

Tar Heels Were Active In Spanish-American War

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Raleigh.

From the use of the Gatling gun invented by a North Carolinian, to trench warfare in Europe, the Tar Heel state was actively involved in the Spanish-American War and World War I.

The Gatling gun, designed by Dr. Richard J. Gatling of Hertford County, the first successful mechanical machine gun, is represented in the exhibit by a shiny brass specimen. During the famous charge up San Juan Hill on July 1, 1898, Gatling guns provided the U.S. Army's first ground attack with machine guns, and were instrumental in securing the American victory.

As in all wars, the Spanish-American veterans returned home with Spanish, Cuban and Philippine souvenirs. Businessmen found a lucrative market in war memento reproductions, but many of the originals are brought out for visitors to the new exhibit.

BLACKS

During the Spanish-American War, North Carolina was one of only three states to honor the appeal of the black volunteers for their own officers. The first all-black regiment, the Third, under the command of Major James H. Young of Raleigh served with distinction. One of the uniforms from that regiment and the regimental flag are shown.

A few years later World War I found Americans more understanding of their country's position. German submarines had continued to sink American ships, and military retaliation was necessary. America "reluctantly, then with increasing enthusiasm, took on the war mantle."

OBSELETE

Because of such attitudes, Americans were haphazardly and inadequately armed, mostly with an obsolete rifle called the "trapdoor" Springfield. A Raleigh newspaper noted that the slow-loading, smoke-charging Springfield did little more than make excellent targets of our troops. In contrast, the modern 7 mm repeater Mauser used by Spanish troops was far superior.

A three-minute automated slide program compares the two weapons for exhibit visitors. Also on view are diagrammed comparisons of the inadequate .38 caliber Colt which was later replaced with the more efficient .45 caliber Browning automatic.

America's excellent Navy gave her a decided advantage. A uniform worn by Ensign Worth Bagley, the first naval officer killed in the Spanish-American war, is on display. He died aboard the "Winslow" during an attack on Spanish batteries at Cardenas, Cuba, May 11, 1898.

Also on display is the carved coat of arms from the "Raleigh," the ship that received the surrender of all defenses at the entrance to Manila Bay. The light cruiser was named for the city of

the background "no-man's land" and gas warfare is remembered with gas masks and gas alarm ratchets. A "trench periscope" represents some of the combat equipment developed for World War I.

Pigeon cases hang along the walls, in memory of the useful carrier. Some of these birds were decorated for bravery.

At home, civilians raised victory gardens, while others joined the Red Cross and sewed hospital linens and clothing, collected food and surgical supplies and operated canteens for the traveling service men.

And presiding over all are wartime photomural displays and propaganda posters. These feature scenes from the home front as well as from the battlefield. Also pictured will be several North Carolinians who served prominently in the war effort, including Josephys Daniels, secretary of the Navy; Walter Hines Page, ambassador to England; Angus W. McLean, director of the War Finance Corporation; and Walter Clark, arbitrator of the War Labor Board.

Brochures on the two wars will be available in the area. As the pamphlet states, "unlike the Spanish-American soldier who returned home to indifference and sometimes hostility, the World War I veteran came home a hero. Both the civilian and soldier marched in their numerous victory parades, secure in the belief that they had fought for what was right and had won."

And the Museum of History exhibit, remembers both wars in the "Call to Arms" exhibit.

The Museum is located in the Archives and History-State Library Building, 109 East Jones St., Raleigh. Museum hours are 8:30 to 5:30, Monday through Saturday, and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free.

Lions' Bear Dinner Set

The Annual "Mike Brown" Bear Dinner and mid-winter cabinet meeting of District 31-A Lions will be held Sunday, Feb. 23, at Fontana Village Cafeteria.

Luncheon will be served at 1 p.m., followed by an address by Congressman Roy A. Taylor, who was District Governor at the time the first "Bear Dinner" meeting was held in Robbinsville in 1952.

In recent years, the meeting has moved from Robbinsville to Fontana Village due to larger accommodations to serve over 300 persons. The "Bear Dinner" is being sponsored by the Robbinsville and Fontana Dam Lions Clubs and has grown into the largest and most popular gathering for Lions all over the State.

Large quantities of bear meat along with chicken will be served.

Masonic Degree To Be Given

The Fellowcraft degree will be conferred on a class of candidates at an Emergent communication of Dunn's Rock Lodge No. 267, AF & AM, to be held in the Masonic Temple, East Main street on Thursday, Feb. 6, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

This announcement comes from W. C. Morris, the worshipful master.

The degree will be conferred by John C. Nicholson, senior warden, assisted by Kenneth O'Shields, junior deacon, acting as senior deacon. The stairway lecture will be given by John Bishop, past master of Biltmore lodge No. 446, Biltmore and an "Honorary Member" of the local lodge.

An invitation is extended to all visiting masons and the members are urged to attend.



ADMIRING COMMENDATION MEDAL presented to M. Sgt. Frank Peterson for "outstanding achievement" is Lt. Col. James T. Jones, Detachment 307 commander in Raleigh. (USAF Photo)

Human Condition

Sugar Useless In Diet

BY DR. WILLARD KREHL

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M/Sgt. Peterson Gets Commendation Medal

RALEIGH — Master Sergeant Frank Peterson, supervisor of the Goldsboro recruiting sector, was recently presented the Air Force Commendation Medal for "outstanding achievement" for Fiscal Year 1974.

Sergeant Peterson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Peterson of 442 Whitmore Street, Brevard, N. C.

The decoration, the third such award Sergeant Peterson has received in his 22-year career, was presented at a special ceremony in Raleigh by Maj. Gen. B. L. Davis, Recruiting Service commander.

The citation accompanying the medal stated that "...Sergeant Peterson's unique application to duty, superior performance, and his total dedication to the job were instrumental in developing and maintaining high degree of effectiveness and mission accomplishment by Detachment 307."

The Goldsboro Sector was the top recruiting sector in Detachment 307, which includes 80 counties in Eastern North and South Carolina. The Goldsboro Sector encompasses 27 counties, extending inland and along the coast from the Virginia state line to just below Jacksonville, N. C. Scattered throughout the area are seven recruiting offices and 10 recruiters under Sergeant's Peterson's supervision.

Sergeant Peterson took over the Goldsboro Sector in 1971. At that time the sector was in last place in production in

Detachment 307. A veteran of 11 years in Recruiting Service, Sergeant Peterson was a recruiter in High Point, Lexington and Asheboro from 1963 to 1967. He was one of the detachment's top recruiters and was awarded the Commendation Medal for meritorious service during this assignment.

Sergeant Peterson returned to High Point in 1968 after a one-year tour of duty on Taiwan as an aerospace ground equipment technician on the C-130 aircraft. He was supervisor of the Greensboro Sector for a short time before his assignment to Goldsboro.

The sergeant and his wife, Lois, reside at 6007 Summit Drive, Goldsboro, with their son, Billy, 16, and daughters Kim, 15, and Jo Linda, 2.

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