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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Some volunteers at the history center like to remain in the background, quietly but efficiently doing their assignments without any fanfare.

That perfectly describes Naomi Lawson, who has been helping in the center's museum shop for several years. She also volunteers in the gift shop at the Northeast Georgia Medical Center.

Naomi also has pitched in at the history center's estate sales and at a garden sale at Chicopee Woods Agricultural Center, where she handed out brochures about the center's activities. Actually, though, Naomi will not say a lot about what she does. But Julie Carson will.

"She is absolutely dependable and always here for her Museum Shop shift," said Julie, who's in charge of education and volunteer activities. "In addition, she is willing to tackle any task asked of her. Naomi and her husband, Herby Lee, support the history center through attendance at all types of events, from an-

nual membership meetings to forums to Taste of History dinners. Naomi is a treasure."

Naomi obviously knew about responsibility and quality service when she worked at Johnson & Johnson at Chicopee, where she was a quality-service group leader. She worked there 32 years and retired in 2003.

She and Herby have a son, Glen — a middle school teacher at Chestatee, where his wife, Mary, is a counselor — and a daughter, Jane Lawson, a nurse working with the International Mission Board in Johannesburg, South Africa. They also have two grandchildren.

The Lawsons have been members of Maranatha Baptist Church, where her husband is a deacon, since it began.

Besides her work at the history center and medical center, Naomi has volunteered at Legacy Link, helping folks sign up for Part D of Medicare. She enjoys reading — mostly Christian books — and working with flow-



Naomi Lawson

So it's not surprising that she doesn't miss her paying job. "No," she said, "retirement is just fine. I don't suppose I miss work."

Asked about the importance of presenting and preserving the history of Northeast Georgia, Naomi said, "We need to keep the history of the area before people. ... Young people today have technology now and greater opportunities," but sometimes they're not as interested in history as they should be.

Well, we're glad you're interested in history, Naomi — and in the history center. We appreciate your willingness to help whenever Julie Carson gives you a call. As she said, "Naomi is a treasure."

Veteran's Week Celebrations

In honor and appreciation of our military men and women, both veterans and active-duty, the History Center will feature special exhibits of military artifacts and memorabilia from 20th and 21st Century conflicts throughout the Rotunda and Founders' Hall. Area veterans have volunteered to be present during museum hours to answer questions. The History Center will be open 1 to 4 p.m. on November 10, Family Day, and regular hours, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12—Saturday, November 16. Several area schools have scheduled field trips. The History Center has also coordinated veteran visits to several schools, by request, through the History Center's veteran volunteers. For more information on Veterans Week at the History Center, please call Julie Carson, 770-297-5900.

Over Here and Over There:

Georgia and Georgians in World War II



Comprised of 18 interpretive text panels, interactive artifact stations, ship and airplane models, and a military diorama, this exhibit explores the daily lives of Georgians on the home front and battle front during the Second World War. The exhibit provides a unique examination of Georgia's citizens and their contributions to the war effort as well as localized, regional studies of the diverse civilian and military assets the state provided to the nation. A special local component will also include displays of regional and state artifacts related to Georgia's role in World War II.

September 17, 2013 - January 4, 2014

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This year marks the 60th anniversary of the end of the Korean War. America's first conflict as a superpower and the first "hot spot" of the Cold War, the events in Korea shaped America and international relations for generations to come.

Join the History Center on Tuesday, November 12 at 7 pm for our monthly forum where we'll have a panel of Korean War veterans to share their memories, experiences, and reflections on the war and its influences on our great nation.



Admission is FREE for members, only \$3 for non-members.

Honoring Our Military Heroes

Special Events:

- ◇ 1:15 pm Presentation of Colors by Riverside Military Academy Colorguard, followed by the National Anthem sung by Aaron Phillips
- ◇ 1:30 pm Tadmore Elementary Honor Chorus-patriotic music
- ◇ 2:30 pm Recognition of veterans and active-duty military
- ◇ 2:45 pm Midnight Blue-duo singing and playing 1940's-50's popular and dance tunes

Ongoing Interactive Events, Exhibits, and Presentations:

- ◇ Exhibits of Military Artifacts and Memorabilia from 20th & 21st Century conflicts, with veterans from WWII— present day here to answer questions
- ◇ Exhibits on the history of Veteran's Day
- ◇ Hands-on activities, including examining and comparing military gear among various periods of conflict, plus patriotic crafts
- ◇ *Over Here and Over There: Georgia and Georgians in World War II*-special exhibit
- ◇ *Wreaths Across America*, presented by the United Daughters of the Confederacy

Family Day sponsored by North Georgia Eye Clinic and Laser Center



A Haunted History Tour of the Queen City

Lines of people walking through the Brenau campus on the evenings of October 25-26 may have had observers wondering whether the Zombie Apocalypse had invaded Gainesville. But no, these were folks participating in Ghost Walk, presented annually by the History Center. “Walkers” visited the History Center’s archives and five locations on the Brenau campus to learn about the area’s haunted history.

The History Center extends our deep appreciation to the storytellers and volunteers who made Ghost Walk 2013 a success.

Ghost Walk Committee Chair—Elaine Childers

Ghost Walk Story and Storytellers Chair—Kathy Amos

Ghost Walk Storytellers—Kathy Amos, Gail Hogan, Mary Beth Looney, Jeff Pierce, Sean Shadomy, and Denise Roffe of the Southeastern Institute of Paranormal Research (SIPR)

Ghost Walk Volunteers—Jackson Bishop, Wendy Bonilla, Emily Braselton, Dick Childers, Caroline Correa, Clint Daniel, Cinthia Flores, Jay and Linden Gaspar, Hope Griffin, Steve Gurr, Pat Guthrie, Madeline Harr, Jenny Ho, Mike Hogan, Jeannie Hozak, Phil and Shirley Hudgins, Sophia Jaramillo, Betty and Ed Johnson, Katherine Jones, Deborah Mack, Gabriela Martinez, Roxana Martinez, Amalie Miller, Cindy Nguyen, Mimi Nguyen, Gaby Nunez, Janie Owen, Durwood Pepper, Huygn Phan, Paloma Picazo, Gayla and Jeff Pierce, Connie Propes, Mayra Razo, Michelle Razo, Tom Reed, Polly and Tom Reins, Hayden Reynolds, Gayla and Mark Rogers, Jim Taflinger, Julia Tang, Matt Thomas, Audrey Thornton, Meg Thornton, Jessica Tran, Sulma Turcios, Beatriz Ura, Heidi Vandiver, and Ken Wallace.



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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

November 10	1:00– 4:00 p.m.	<i>Family Day- Honoring Our Military Heroes</i>
November 12-15		Veteran's Week Celebrations
November 12	10:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Forum—Korean War Panel</i>
November 21	11:30-1:00.	Board of Directors Meeting
November 28 & 29	Closed	Thanksgiving

Memorials

In memory of Rear Admiral Samuel Packer

By Steve & Carol Burrell

By Northeast Georgia History Center's Executive Committee
of the Board of Directors

Welcome to our newest
members:

June & Henry

Woodward

We are so glad to have you
with us!

We need your help!

We are in need of 2-liter soft drink bottles and wine corks for our December Family Day! So please save them and drop them by the History Center. Any questions, contact Julie Carson. Thank you for your support