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*The National Museum of Military Vehicles E-Newsletter*



Airborne Operations exhibit located in our General George C. Marshall Gallery.

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## Did You Know?

The National Museum of Military Vehicles was awarded the honor of being recognized as one of the top 10 best new attractions in the U.S. for 2020 by USA Today 10Best!

One of our prized possessions is the Bunker Hill musket that fired the first shot at the Battle of Bunker Hill in the Revolutionary War.

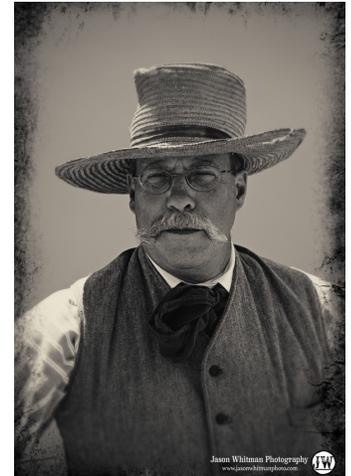
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# Meet Our Curator - Douglas R. Cubbison

By Dan Starks - Owner and Founder, NMMV

Did you ever wonder who wrote all of the text you see throughout the National Museum of Military Vehicles (NMMV)? Concise, plain language. Insightful information.

Meet our Curator Doug Cubbison. Doug is a veteran, a published author, a historian, an accomplished researcher, and an educator. Doug is a key asset for our museum. Doug leads many of our museum tours.



Portrait of Douglas R. Cubbison

Doug, then the Curator of the Wyoming Veterans Memorial Museum in Casper, was a member of the Wyoming Legislative Task Force formed in 2018 to obtain information on behalf of the public about our museum project. He visited the museum under construction in May 2018 along with the rest of the Task Force and was impressed by the scope, quality, and vision of the project. The museum had no Curator at the time.

A few weeks after visiting the museum with the Task Force, Doug contacted me to ask for a meeting to convince me that he should be the museum's Curator. Boy - was Doug ever right! Smart, experienced, hard-working, extremely professional with high standards. Doug has been invaluable in helping make the museum what it is today. Thank you Doug!

Here is a closer look at Doug's background:

Doug grew up in Western Pennsylvania, the eldest son of two teachers. His grandfather started teaching in a one room schoolhouse, and his grandparents retired with 75 years of teaching experience between them. Doug holds a B.A. in History from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He served for over ten years active and reserve duty as a U.S. Army Field Artillery Officer, and deployed to Afghanistan in 2007 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as the Command Historian for CJTF-76. Mr. Cubbison has previously served as a Military Historian with the U.S. Army Combat Studies Institute at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; as Command Historian with the 10th Mountain Division and Fort Drum, New York; and as Cultural Resources Manager at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York.

As a Captain in the U.S. Army, Mr. Cubbison was awarded a U.S. Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM) for his establishment of an Officers Professional Development (OPD) course, focused on using military history to develop leadership skills, while with the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry with the 1st Infantry Division. This OPD program was recognized as being the best in the division. In 1990 then Captain Cubbison was awarded another ARCOM for his use of military history as a training tool with the 3392nd USARF School. *(continues on pg. 3)*

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Mr. Cubbison was also awarded a Civilian Achievement Medal by West Point for establishing a consultation program and relationship between West Point and the Stockbridge Munsee Band of Mohican Indians. He served as acting Director and established the 10th Mountain Division and Fort Drum Museum at Fort Drum, New York.

Mr. Cubbison is a widely published professional Military Historian, with nine books on various military history subjects, one historic novel, and numerous monographs, professional journal and newspaper articles, and book reviews. The museum is indeed fortunate to have Doug Cubbison as our Curator. The right person at the right time for what is becoming a new national treasure.



Douglas Cubbison placing the prized Bunker Hill musket in its exhibit case



## We are Hiring for an Assistant Curator Position!

The National Museum of Military Vehicles is seeking to fill our Assistant Curator position. This is a new position in the Curatorial Department of our Museum. This is a full-time position with benefits. Candidates should demonstrate a minimum of five (5) years of prior museum or historical experience, with additional experience preferred. A B.A. in American or Military History, or Museum Studies, is required; and an M.A. is preferred. The National Museum of Military Vehicles supports Armed Forces veterans.

