



NOW YOU KNOW December 2013

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT - **Military Veteran Volunteers**

Military veterans in Northeast Georgia obviously are faithful to answer the call of duty. They did it in wartime, and they do it in peacetime.

So when someone from the Northeast Georgia History Center telephones these men and women to ask them to take part in a veterans event, they respond immediately. For example, when the History Center celebrated veterans and active-duty military on Veterans Day and during the week of Nov. 8-16, a total of 38 veterans stepped up. They took part in Family Day, the History Forum, in school visits and field trips.

Why do they do it? Retired Army Col. Larkin Vance, a veteran of World War II, says it well: "If I can motivate one child into studying history...and knowing the American way of life, I feel it's worth my time."

Veterans from all wars help out, volunteer coordinator Julie Carson says, but "World War II veterans continue to be an amazingly active group."

Col. Vance, for instance, visited three schools and then helped with Family Day and a field trip.

"Personally, it's rewarding to me because I get feedback from the children," the colonel says. "They show interest."

He can tell by their questions and comments. One student at Chestatee Academy told his teacher after hearing the colonel speak: "I

want to be just like him."

But Col. Vance does not recommend that the children lie about their age, as he did at the age of 15, to enter the service. He does urge them, however, to develop a can-do attitude. "They might reach for the stars and settle for the moon," he says. He also encourages students to study hard and stay in good physical condition through exercise.

Other World War II veterans who volunteered during the History Center's week of celebration include Francis Turner, who visited two schools and assisted with Family Day; Dan Rado, who visited one school and helped with three field trips, along with Frank Hoell, Fran Johnson, Charles Lindsey, Willis McLemore and Jack Prince.

Korean War veterans took an active role, as well. Chuck Hendrickson organized veterans to present the November History Forum, and also organized veterans to visit an area school. Korean War veterans who volunteered, in addition to Chuck, were Dr. John Burns, Heyward Hosch, Bill Huffman, Herby Lee Lawson, Charles Lindsey, Ed Parks, and Larkin Vance.

Veterans of the Cold War, Vietnam, Desert Storm, and the Afghan-Iraq Wars who participated were Scott Ballard, Alvin Clifton, Ray Comerford, Brian Cunningham, Clint Daniel, Charles DeSausure, Doug Dixon, Alexander Doughty, Dr. Jay Gaspar, Joe Goble, Ron Harris, J. D. Kirby, Saul Levenson, Kevin Littlejohn, Pete Nesbitt, Al Nixon, Wendy Paradis, Greg Paradis, Leonard Parks, Mark Rogers, Johnny Varner, and Carter

Wood.

Veterans were invited to several area schools to speak to students and/or to be honored. Schools and educator-facilitators for the visits were Centennial Arts Academy (Kathy Anglin), Chestatee Academy of Talent and Inquiry (Jeanne Rountree), East Hall High School (Joyce Tharpe), East Hall Middle School (Dana Farr), Gainesville High School (Shannon Faile), Myers Elementary (Kacie Landers), New Holland Elementary (Tammy White), North Georgia Christian School (Beth Feizet and Linda Hutchinson), and Tadmore Elementary (Melanie Crumley). Schools who visited the History Center during November 11-15 were North Hall Middle, Tadmore Elementary, Woods Mill Academy, and one home school group.

Earlier in 2013, veterans, including many of those listed above, visited Gainesville Middle School. In addition, these veteran volunteers also participated: Cal Andrews, Jim Begley, Charles Brown, Bill Carr, Ed Clark, David Coker, Ralph Givens, David Godfrey, Harry Jones, Art Kunzer, Gary Ousley, Tom Reesman, Curtis Segars, Horace Thurmond, and Mike Warlick.

Veterans, the History Center extends its heartfelt thanks for your dedication, your past and present service, and our admiration for your continued efforts to share your patriotism with today's youth and adults in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

World War II in Georgia: Don't Miss It!

