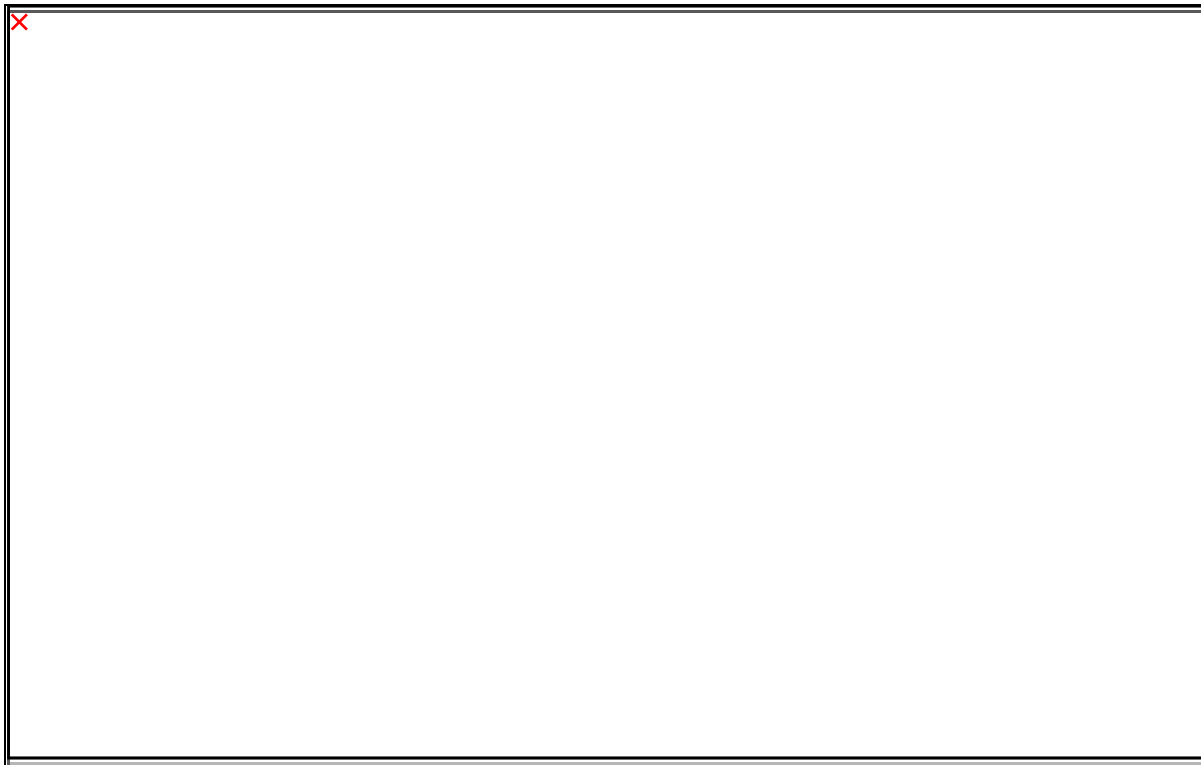


AHEC expands space, capabilities

Army Heritage Center Foundation presents USAHEC with \$2.25 million dollar building addition

The Army Heritage and Education Center's latest building addition changed hands five times during a ceremony transferring ownership of the recent \$2.25 million construction. The new, 7500-square foot Hall of the American Soldier represents the Army Heritage Center Foundation's continuing effort to support Army Heritage and Education Center's mission of telling the Army's story one soldier at a time.



Representatives from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Cumberland County, the Army Heritage Center Foundation as well as Army War College and the Carlisle Barracks Garrison were present at the ceremony, which was held in the Army Heritage and Education Center on Friday Sept. 16.

Lt. Col. Greg Ank, Garrison Commander, presents Col. Ken Adgie, USAWC Deputy Commandant, with a Transfer of Real-Estate form during a ceremony held at the Army Heritage and Education Center on Friday Sept. 16.

The expansion includes two multipurpose rooms, an additional gallery, expanded seating for the café and increases the center's ability to support public programs and additional exhibits.

