



# Montana Military Museum

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### ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND LOOKING FORWARD AT THE MONTANA MILITARY MUSEUM

by Jim Duffy, President  
Fort Harrison Museum Foundation

The Montana Military Museum continues to take on a new look, thanks to the dedicated volunteers who share their talents at the monthly meetings and the many days the Museum is open to the public.

Since our initial Museum Collections Facility/ Exhibit area opened July 14, 1997, the Montana Military Museum has progressed far beyond what many thought the hard working volunteers could accomplish. We have built a campus of four buildings, T-15, the NG Ordnance Shop, T-16 (1997), the Regimental Quartermaster Warehouse (2001), the Montana Military Museum Visitors/Office Center building in the Headquarters Detachment/Womens' Quarters (2002) and most recently our current Museum Expansion area (2010). We are working on T-19 (the Regimental Medical Facility) as a additional conservation area/Museum Library and Archives to be open in the future. Also the concept is being discussed about designing a new collections facility on the Museum campus as well as covered exhibit areas for our outdoor exhibits and historic Military Vehicle Park.

The Museum currently tells the Montana Military Museum Story from the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery up to the Korean War. Now we need to tell the rest of the story and to tell the story we need donations of

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artifacts from the Korean War up to and through the current Global War on Terrorism. We are also looking for volunteers who served during this period to help us with these collections and their significance to the Montana Military history.

The Montana Military Collections team is doing an outstanding task of collecting and cataloging items for display, however most artifacts relate to WWII or older. A very sad note was the loss of SGM (Ret) William E. "Pappy" Morrow who had headed collections from 1997-2011. Thanks to SFC (Ret.) Leroy Henderson. Through his carpentry skills we now have a new storage facility in operation. Doretta Hofland, Mike May, Dave Cole and Jeff Kindrick are carrying on the monumental task of properly collecting and recording Montana military artifacts in order to tell the rest of the story.

The Board of Directors has hired Mr. Geoff Wyatt, an Montana Exhibit/Graphic Designer to prepare exhibits and Mr. Tom Harpole historical writer, who has written articles for the Smithsonian Magazine and other national publications, to write the Montana Military story for each new exhibit.

The Museum Wine Fair Committee held another successful wine fair at the Shrine Temple in Helena on May 13, 2011 and on June 23, 2011, a check for \$10,000.00 was presented to the Museum Treasurer. The Wine Fair Committee after fourteen years of hosting a gala event for the Helena community has given the Museum a total of \$102,500.00. This year we are celebrating the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Montana Military Museum Wine Fair on May 11, 2012. Hope to see you there.

If you have a desire to help the museum tell the rest of the story but do not have the time to become a volunteer, we have a buy a brick program that is designed to help finance new exhibits. For \$250 you can purchase an engraved brick which will be permanently displayed in front of the Museum to current and future generations.

The Museum is open every Thursday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, all are welcome so come and enjoy a very professional Military Museum.

## 2010-2011 FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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**Plus (124) Individuals.**

### MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

by Pam jackson

Now that our gift shop has been open for a while, we are getting comfortably settled in. So comfortable, in fact, that we have decided to add some wonderful new items. We are certain you will want to come in to check them out.

New items include Montana Military Museum grey polo shirts, with our emblem on it, as well as new caps. The new caps are in a wonderful shade of dark blue, which resemble the color of a Montana sky when you look straight up at dusk.

We also have some new posters of drawings of the First Special Service Force which are all signed by the artist, Robert Bailey. There are three different posters of the Devil's Brigade called "Devil's Duo," "Ready for Action" and "Street Shot."

A fabulous new poster that is also in is of the Fort Harrison Panoramic Mural by Irvin "Shorty" Shope. The Mural, which is located in the National Guard Service Club, was originally painted in 1943. It is exceptional in that it includes Service Women, a rarity in the military artwork of the time. These posters are suitable for framing and would make a wonderful addition to anyone's collection, and would also make for a thoughtful gift. They go for \$25 with \$5 going to the Mural Restoration fund!