Looking for a unique experience to share with guests and family this holiday season? Then be sure to come and see *Over Here and Over There: Georgia and Georgians in World War II*, the History Center's latest traveling exhibit. The exhibit will be closing on **January 4** to travel to its next venue, so be sure and see it before it's gone!



Give the gift of History this Christmas!

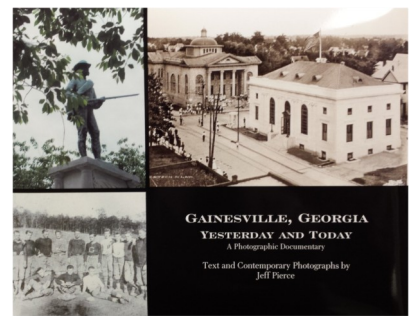
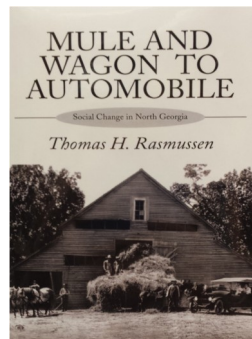
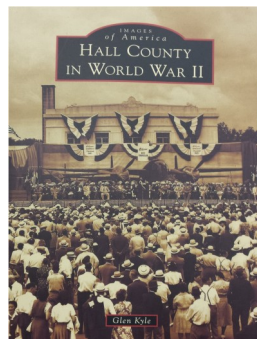
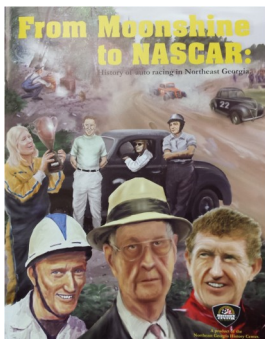
If you are looking for gifts for family and friends beyond the ordinary, stop by the History Center for one-stop shopping:

Honoring your veteran by having their name engraved in the American Freedom Garden means a permanent recognition of service to their country.

Giving a gift membership to someone means you're giving them unlimited trips to the History Center's exhibits and programs year-round.

Books! Most folks love to read, and the History Center Museum Shop has the best selection of local-interest books and authors in town, including many new titles.

And when you give the gift of History to your friends and family, you're helping to keep the doors of the History Center open for the whole community. So please stop by today or go to our website for more information.



*Family Day — Celebrating a **Green** Christmas*

Sunday, December 8, 1 to 4 p.m.

Get in the Christmas Spirit!

Join us to make decorations and an ornament—for you or for a gift—and a photo frame, using recycled or re-purposed items.

*Santa Claus will be here again this year in Chief Whitepath's Cabin, 1:15-3:15 p.m.
Photos are free—put yours in the frame you decorate!*

The Enota Show Choir, directed by Sheila Rogers and Rebecca Goebel, will share the Christmas Spirit through their joyful music, 1:30-2:00 p.m.

Family Day sponsored by North Georgia Eye Clinic and Laser Center

Welcome New Members!

Ralph & Judy Rollins



Welcome New Volunteers:

Eric Ballard
Kelli Ann Ballard
Lindsay Ballard
Lara Beesley
Sandra Cardoso
Jade Harden
Mitch Holley
Maria Ibarra

Kimberly James
Virginia Martinez
Mark Rogers
Mycharia Spurling
Nohemi Vanegas
Cinthia Flores
Gaby Nunez
Paloma Picazo

We are glad to have you with us!



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The Northeast Georgia History Center is a not-for-profit institution dedicated to preserving and sharing the history of the region. By maintaining a unique collection of historical items, presenting exhibits, conducting programs, enabling research, and partnering with other institutions in the region, the History Center strives to promote a greater understanding of the cultural, social, economical, and political history of Northeast Georgia.

Coming Events

December 8	1:00– 4:00 p.m.	<i>Family Day- Celebrating a Green Christmas</i>
December 10	10:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
December 24 & 25	Closed	Christmas

Save the Date!!

Please join us on Thursday, January 16th, 2014 for the Annual Meeting.

There will be a brief business meeting open to all members that will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a Wine & Cheese reception to follow that will end by 7:00 p.m.