For more information, please email:

[info@nmmv.org](mailto:info@nmmv.org)

# Plans for Expansion - Update on Our General Lewis "Chesty" Puller Gallery

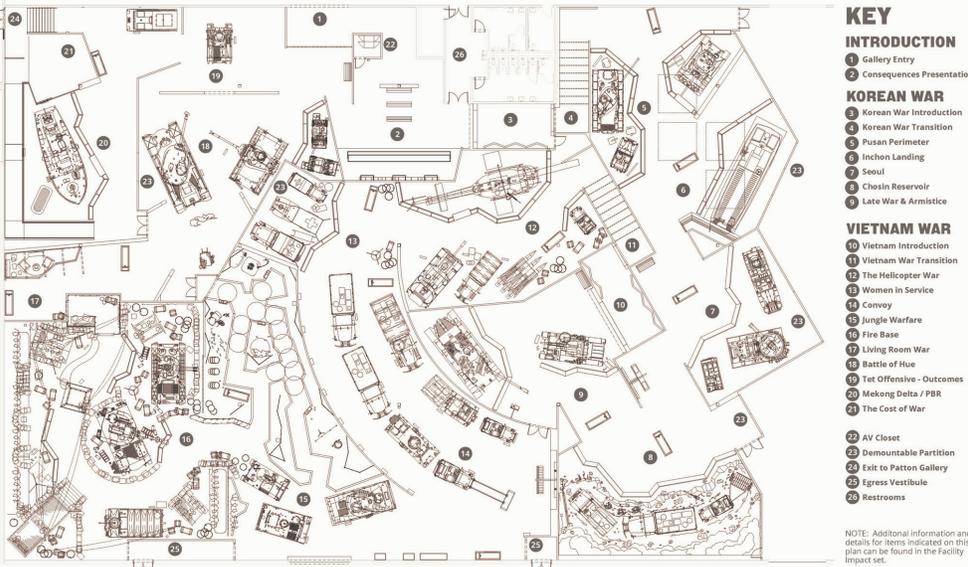
By Dan Starks - Owner/Founder, NMMV

Chesty Puller is the most decorated Marine in U.S. history. During his 37 year career as a Marine enlisted man and officer, he fought in Haiti, Nicaragua, WWII, and the Korean War. He was awarded five Navy Crosses, one Distinguished Service Cross, a Silver Star, a Bronze Star, and numerous other decorations. His combat leadership spanned the WWII battles of Cape Gloucester, Guadalcanal and Peleliu as well as the Korean War battles of Inchon, Seoul, and the Chosin Reservoir. When he found out his 1st Marine Regiment was surrounded by tens of thousands of Chinese soldiers at the Chosin Reservoir, Puller said, "We've been looking for the enemy for several days now, we've finally found them. We're surrounded. That simplifies our problem of getting to these people and killing them" before leading his Marines out of the trap. We are remembering and honoring Chesty Puller's contributions to American freedom by naming the gallery with our Korean and Vietnam War exhibits after him.

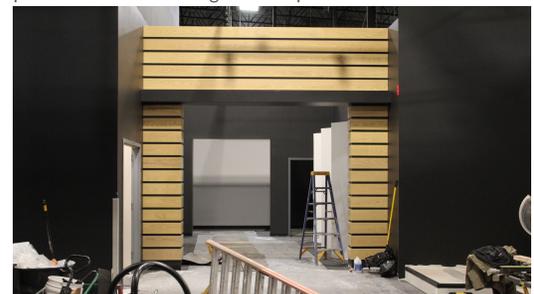
The Korean War sometimes is called The Forgotten War. Not at our museum! Approximately 140,000 Americans were killed or wounded in Korea between June 1950 and July 1953. Why? What did we learn from this experience? Why are American troops still in Korea today? How did the Korean War impact the Vietnam War? Visit our Puller Gallery to find out.

Most of our Puller Gallery is devoted to remembering and honoring the more than 3 million Americans who served in the Vietnam War. More than 200,000 Americans were killed or wounded during their service. Many more died afterwards from their exposure to Agent Orange during the war. More than 200,000 veterans still are suffering from PTSD. Why? Come to the museum to learn more about the Vietnam War and about why our veterans and their families deserve so much appreciation from all of us.