# *Montana Military Museum Memorials*

*Museum memorials established on behalf of the following named personnel as of February 2012.*

Stephen E. Ambrose	Douglas Peterson Sr.	Douglas Peterson Sr.	Eileen Hudson	BG Bill Yaeger
James E. Barker	Cleve Schoel	Phillip Stull	Bergrum	Stan MunsonMerle
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John Edwin Barrows	Joe E. Upshaw	Walter Elliott	Pete Mohan	Ed Dunn
Joyce Cochran	Steffi Waling	E.R. "Tuffy" Shamley	Don Sperry	Larry Lanton
Mary Ellen Coty	Judge Hiram Ward	Jerry O'Bryan	Blake Knox	Jack Ricker
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Judy Davis	Grace Dodds Wahl	Edna Nelson	Fred Sargeson	Lloyd Halmrast
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BG Emil Eschenburg	Howard McKinney	John Stuart	Robert A. Nice	Bill Armogost
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Bert Gluekert	William Liston	Ben Miller	Ken Faire	Wendle Runkel
Dorris Goodwin	William Casto	Art M. McLaren	Mary Ann Liston	Minnie Mae Michalson
Richard Gross	Elenor Thode	Lavonne Gilbertson	Darlene Raundel	Alvina Welliver
Joanne Gross	Gary Leppink	Robert G. McLaren	John Delano	Mike Cloud
John Hamilton	Bob Liston	Marcie Mosley	Clinton Rogers	Kenny Cloud
Robert Heppner	Carl Clinton	Roy McLaren	Dean O'Leary	Roger Larson
Henry J. Johnson	Charles A. Nichols	Byron Williams	Joseph Upshaw	William "Ed" Morrow
Lori Kuntz	Joe Jeli	James P. Damutzer	Dorothy Glass	Vince Holmquist
Ed King	Robert Southerd	Robert 'Bob' Berkland	Add Settle	John Balkema
Charles E. Lane	Joe Tillo	John Leppink	Robert Anderson	Shirly Knox
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William Neely	Robert T. Baker	Claude William Murray	Edward Holshue	James "Stoney" Wines
Joe Nemeth	Frank Weedman	Jack Lamoyeux	Jack Fakler	Dorrie Hagan
Donald Stinger	Ed Gemberling	Larry Lytle	Claud J. McCarty	
Stan Oelkers	Earl Rorhdanz	Gil Warren	Robert H. Anderson	

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A favorite section of our gift shop is the book collection. From The Great Sioux War 1876-77, to books about the 1st Special Service Forces, the 163rd and our more recent encounters in Iraq – Down Range, to Iraq and Back, we've got it. We also have books on Lewis and Clark as well as other books of historical nature. No fiction here, folks.

In the book section, you will find of special interest, Splendid Service the Montana National Guard, 1867 - 2006 edited by Orlan J. Svingen. This fascinating book chronicles the history of the Montana National



Guard from its beginning in 1867 through Desert Storm and more. It fearlessly includes failures and heartbreaks, as well as important achievements through accounts of military life with historic photos giving the reader a solid sense of time and place. The solid and extensive research that went into this opus makes this a book worthy of a place in your library.

As Dave Armstrong's book, Camp Rimini and Beyond: WWII Memoirs has proved to be so very popular, we have had to do a 3rd reprint of 100 books. If you do not yet have your copy, please come in and buy one. They are signed by Dave and contain information you didn't even know you wanted until you read it.

We look forward to seeing you when you come in!

## GRAND LODGE ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF MONTANA MONTANA ARMY LODGE NO. 1, U. D.

*The following is a report made by Major Foot Master of the above Lodge to the Grand Lodge Aug. 21, 1919.*

WORK OF MONTANA ARMY LODGE WHILE IN FRANCE Montana Army Lodge was instituted at Helena, Montana, September 8, 1917, with a charter membership of twenty-three Master Masons, all at that time members of the Second Montana Infantry later known as the 163rd United States Infantry.

The first meeting was held in Stateroom 325, of the USS Leviathan, formerly the Hamgurt-American liner "Vaterland," then and now the largest ship afloat. This meeting was held on the evening of December 21, 1917, the ship being at the time just off the south coast of Iceland. The Lodge held, all together, eighteen meetings. The last being held at St. Aignan, France, January 18, 1919.

