and political tensions that, further fueled by a global demand for oil, foreshadowed more recent hostilities including the 1979 Iran Hostage Crisis, 1983 Beirut barracks bombing and the 1991 Gulf War. On February 22nd the Post-9/11 Roundtable explored the long legacy of the Great War with perspectives shared by three distinguished presenters: Dr. Mireille Rebeiz of Dickinson College and Dr. Michael Neiberg and Dr. James Breckenridge of the United States Army War College.

THE IRAN HOSTAGE CRISIS: THE ROOTS OF 9/11 BY BRUCE LAINGEN (3/22/21)

9/11 was the most calamitous event in a conflict that is still being waged with extremist actors in the Middle East and elsewhere. But America's continuing modern war on terror really began on November 4, 1979, when Iranian militants took over the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and held 52 American hostages for 444 days. The senior diplomat during the siege was the late Minnesota native and WWII Navy Veteran Ambassador L. Bruce Laingen. He later wrote "Yellow Ribbon: The Secret Journal of Bruce Laingen," a compendium of his correspondence during his time in captivity. Our guest was the son of Ambassador Laingen, Chip Laingen, a retired Navy commander and currently the Executive Director of Defense Alliance, based in the Twin Cities. He reflected on the Iran Hostage Crisis, his Father's legacy, and his own service during 21 years in the Navy as an aviator.

THE FATEFUL MORNING OF 9/11 (4/12/21)

Minnesotans found themselves on the frontline the morning of Tuesday, September 11, 2001; in the planes, Pentagon and Towers that fateful morning and their stories are as vivid now as they were 20 years ago. Scott Wallace (WTC survivor) and Mariah Jacobsen (Daughter of Tom Burnett) shared their stories.

THE AFTERMATH OF 9/11 (4/26/21)

A shocked nation rallied after the terrorist attacks and Minnesotans got underway with the hard work ahead from helping to identify victims at the Pentagon and advising the U.S. 9/11 Commission to being part of U.S. Special Forces actions in the weeks that followed. Dr. Andrew Baker and General Joseph Votel shared their stories.

UNFORGIVING AFGHANISTAN (5/24/21)

More than 5 years after the overthrow of the Taliban government, areas of Afghanistan were as dangerous, even deadly, as ever. Jill Stephenson (Gold Star Mom) shared the story, and enduring legacy, of her son Benjamin Kopp. First Lieutenant Andrew Bundermann was in command of Combat Outpost Keating.

INVESTIGATING 9/11 (6/24/21)

Michael Hurley is a U of M graduate and former CIA case officer which included an 18-month assignment to Afghanistan immediately after 9/11. His service to the nation continued as Senior Counsel and Team Leader on the U.S. 9/11 Commission and co-author of its best-selling final report.

PLANNING CONTINUES FOR A NEW 40,000 SQUARE FOOT FACILITY ON 32-ACRES JUST OUTSIDE THE WALLS OF CAMP RIPLEY TO OPEN IN 2024....



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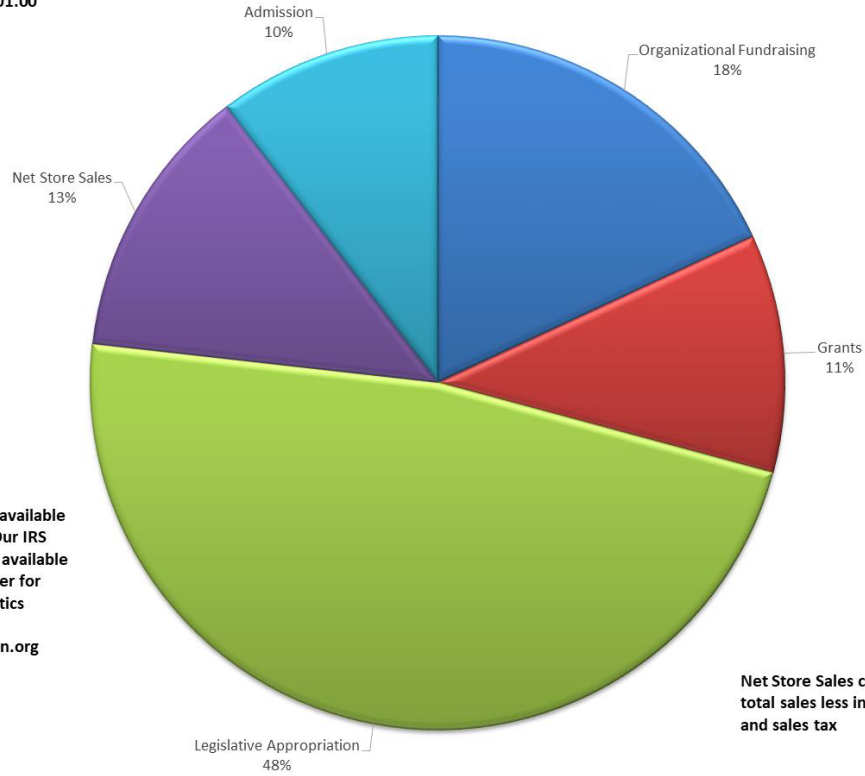
The museum is operated by the Military Historical Society of Minnesota (MHSM), a non-profit 501(c)3 educational organization chartered to preserve and interpret Minnesota's military history.