Our Puller Gallery is on track to open by Memorial Day 2021. A Floor Plan drawing is attached as a teaser. You will notice that the Floor Plan drawing was prepared by Roto (see [roto.com](http://roto.com)). If any of you ever are looking for an outstanding partner to design and build world class immersive, interactive exhibits for a museum or other attraction, you will do yourself a favor by going to Roto.



German Shepherd Zeus shows us the room where we will present videos discussing the consequences of WWII



Korean War display entry corridor

# Artifact Highlight - The North Korean GAZ-67B Jeep

By Douglas R. Cubbison - Curator, NMMV

Our Museum will be opening the doors on our new Puller Gallery, relating our nation's Korean War and Vietnam War experiences, in three months. Over the next few months, we will be highlighting significant vehicles which will be displayed in our new exhibits.



NMMV's Jeep, T-34 Tank in background

During World War II, the Soviet Red Army required a lightweight reconnaissance and general-purpose vehicle. The Gorkiy Automobile Works (GAZ) developed their own Jeep, copied from American jeeps provided by Lend Lease, utilizing Soviet manufacturing capabilities. Produced beginning in August 1943, this robust little jeep remained in service through the 1960s. During the Korean War, the Soviets delivered large numbers of the GAZ-67 to the North Korean and Chinese armies.

Our Museum's GAZ-67B was operated by the North Korean Army throughout 1950. Early on the morning of October 26, 1950 near Chongju, North Korea (during the First UN counteroffensive, northwest of Pyongyang) the 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment from the 27th British Commonwealth Brigade repulsed a North Korean attack led by a T-34 tank from the *Inmun Gun* 17th Tank Brigade. During this engagement, our jeep was engaged with a .50 caliber machine gun, knocking it out and killing its passenger—a North Korean Colonel. The Australians captured the vehicle. Repaired battle damage from this action is still visible inside the rear of the jeep.



NMMV's Jeep, T-34 Tank in background

It was transported to Australia for testing by the military, then was transferred to private ownership for decades in Australia until it was acquired last year by our Museum.

Our Museum's GAZ-67B Soviet Jeep is a rare, documented Korean War veteran which we are excited to display!



Private "Butch" McHenry, D Company 3rd Royal Australian Regiment, fixes a flat tire on the captured GAZ-67B Jeep on October 26, 1950- this is the jeep now in our Museum! [NMMV Collections]



North Korean or Chinese officials leaving Panmunjom in a GAZ67B jeep, during one of the Prisoner of War (POW) exchanges in 1953 [Australian War Memorial]

## Visit our Online Store

We have over 80 items to shop from! We are currently selling select apparel, hats, kids toys, vehicle models, glassware, etc. Questions? Contact our guest services staff at (307) 455-3802 for assistance. Access the online store at [nmmv.org](http://nmmv.org)



Water Bottle  
\$26.50



Cap, Black NMMV  
\$30.00



Zip Hoodie, Heather Gray Laguna  
\$47.00

## School Groups Wanted

In case you haven't heard, educating future generations is the second part of our museum's three-part mission. Whether your group is looking for a guided, informational tour or a self-guided tour, we can help. Ask about reserving our meeting room for lunch too! For more information on our school group program and how we fit into your curriculum, contact our Assistant Director Ryan Landmann at [ryan@nmmv.org](mailto:ryan@nmmv.org)



Assistant Curator Mel Glover showing unique firearms to students



NMMV welcomed Rendevous High School in December



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# ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

- GUEST SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES
- TOUR GUIDES
- VOLUNTEERS