The nineteenth meeting was a special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Montana held at St. Aignan on March 29, 1919, under Proxy from Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother E. M. Hutchinson for the purpose of installing Right Worshipful R. E. Hathaway as Senior Grand Warden.

The following is the record of the work of the Lodge during its period of activity from December 21, 1917 to January 18, 1919:

Elected to receive the degrees of Masonry:

Orville L. Anderson, Kalispell, MT  
Alexander G. Swaney, Kalispell, MT  
Leigh E. Sloan, Kalispell, MT  
Oliver S. Perry, Kalispell, MT  
Frederick A. Draper, Billings, MT  
Wayne Campbell, Billings, MT  
Chauncey R. Fowler, Miles City, MT  
Henry N. Jeter, Miles City, MT  
Louis N. Fournier, Belton, MT  
Orsino F. Newkirk, Helena, MT  
William T. Masten, Anaconda, MT  
Albert Jorgenson, Shelby, MT

Of this number, Orville L. Anderson was killed in action before being initiated. Chauncey R. Fowler was elected at the last meeting of the Lodge, but was not initiated; Louis N. Fournier and Albert Jorgenson were initiated but owing to being transferred to another Division were not passed. All the others were initiated, passed and raised in Due Form.

The following degrees were conferred by courtesy upon proper authority from this Grand Lodge:

S. Clarke Kennett, M.M. Degree for Helena No. 3, Helena, MT.  
William V. Fivans, E.A., F.C. and M.M. Degrees for Livingston No. 32, Livingston, MT.  
Leonard S. Beard, E.A. Degree for Starr King No. 344, San Francisco, CA.  
Walter W. McDonald, E.A. and F.C. Degrees for Bozeman No. 18 Bozeman, MT.  
D. S. Lewis, E.A. and F.C. Degrees for Three Forks No. 73, Three Forks, MT.  
Stanley Arkwright, E.A., F.C. and M.M. Degrees for Yellowstone No. 26, Miles City, MT.

The Lodge received requests and authority to confer one hundred and three courtesy degrees, but was unable to comply with more than those above listed.

The meeting places of the Lodge were various. Several meetings were held in a school building in St. Aignan, France, until the trustees of the school entered an objection to the use of the building by Free Masons. Thereafter meetings were held in a building rented by the United States Army for an Officers' Mess. While the Lodge was meeting at Montrichard, France, three different places were utilized, viz: A cave, a mushroom canning factory and a warehouse. At Bouree, France, two meetings were held in a chateau owned by an American named, Wells, who very kindly gave the Lodge the use of a large room.

Of the unfinished work of the Lodge arrangements have already been made to have the degrees upon Candidate Chauncey R. Fowler conferred by Yellowstone Lodge No. 26. Sea and Field Lodge No. 2, of the jurisdiction of New York conferred the F.C. and M.M. degrees upon Brother Albert Joigenson, at Paris, France.

I request that demits be granted to all Brothers of this Lodge, upon request, that they may affiliate with the regular Lodge at their home cities.

The Lodge has accumulated some money, and at the last regular meeting thereof, the Worshipful Master and Treasurer were directed to pay all funds remaining in the treasury to the Trustees of the Masonic Home of Montana. As there is some question as to the legality of the procedure, I have made the check payable to the Grand Secretary to be disposed of by him in accordance with the wishes of the members of Montana Army Lodge No. 1, if it be determined that such disposition of the money is legal and in compliance with the regulations of the Grand Lodge. The sum is Two Hundred Thirteen Dollars and eighty-five cents.

In conclusion, I want to say that we Masons of Montana "in our Country's Service" enjoyed the work of

our Army Lodge and I feel that it has justified the granting of the Dispensation. The Masons we made were all good material and I am certain will be a Credit to the Craft.