The museum is certified by the U.S. Army Center of Military History and the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, although its mission encompasses all branches of military service.



INCOME

Total Income FY 2020-2021: \$153,501.00

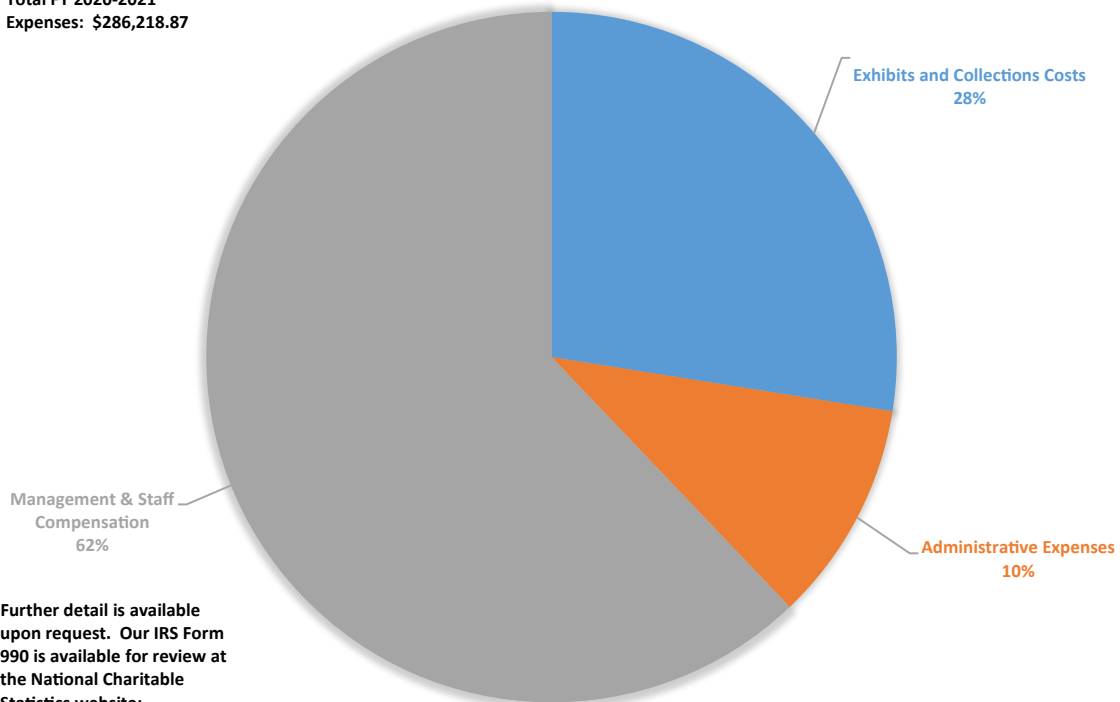


Further detail is available upon request. Our IRS Form 990 is also available at National Center for Charitable Statistics website: <http://nccs.urban.org>

Net Store Sales consists of total sales less inventory cost and sales tax

EXPENSES

Total FY 2020-2021 Expenses: \$286,218.87



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