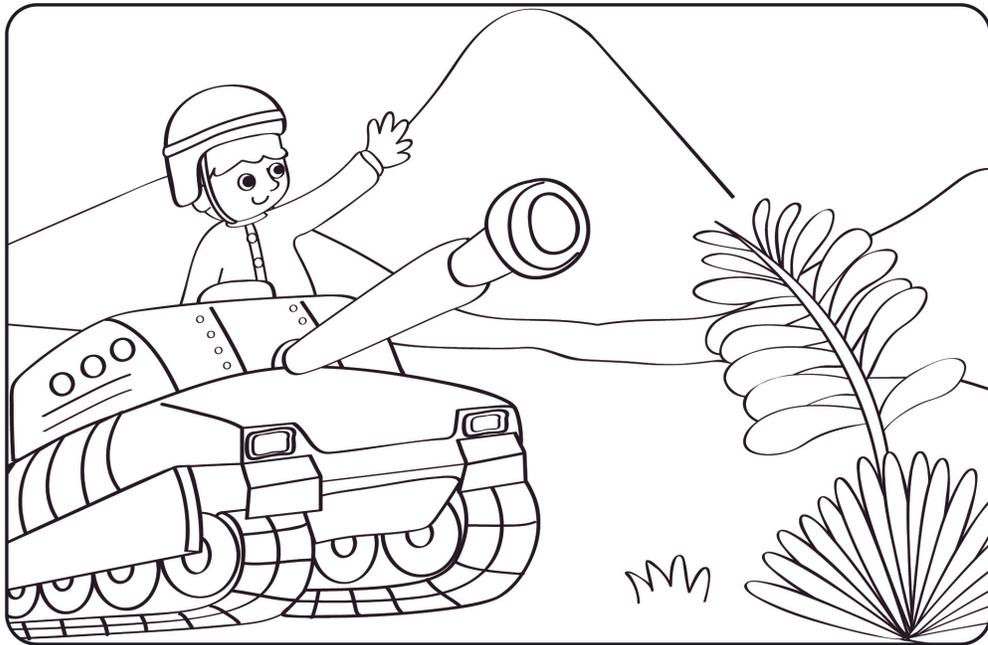
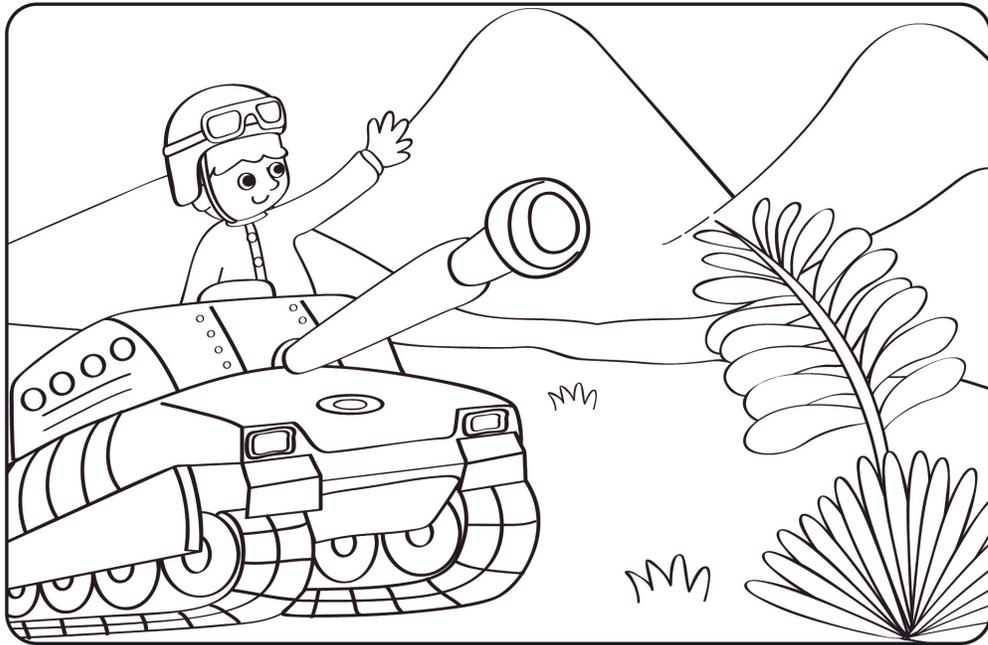
*Seasonal Full and Part-time positions available*

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**INTERESTED?  
EMAIL RESUME AND COVER LETTER  
TO [INFO@NMMV.ORG](mailto:INFO@NMMV.ORG)**

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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!



THERE ARE SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THESE TWO PICTURES. CAN YOU SPOT THEM?