While we frequently met and labored under great difficulty, we always parted with a feeling that it was all worth while, and in the Lodge room, the only place where officers and enlisted men could meet on the level, where no military rank prevailed, we were Brothers together and the ties that bound and united us before, had for us a newer, a greater and a more solemn meaning. And now, as the Master of Montana Lodge No. 1, I return to you the gavel placed in my hand by Most Worshipful Grand Master Jones on September 8, 1917, and trust that you will find my work to be good and true.

The first list of members of this Lodge is in the 1918 proceedings and are as follows:

#### OFFICERS

L. A. Foot, W.M.  
\_\_\_\_\_ S;D.  
Jesse B. Roote, S.W.  
D. E. Hcrwley, J.D  
W. O. Whipps, J.W.  
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Joseph P. Sternhagen, Treas.  
W. E. Wilson, J.S.  
W. E. Olsen, Sec.  
Joseph Writenour, Tyler

O. F. Newkirk  
Leigh Sloane  
Harry E. Jetter  
FELLOW CRAFTS  
Fred A. Draper  
D. S. Lewis  
Walter P. McDonald  
Wayne A. Campbell  
Stanley Arkwright

Charles E. Hulce  
Wayne A. Campbell  
Frederick A. Draper  
Orsino F. Newkirk  
Henry N. Jeter  
Alexis E. Johnson  
Henry N. Johnson  
Albert Jorgenson  
Henry H. Kaufman  
William T. Masten

#### MEMBERS

George Austin  
Floyd Benbrook  
Harry C. Cameron  
S. B. Drum  
Guy Downen  
L. A. Foot  
Thomas Hamline, Jr.  
Charles E. Hulce  
Louis N. Fournier  
Harry E. Jetter  
Stanley Arkwright  
Wayne A. Campbell  
D. E. Hawley  
H. N. Johnson  
Alexis E. Johnson  
Harry H. Kaufman  
Frank J. Mullis  
W. E. Olsen  
R. B. Osborne  
William Pippy  
Jesse B. Roote  
Roy G. Schillerstrom  
Joseph P. Sternhagen  
Charles L. Scott  
W. O. Whipps  
Joseph W. Writenour  
Walter E. Wilson  
George A. Wright

#### RAISED

S. Clark Kennett, for Helena  
Lodge No. 3, MT  
William V. Evans, for Livingston  
Lodge No. 32, MT

Ten meetings held on French soil;  
one on transport going overseas.  
The second and last list is in the 1919  
proceedings and is as follows:

#### OFFICERS

Major L. A. Foot, W.M.  
Lt. Col. Jesse B. Roote, S.W.  
  
Major W. O. Whipps, J.W.  
Capt. Jos. P. Sternhagen, Treas.  
Major W. E. Olsen, Sec.  
Corp. George A. Wright, S.D.  
Sgt. D. E. Hawley, J.D.  
Lt. A. E. Johnson, S.S.  
Sgt. W. E. Wilson, J.S.  
Lt. Jos. W. Writenour, Tyler  
Lt. H. N. Johnson, Marshal  
Chaplain Wm. Pippy, Chap.

Frank J. Mullis  
Orsino F. Newkirk  
Willard E. Olsen  
Russell B. Osborne  
Oliver S. Perry  
William Pippy  
Jesse B. Roote  
Roy G. Schillerstrom  
Charles L. Scott  
Leigh E. Sloan  
Thomas C. Spaulding  
Jos. P. Sternhagen  
Alexander G. Swaney  
William O. Whipps  
Jos. W. Writenour  
Walter E. Wilson  
George A. Wright

ENTERED APPRENTICE  
Louis N. Founier

ADMITTED  
Thomas O. Spaulding

RAISED  
Wayne A. Campbell  
Oliver S. Perry  
William T. Masten  
Leigh E, Sloan  
Alexander G. Swaney  
Fredrick A. Draper  
Henry N. Jeter  
Orsino F. Newkirk  
Albert Jorgenson

