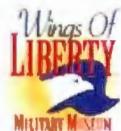


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THE LEGACY



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- New Patriots Program initiative.
- Foundation presents award to local company for their support.

The 101st Airborne Division "Air Assault" Truly an "ARMY OF ONE"

They come from different backgrounds, they have different types of training, and they were brought together to accomplish one mission.

The 101st Airborne Division "Air Assault" headed the military's recent sealift operation; shrink-wrapping and loading helicopters and various other ground vehicles on ships bound for the Persian Gulf.

The operation took place in Jacksonville, Florida where soldiers from the 8th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 2 Battalion, 17th Air Cavalry, and 3rd BDE "Rakkasans" worked together to ensure the mission was accomplished. The soldiers worked 12 hour rotating shifts. During their rotation soldiers from 8/101 Aviation and 2/17 Cavalry would begin their time consuming task of removing rotor blades and shrink-wrapping Apaches, UH-60 Black Hawks, CH-47 Chinooks, and OH-58 Kiowa Warriors. The process is described as placing a large plastic bag over an aircraft and then using a heat gun to melt the plastic so it will conform to it, creating a tight fitting skin. This protects the aircraft from corrosion during its journey.



While the aircraft were being wrapped on one side of the port, on the other side soldiers from the 3rd BDE "Rakkasans" assisted off-loading rail cars that had been arriving from Fort Campbell every four to six hours for about nine days.

Once the helicopters were wrapped and the off-loading complete everything was lifted

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Soldiers from 8/101 AVN removing blades from aircraft.

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into the cargo hold of the ships. The ships can carry up to 250,000 square foot of cargo. About 30 soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division will travel with each pair of cargo ships to escort the equipment to theater.

This is the first time the 101st has deployed as a Division since the 1991 Persian Gulf War. The process of moving war material by ship has greatly improved since that time. More than 60 ships have been called to



Removing Blades from an OH-60.

service in support of the Army sea-lift operations worldwide.

I had the privilege of spending a couple of days with the soldiers. They were very motivated and



eager to start heading out. The teamwork was remarkable, considering over half the soldiers had never been involved in this type of operation, and for many this will be



Teamwork at its best.

their first deployment. I was impressed with the courage on their faces and pride in their hearts for our country.

These soldiers and the ones that have gone before them are the reason the foundation is building the new Wings of Liberty Military Museum and Historical Complex. The museum will preserve the history and legacy of all soldiers past, present, and future that have been part of Fort Campbell.



MG Petraeus and BG Sinclair visit the soldiers.

Clarksville Business joins the FCHF Life Member list.

In January we added American Car Wash to our list of Silver Lifetime Members. The 24-hour no touch car wash has been a hot spot for soldiers and family members. Part owner, Shannon Keen, was very happy to support this project, the soldiers, and Fort Campbell.

The presentation took place on Friday, March 7th in front of their Fort Campbell Boulevard location. American Car Wash has 2 other locations one on Wilma Rudolph Boulevard and one on Madison Street

The support we have received from the local

communities has been phenomenal and continues to grow every month. If you know of a company that is interested in becoming a Life Member of the foundation please contact us at ([REDACTED]) or

through our web site www.fortcampbell.com.

America's Showcase of Patriotism...

At the Fort Campbell Historical Foundation a quiet but concerted effort is taking place to create, for all Americans, a destination where everyone, young and old, can come to replenish the wellsprings of patriotism that have kept this nation as a bulwark of life and liberty for all.

On D-Day the 101st Airborne Division dropped from the skies to fight on through France, Holland, Belgium, and Germany to V-E Day. This "Band of Brothers" and others from the Division and Fort Campbell, who have followed, have fought to protect our freedom from the islands of the Pacific to Korea, Vietnam, Panama, Iraq, Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia, Kosovo, and Afghanistan. Since 1942, these soldiers, sailors, marines, and airmen have through their courage and sacrifice, secured the liberty we all enjoy every day as Americans.

As a tribute to the millions of service men and women who have served at Fort Campbell, and as a showcase of patriotism for all

Americans, The WINGS OF LIBERTY MILITARY MUSEUM is being created at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. The Museum will HONOR the accomplishments of patriots, EDUCATE young and old by providing a unique learning experience, and INSPIRE future generations to continue our country's patriotic legacy.

The Wings of Liberty Military Museum will be a world-class facility encompassing the history of land and air warfare from World War II to the present. This dynamic facility will house interactive learning and entertainment experiences for children and adults, military and civilian. Much in the tradition of the Williamsburg experience in which millions of Americans have participated, the Wings of Liberty experience will be a patriotic moment in the life of every visitor.

An 80,000 sq. ft. facility with a 200 seat I-MAX style theater, the Museum will be state of the art in design. With easy public access at the Tennessee and Kentucky

borders, it is estimated that there will be 400,000 visitors the first year.

A \$25 million campaign is being conducted to financially support the building of this Museum complex. The site, its preparation, and the operational support for the Museum are being provided by the Army. A new entrance and access road have been budgeted and are being provided by the Tennessee Department of Transportation.

America's Showcase of Patriotism is an opportunity for all Americans to make a positive statement about their individual commitment to keeping America free. It is hoped you will become one of the Americans who will commit significant personal, foundation or corporate resources to keeping this flame of patriotism burning brightly. Fort Campbell and the Wings of Liberty Military Museum are truly America's Patriotic Destination.

2nd Infantry Division Print by Kevin Webster

Kevin Webster has completed a print for the 2nd Infantry Division. This print is formatted similar to the 101st "Rendezvous with Destiny" print and the art work is spectacular.

The print is not released as of yet however, the artist edition are already sold out. The regular edition will sell for \$75.00 and we look for them to be released in the next couple of months.



THE PATRIOTS PROGRAM

How can you help America's Showcase of Patriotism become a reality? By becoming a Twenty-First Century PATRIOT. Like the patriots of the eighteenth century, you can take up arms for freedom again but this time with your generous gift.

Becoming a Twenty-First Century PATRIOT is easy. Taking as many as five years to pay off your pledge, you can become a PATRIOT with a contribution to the Wings of Liberty Campaign of \$10,000 to \$100,000.

Each of the 201 PATRIOTS will be given a memorial seat in the I-Max Style theater in the museum according to the level of his/her financial commitment:

	<u>No. of seats</u>	<u>Gift</u>
"Patriot"	101	\$10,000
"Ambassador Patriot"	50	\$25,000
"Eagle Patriot"	25	\$50,000
"Legacy Patriot"	15	\$75,000
"Honored Patriot"	10	\$100,000

