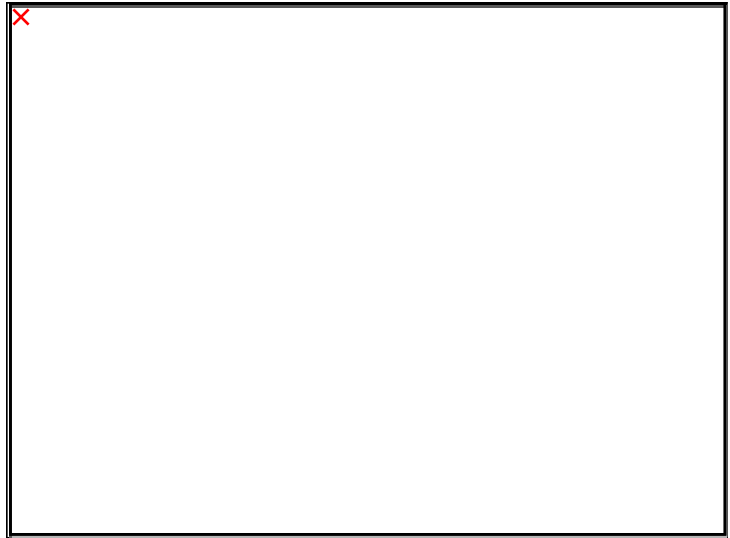


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Guests look at USAHEC's new photography exhibit, "Understanding War through Imagery: The Civil War in American Memory." *Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos.*



The U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center celebrated two grand openings on Nov. 16 with the opening of the new Civil War photography exhibit, "Understanding War through Imagery: The Civil War in American Memory," and the opening of Café Cumberland.

"Our staff has worked for several months to create this exhibit," said Tom Hendrix, USAHEC director. (Their) "purpose was to bring to life the vivid history and heritage of this conflict through the photographs and stories of Soldiers."

As the archivists began assembling the collection, common themes and topics materialized that showed a clear connection between Civil War Soldiers and their 21st Century counterparts.

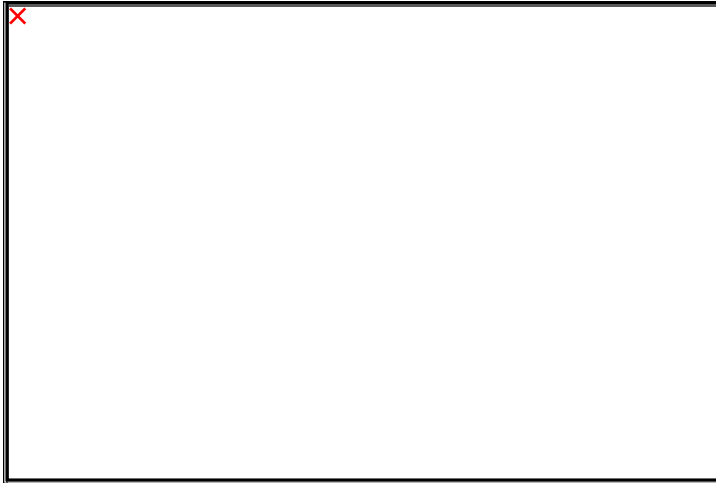
"Some of the common themes include: a Soldier's call to duty, the pride of wearing the uniform for the first time, the harsh reality of warfare and military leadership or lack thereof," said Stephanie Wiford, collections division archivist.

While the exhibit highlights the role of women during the war and the use of illustrators to tell the story of the war, the exhibit focuses on two Civil War Soldiers; Abial Hall Edwards, an 18 year-old mill worker from Casco, Maine. Edwards, motivated by a profound sense of duty and an desire to provide for his younger siblings, enlisted in 1861. The other Soldier was John Terrill Cheney a 31 year old business man from Dixon, Ill. He also enlisted in 1861 and commanded Battery F in the western theater

in the Army of Tennessee.

“Through their extensive letter writing and diary entries we became personally connected to them through their expressive and quite often opinionated views of the war and specific details about their experiences,” said Wiford.

The exhibit is currently on display on the second floor of Ridgeway Hall.



USAHEC visitors sample food from Café Cumberland, which opened for business on Nov. 16. *Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos.*

After the photo exhibit was opened, the guests went downstairs to the grand opening of the Café Cumberland. The café, which is located on the first floor of Ridgeway Hall will offer a

variety of menu items to include soups and sandwiches. The café will be open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sundays 11a.m. to 2 p.m.

Café Cumberland is the culmination of work between the Carlisle Family Morale Welfare and Recreation, the greater Carlisle community, AHEC and the Carlisle Barracks Garrison.

“This is what creativity, working together as a team and partnering with the community gets you,” said Elaine Leist, deputy garrison commander.

“USAHEC is what right looks like,” said Maj. Gen. Gregg Martin, Army War College Commandant. “This is the gold standard of what happens when we partner together and collaborate to make things happen.”