#### ENTERED APPRENTICES

William T. Masten  
Oliver S. Perry  
Louis N. Fournier

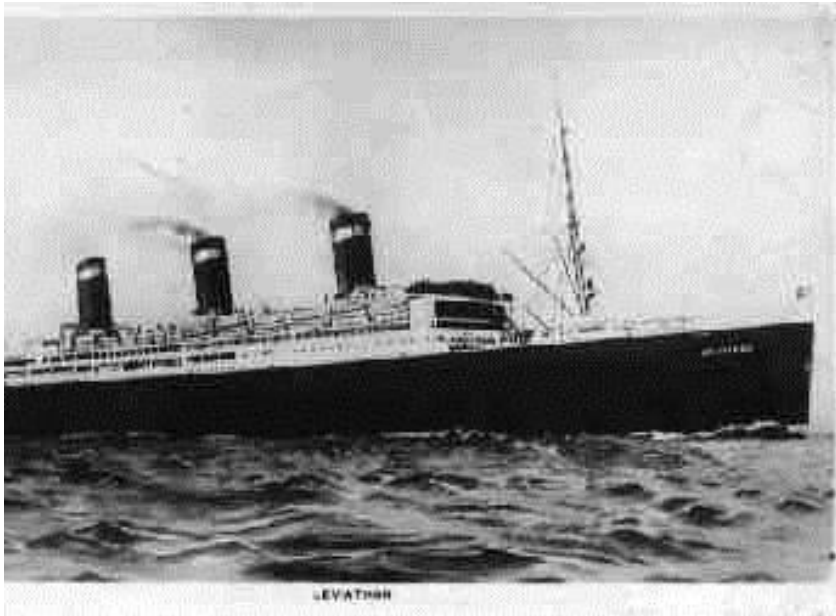
#### MEMBERS

George R. Austin  
Floyd Benbrooks  
Harry W. Cameron  
Wayne A. Campbell  
Guy Downen  
Frederick A. Draper  
S. B. Drum  
Leroy A. Foot  
Thomas Hamline, Jr.  
D. E. Hawley

Members  
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# S. S. LEVIATHAN

Postcard from the Martin Cox Collection



LEVATHAN

Built Blohm & Voss Hamburg, 1913 as VATERLAND  
 54,282 GRT  
 948 x 100 feet  
 Quadruple screw, 24 knots, turbines  
 752 first class, 535 second class, 850 third class  
 1,772 passengers and 1,243 crew  
 Launched April 3, 1913

When she was completed in April 1914, she was the largest ship in the world. Maiden voyage, May 14, 1914, Cuxhaven to New York. In August, she

interned at New York. On April 4, 1917, seized by US after crew had inflicted considerable damage to boilers and engines. She was repaired and transferred for Navy Transport service. September 6, 1917, renamed LEVIATHAN. Laid up in New York and handed over to US Shipping Board September 1919.

In February 1922, she sailed to Newport News for reconstruction as a passenger liner and remeasured at 59,956 GRT, and at trails she made over 27 knots. The new passenger arrangement was 970 first class, 542 second, 944 third and 935 fourth. This was later changed to 940 first, 666 tourist and 1,402 third. Handed over to United States Lines she sailed on her first voyage New York to Southampton, on July 4th, 1923. She became flagship for United States Lines, and continued in transatlantic service.

In 1931, to save on harbor dues paid on vessel size, she was remeasured again and her GRT reduced to 48,932. Laid up in 1932 but put back in service for four more voyages to Southampton but with heavy financial losses she was again laid up at New York.

In December 1937, she was sold for demolition and sailed for Rosyth on January 26, 1938 arriving February 14<sup>th</sup>.



## BUY A BRICK!

MMM established this program to assist in the development and installation of our new exhibits. The cost \$250 per brick and the personalized brick will be installed on the Flag Plaza in front of the Museum.

For more information call (406) 324-3550/51 and leave a message or e-mail [myfun51@msn.com](mailto:myfun51@msn.com).

# **MONTANA MILITARY MUSEUM MOVING FORWARD: WINE FAIR 2012 FIFTEEN YEARS OF DEDICATION TO MONTANA'S MILITARY HISTORY**

*By Major Lori Hampa-Chamberlin, Community  
Relation Officer, Montana Joint Force Hqs &  
Col Ray Read, Museum Director*

The Montana Military Museum is in its 28<sup>th</sup> year of service to Montana and on track to complete the Montana Military Museum Expansion effort started on 2007. With the completion of the Museum expansion building, the Museum's infrastructure is in place. The follow-on fund raising campaign has been launched to raise funds to develop and build the actual exhibits.

