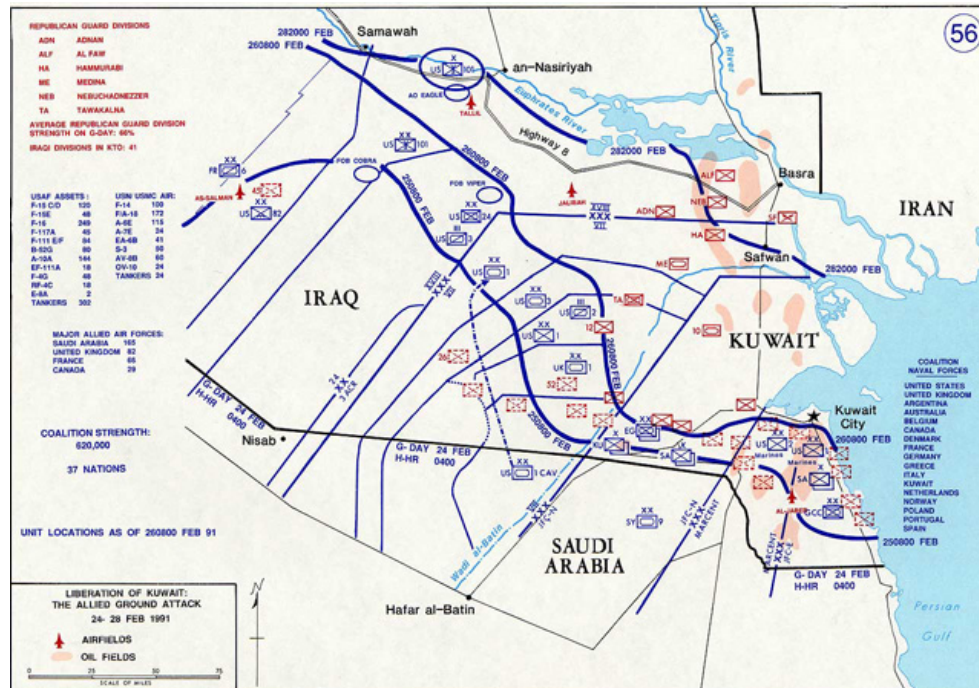


Veterans of Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm inform enrich new AHEC Exhibit

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Molly Bompane, the Arms and Ordnance Curator at the Army Heritage and Education Center knew if she wanted a true account of Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield she would need the help of veterans from the Persian Gulf War.

“What moves me is how generous veterans are with their time ... sharing their stories. I can't tell you how many kitchen tables I sat at or the phone calls with strangers just talking freely,” she said.

Some examples of the stories are from Gen. Cody talking about Task Force Normandy, other soldiers talked about the collective experience, chaplain assistance tells about how busy he would be after mail call and after phone calls. The story of CW4 Wolf tasked to feed the soldiers and his Wolf Mobiles that traveled from unit to unit serving Wolf Burgers, hotdogs,

and sodas.”

“They bring out bags of stuff they want to share for history's sake -- and because someone's interested in it,” said Bompane.

The exhibit, “This Will Not Stand: The U.S. Army’s Road to Victory during the Persian Gulf War,” will open for visitors on Nov. 10, 2020. The exhibit will be open Monday - Saturday 10 a.m.– 5 p.m. and Sunday Noon – 5 p.m., with safety guidelines in place. Masks or face coverings will be required to enter the building. As always, parking and admission are free.

“I started this project by going down parallel roads,” said Bompane. “One is the artifact collection and the other, what kind of stories do we have? Accessing the collections across the Army, we focus on soldiers’ stories and we looked for things that can help illustrate to our visitor what it was like from a soldier’s perspective,” she said.

“We highlight the death of Sgt. Cheryl Lebeau who died along with nine others when their helicopter was shot down 2 hours after the cease-fire was declared,” said Bompane. “Also, the Scud missile attack on the warehouse of the 14th quartermaster Company from Pennsylvania Army National Guard out of Greensburg suffering the greatest combat loss of any single Army unit since the Vietnam War in the exhibit,” said Bompane. “I talked about those two stories because they will give people a sense of loss, the devastation that a community went through and a family went through,” She said.

The exhibit has the telegram that the parents of Cheryl Lebeau received, and also shows the Pennsylvania National Guard’s 14th quartermaster unit whose warehouse they were staying in was hit by a scud missile causing the death of 13 soldiers.”

“One of the newest technologies we will be using is an app called Encurate,” said Bompane. “You will need to download the Encurate app from your app store then look for USAHEC on the list of museums. The app will bring visitors into our galleries giving us the ability to expand the story because as much as I would love to fill the space, we can’t,” she said.