

A Call to Arms



*I'm Fred Olds,
founder of this museum.
Find a few of my
favorite things—and see
if you can answer
my **questions!***

Fred's Finds

A Tea Caddy

Porcelain tea-leaf holder made in 1774 and used in the home of Penelope Barker, Edenton, North Carolina, in the 1770s.

B Battle Flag of the 26th Regiment North Carolina Troops

Battle flag issued to the regiment in the spring of 1863 and captured at the Battle of Gettysburg on July 3, 1863.

C German Periscope

Steel and brass binocular adjustable periscope, 1917–1918. Brought to North Carolina by Colonel Joseph Hyde Pratt.

D Tuskegee Airmen Flying Jacket

Reproduction of a Type A2 flying jacket of Tuskegee Airmen, ca. 1995. Worn by Raleigh native Vernon Haywood, an original member of the Tuskegee Airmen.

E Adolf Hitler Pincushion

Hitler pincushion figurine, ca. 1941.

F Korean Flag

Korean flag signed by marines from the unit of naval corpsman Dan Heath, of Walnut Cove, ca. 1951.

G POW Bracelet

Bracelet made in 1973 in support of Major Raymond Schrupp, who was captured in Vietnam by the Vietcong in 1968.

H Military Visual Language Guide

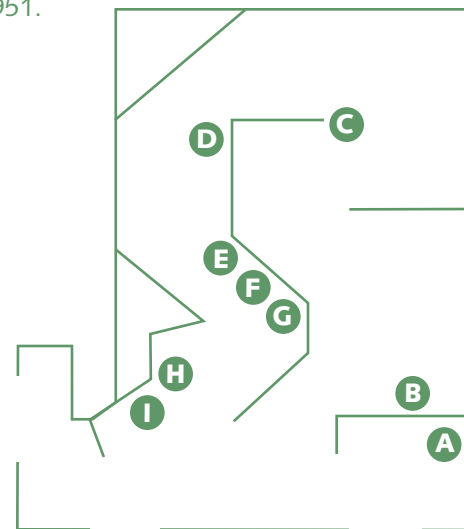
Guide created and used by the U.S. Army in Iraq, ca. 2005.

I Under Armour T-shirt

Microfiber T-shirt worn by Captain Charles W. Morrison, ca. 2005.

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A Tea Caddy

Why is it empty?

Drinking tea was a social must for the colonial upper crust. But in October 1774, inspired by the Boston Tea Party, Edenton's Penelope Barker and some fifty of her friends decided to boycott tea and cloth imported from England. This political action by women stunned much of English society. A popular political cartoon in a London newspaper made fun of the Edenton group. But Penelope's empty tea caddy said something she wanted the world to hear.

? *What other ways have women's lives changed in wartime? Look in this exhibit for examples.*

B Battle Flag of the 26th Regiment North Carolina Troops

Honor, Love, and Loss

To many soldiers, their battle flags stood for their deepest beliefs and reasons for fighting. Carrying one brought honor—and danger. One of nearly twenty men shot while bearing this flag at the Battle of Gettysburg, twenty-one-year-old “Boy Colonel” Henry Burgwyn appears in a painting in this case. After his death, but before the flag was captured on July 3, 1863, its tassels were removed and sent to Burgwyn's fiancée, Annie Devereux, in Raleigh. Annie never married.

? *Can you find the flag's tassels? Which one of the three men in the painting is the “Boy Colonel”?*

C German Periscope

Head Down, Eyes Up

Do periscopes equal submarines to you? During World War I they had a use on land, where soldiers battled from trenches dug across much of Northern Europe. Periscopes allowed a soldier to look above ground level without risking his head to gunfire. North Carolina's state geologist, Colonel Joseph Hyde Pratt, brought home this German periscope when he returned from serving as a commander of the 30th Division, 105th Army Engineers Corps.

? *Can you spy a soldier using a periscope in a nearby photo?*

D Tuskegee Airmen Flying Jacket

What does a hero wear?

A fighter pilot in Europe during WWII, Vernon Haywood fell in love with flight as a child while watching a blimp light up the night sky over his home. Haywood was one of the Tuskegee Airmen, an elite, all-black flying unit that helped clear a flight path for the desegregation of the armed forces.

? *Why would a World War II pilot wear a leather jacket while flying?*

The planes were not heated, and it got very cold at high altitudes.

E Adolf Hitler Pincushion

From the desk of the president?

Ouch! This pincushion held two points in one. It provided a place for stray sewing pins and needles, and offered its World War II-era users a homely, everyday way to, well, stick it to the then dictator of Germany. A 1944 ad for a similar pincushion said President Franklin Roosevelt kept one on his desk!

? *This is an example of propaganda, an attempt to influence the way people think about a person or idea. What other examples do you see?*

F Korean Flag

A Soldier's Souvenir

Dan Heath, of Walnut Cove, was a navy corpsman (a medic) with the marines in Korea when he asked members of his unit to sign this flag. In a photograph below the flag poses Po, a thirteen-year-old Korean boy, and Heath. Po had been adopted by the unit as an interpreter and mascot. He also carried another flag—one from North Carolina sent to Heath by Governor Kerr Scott.

? *Where were the men in Dan Heath's unit from? Look at the flag for clues.*

G POW Bracelet

You Are Not Forgotten

Beginning in 1969 thousands of Americans began wearing bracelets to show their support of prisoners of war and soldiers missing in action in Vietnam. Major Raymond Schrupp, whose name appears on this bracelet, was captured by the Vietcong on May 23, 1968. He was unaccounted for until February 12, 1973, when he and twenty-six other prisoners were released at an airport in Loc Ninh. Schrupp retired from the U.S. Army as a lieutenant colonel. He now works in the private sector and lives in Egypt.

? *How long was Major Schrupp imprisoned?*

For 1,726 days, or 4 years, 8 months, and 20 days, not including his rescue date.

H Military Visual Language Guide

Not Your Usual Sign Language

How do you talk when you don't share a language? Simple dictionaries and basic language pamphlets have helped soldiers overcome communication barriers. This version is waterproof and can be folded like a map. It contains commonly used words in Arabic, Kurdish, and Farsi and pictures to aid American soldiers talking with people in Iraq.

? *What questions might a soldier ask when using the pictures on this guide?*

I Under Armour T-shirt

Major Meltdown

Many U.S. military members now wear clothes like Captain Charles W. Morrison's polyester Under Armour T-shirt. But though such “high performance” fabrics help wearers stay cool when it's hot and warm when it's cold, they have a weakness: they melt when exposed to an open flame. Due to a rise in burn rates, the U.S. Marine Corps no longer allows personnel to wear these T-shirts while conducting operations off base.

? *Have you seen or worn an Under Armour shirt? How is it different from a cotton T-shirt?*