Montana Military Museum 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Fair celebrated in May 2011 was a great help in this effort. The Wine Fair Committee presented a check for \$12,000, bringing the total to over \$102,500 donated to the Museum since the start of the Wine Fair. The Wine Fair is a major element in the Fort William Henry Harrison Museum Foundation's fund raising efforts. With this wonderful donation, available funds were at a point that allowed the Foundation Officers and Board of Directors the capability to contract with a noted local exhibits designer to create a comprehensive plan for the Museum area encompassing Montana's Military heritage, 1945, to the present.

Geoff Wyatt is a talented exhibits designer with museum construction credits in the Helena area, Montana and the surrounding states. Geoff has worked on and off with the Montana Military Museum on current exhibits providing designs and installation. He recently presented the initial exhibit concept to the Foundation, and we project that this design, once approved, will be the basis for a contract for services, advertised and accepted through The Department of Military Affairs, with construction beginning this summer.

The Foundation also contracted with Mr. Tom Harpole, a technical historical writer, to develop the

story line. Harpole, who has written for institutions, such as the Smithsonian is from the Avon area. Since being hired, he has worked diligently, interviewing veterans from all epochs and branches of military service. He has a textual time line developed and will present his final script as a part of the exhibit design.

The main theme will be Montana's Military Heritage in Post-World War II, and will incorporate a time period starting with the end of World War II, starting with the reconstitution of Montana's Military, the Cause and effects of the Cold War, including our participation in the various conflicts such as the Korean War, the second Indochina War or Vietnam War, and through the prosecution of Desert Shield/ Desert Storm in the early 1990-91.

Final exhibit areas will encompass the Operations Other Than War such as Peacekeeping throughout the World, and the transformation of the Montana National Guard from a Strategic Reserve to a fully operational reserve force. A force actively engaged in worldwide operations such Southern Watch, Post 9/11 missions in the Global War on Terrorism to include Operations Noble Eagle, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation New Dawn. This while maintaining the various federal, state and local missions supporting our Nation during this time of need.

As the Museum continues to march forward, this year's Wine Fair 2012 is scheduled for May 11 and if it as successful as last year's, the Museum will be well on its way to completing the new exhibits hall in record time.

Last year's Wine Fair played host to more than 450 participants, a record number, and offered the largest silent auction venue put together to date. The Wine Fair Committee is a group of dedicated community volunteers who avidly support the Montana Military Museum, and they are again ready to done their working gloves and start putting together this year's event. We are confident that this will be another banner year.

For more information about the Montana Military Museum, the Wine Fair, or to order tickets, please call the Museum at 324-3550/3551.





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*Montana Military Museum*

**WINE FAIR 2012**

*Fifteen Years of Commitment to Montana's Military History*

*Join us on May 11, 2012  
from 6:30 - 10:00 p.m.*

*at the Algeria Shrine Center  
15 N. Jackson, Helena*

A group of dedicated volunteers have set up and produced a great fund-raising event for the betterment of the Montana Military Museum. In 2011, we celebrated the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Montana Military Wine Fair. It was again held at the Algeria Shrine Center (a great community supporter) in the Consistory or main meeting area. It was estimated that over 500 tickets were sold for the event. After all was said and done, the Montana Military Museum received a check from the Montana Military Museum Wine Fair Committee for \$12,000 with total donation of over \$102,500. Thanks to all of you, our supporters, for your dedication and hard work to make it a success!!

This wonderful program is all about volunteerism and community support. Easily the oldest wine fair venue in Helena, Montana Military Museum Wine Fair Committee members pride themselves on keeping costs down for participants while maximizing the benefits for the Montana Military Museum program. This year we are gearing up for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual and our goal is to "Continue to Grow" by reaching or exceeding the \$115,000 mark in donations in support of the Montana Military Museum.

