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The Flying Tigers

The Second Sino-Japanese War was a military conflict fought primarily between the Republic of China and the Empire of Japan from 1937 to 1945. This war started two years prior to Germany's invasion of Poland, but it was destined to become part of WWII.

This was the largest Asian war in the 20th century. It accounted for the majority of civilian and military casualties in the Pacific War, with anywhere between 10 and 25 million Chinese civilians and over 4 million Chinese and Japanese military personnel dying from war-related violence, famine, and other causes. The war was the result of a decades-long Japanese imperialist policy aimed at expanding its influence politically and militarily in order to secure access to raw material reserves and other economic resources in the area, particularly food and labor.

Initially the Japanese scored major victories and by the end of 1937 captured the Chinese capital of Nanking. But by 1939, the war had reached a stalemate after Chinese victories in Changsha and Guangxi, and with Japan's lines of communications deep into the Chinese interior territories becoming stretched. The stalemate continued for the next two years. On December 7, 1941, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, and the following day the United States declared war on Japan.

The 1st American Volunteer Group (AVG) of the Chinese Air Force in 1941–1942, nicknamed the Flying Tigers, saw its first combat on 20 December 1941, 12 days after the Pearl Harbor attack.

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Although the group was made up of U.S. service men, the AVG group was officially a branch of the Chinese Air Force.

On 4 July 1942 the AVG was disbanded. It was replaced by the 23rd Fighter Group of the United States Army Air Forces, which was later absorbed into the U.S. Fourteenth Air Force with General Chennault as commander. The shark-faced nose art of the Flying Tigers remains among the most recognizable images of any individual combat aircraft or combat unit of World War II.



Military Humor

Never a Christmas morning,
never the old year ends,
but someone thinks of someone—
Old days, Old times,
Old Friends.



2016 Year in Review

New Displays

Flag Dedecation

silent Auction

OH-58 Helicopter

July 4 Celebration

Garage Sale

Artifact Aquistion

Bubble Bump

Veterans Dinnet

New Directors

Bearkat Tailgate

quilters

5/4t Kaiser Jeep

Library

Casino Night

Marine Corps Birthday

Artifact Catalogue

front Desk

Parades

Office Assistant

School Vists

New Volunteers

Memorial Day Program

pearl Harbor Day Dinner

Director's Notes

If you happen to drive by my house around Christmas, you will have no problem figuring out that for me, Christmas is a big thing. My wife calls the yard, Santa's landing strip because I have so many lights out.

Santa, Snowmen, Polar Bears, Penguins, and all kinds of decorations adorn the yard and porch. And when I look out from my porch at it I always get a warm happy feeling.

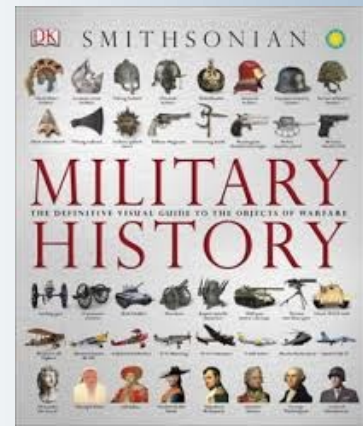
On the otherside of the drive there is but one scene.

It is a stable with a manger and a baby.

When I look at that scene, I remember what Christmas is really about.

To me and my family Christmas is, and will always be, a celebration of God's great love for us.

I wish you all love, joy, and peace.



This Month in Military History

Dec 8 1940 - During the Blitz, the House of Commons and Tower of London were badly damaged by overnight air raids by German bombers.

Dec 13, 1862 - The Union Army was defeated at the Battle of Fredericksburg.

Dec 16, 1944 - The Battle of the Bulge began.

Dec 19, 1946 - War broke out in French Indochina as Ho Chi Minh attacked the French. This war lasted until April 1975 when the U.S. withdrew from South Vietnam.

Dec 22, 1782 - George Washington resigned his commission as Commander and Chief to the American Revolutionary Army.

Dec 24, 1814 - The War of 1812 ended with the Treaty of Ghent.

Upcoming events....Mark your calendars

Dec 6	Put on your own Shoes Day (Who's shoes do you normally wear?)
Dec 15	Bill of Rights Day (The Bill was not included in the original constitution)
Dec 26	Boxing Day.

Museum Visitors

Last month we had 269 visitors from 21 states, 2 foreign Countries Italy and the Republic of San Marino. We also had 352 people attend our Veterans Day Banquet



H.E.A.R.T.S. VETERANS MUSEUM

Pearl Harbor Remembrance

Christmas Covered Dish Dinner

&

Annual Meeting

DATE: December 7 , 2016

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: Veterans Conference Center

455 State Hwy 75 N

Huntsville, TX 77320

Please bring a Covered Dish & 1 Canned

Good

**(Canned goods will be used to help the needy this Holiday
season)**

Are you planning on attending our annual meeting?

If so please call Teresa 936 295 5959 and let her know what you are bringing and how many are attending.

If not, please reconsider.

There will be a short update on the museum but most of the evening will be a time for you to visit each other and enjoy the fellowship we have. We also have a special treat planned.

The Huntsville High School Jazz Band will be performing.

In honor of all who served in WWII they will be playing 1940s swing and jazz. (Yes they will also be playing some Christmas music to get you into the spirit of the season.

This also means we have 19 extra people to feed so bring a little extra.

*From all of us at H.E.A.R.T.S.
Merry Christmas*



A Volunteer Appreciation Poem

The key to our success
rests in people like you,
who embody the spirit of greatness
by saying, "Yes I can, and you can, too!"

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