

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturdays through October 27th at 10:30 a.m.

Historic Downtown Walking Tours

Free - led by costumed docents

Monday, August 9th at 2 p.m.

Volunteer Meeting

Monday, August 16th at 6 p.m.

PMA Board Meeting

Thursdays in August at 11 a.m.

Story Time at the Museum

Petaluma Regional Library offers children's stories read under the oak tree

Saturday, August 28th at 4 p.m.

Opera at the Museum: Jillian Boye, soprano

Tickets \$15 members, \$20 general

Thursday, September 16th at 6 p.m.

The Vietnam Experience: A Soldier's Story

Opening Reception

Sunday, December 5th at 3 p.m.

Holiday Tea

Masonic Building - \$25 per person

*Reservations accepted starting Oct .15th
for PMA members/ Nov. 1st for general public.*

Farewell to Mert Doss

Those of you who attended the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon in late June were delighted to see longtime volunteer Mert Doss in attendance after a long illness. Although confined to a wheelchair, he was lively and happy to be out and about, among his friends again. The PMA was saddened to learn two weeks later that he had passed away, but grateful that we had one last visit with him under such pleasant circumstances. Mert had been a desk docent for many years and, as an avid photographer, enjoyed taking photos of Museum events as well as downtown festivals and celebrations. We shall miss him dearly.

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and Annual Meeting Draw Happy Crowd

PMA volunteers and docents were treated to a lively luncheon at the Museum in June, followed by the annual meeting.

Museum President Joe Noriel discussed the success of the recent exhibits, aided by Liz Cohee's slide show of the Museum's proudest moments of the last 12 months. He also reported PMA membership continues to increase each month. Everyone was moved by a video featuring Veteran Toni Lazzarini, who spoke on the importance of the upcoming Vietnam exhibit.

Special awards were given to gift shop manager Chris Everitt, long-time board member Pat Donegan and "super volunteer" Liz Cohee. The efforts of these individuals are what make our Museum such a special place.

Unanimous election results returned Dan Brown, Liz Cohee and Gloria Robinson to continue their work as board members. New board member Mark Tomlinson was officially approved by the membership. Welcome, Mark! The PMA thanks Eolah Bates, Pat Donegan, Kathy Fries and Kit Schlich for a memorable luncheon.

2012 . . . the beginning.

We are in the hunt for any significant Petaluma historical artifacts to display for our 2012 grand reopening. If you have a bit of Petaluma history you would like to loan, please contact Artifacts@PetalumaMuseum.com.



Mert Doss, complete with camera and camera bag, awoke early on June 11, 2008, to photograph the historic city clock being returned to its home atop the Masonic Lodge.

New Exhibit Honors Vietnam Veterans

The personal stories of local veterans who served in the Vietnam War are the focus of the Petaluma Museum's newest exhibit, *The Vietnam Experience: A Soldier's Story*. The exhibition includes historic artifacts, photographs and documents interwoven with remarkable oral histories. Included is a historical timeline provided by CERA Exhibitions, a company that provides high quality exhibits to museums around the world.

The exhibit opens September 16th and runs until November 28th. The opening night reception for Museum members is at 6 p.m. September 16th and includes a special musical performance.



*On FSB Airborne in the A Chau Valley, a 155MM artillery crew prepares for a fire mission.
(US Army photo)*

The exhibit is supplemented with material from the collections of the Pacific Coast Air Museum and Petaluma Military Museum to make the largest Vietnam War exhibit in the Bay Area. Highlights include simulated living conditions, a Reflection Wall, speaker series and the film "The Vietnam War" airs at 1:30 p.m. every Saturday.



*During the battle for Hamburger Hill, wounded 101st Airborne Division troops were treated at this lower landing zone before being evacuated.
(AP Wide World Photo)*

"Our goal is to honor the men and women who have served their country, and educate the younger generation about the sacrifice they made," explains Joe Noriel, Museum president. "This is a significant year for this exhibit as it marks the thirtyfifth anniversary of the fall of Saigon."

Over 58,000 men died and 300,000 were wounded in one of the most controversial wars in American history.



*Near the DMZ, a medivac helicopter picks up a wounded 101st Airborne Division soldier.
(US Army photo)*