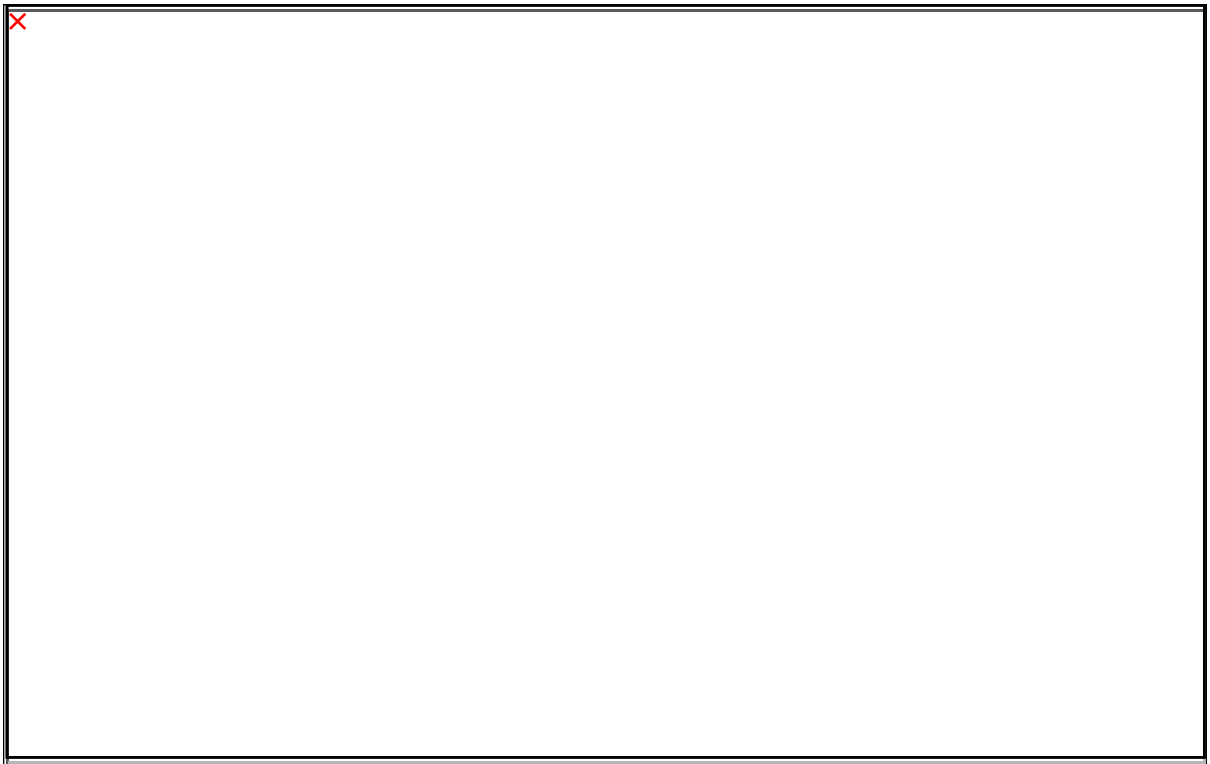
"We're very excited about the possibilities the new Hall of the American Soldier expansion provides the Army Heritage and Education Center and the Army War College," said Crean. "I'm especially excited about the new exhibit space that will allow us to present more Soldier stories. We're already planning a fantastic World War I exhibit to commemorate the 100th anniversary of our entry into that war. Our partnership with the National World War I Centennial Commission will draw nationwide attention to the exhibit and the Army Heritage and Education Center."

The \$2.25 million dollar expansion was financed through donations from private donors and a \$2 million dollar grant awarded to the Foundation through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program which was approved by Gov. Tom Corbett on Sept. 24, 2014.

"We have been able to do this, thanks to a whole panel of actors," said retired Maj. Gen. Robert Scales, chair of the Army Heritage Center Foundation Board of Directors. "We could not have completed this mission without the tremendous support of our donors, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the senior leadership of the Army War College."

Don Mowery, of R.S. Mowery & Sons design-build team presented Scales with the Certificate of Substantial Completion to represent the passing of responsibility to the Army Heritage Center Foundation.

Scales
then



presented to Lt. Col. Greg Ank, Garrison Commander here, with the Transfer of Real-Estate form, symbolizing the transfer of responsibility to the U.S. Army Garrison.

Ank passed the document to Col. Ken Adgie, USAWC Deputy Commandant, signifying acceptance of the Army War College's oversight.

Col. Peter Crean, Director of the Army Heritage and Education Center, accepts the Transfer of Real-Estate form from Col. Ken Adgie, USAWC Deputy Commandant, during a ceremony held at the Army Heritage and Education Center on Friday Sept. 16.

And lastly, Adgie presented the form to Col. Peter Crean, the Director of the Army Heritage and Education Center, whose duty it is to breathe life into the new addition, and bring military and public audiences into this new space.

"The Army Heritage and Education Center is already a tremendous asset to the U.S. Army, the Army War College and the American people," said Adgie. "Today, through the Foundation's effort, we add to the ability of the Army Heritage and Education Center to serve Army, the college and the citizens of our great nation."

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