



“A day in the life in the military” Exhibition Investigation Guide

WHAT TO DO: Walk into the exhibit.

FIRST STOP: Answering the call

WHAT TO DO: Turn to the right and look at the cabinet “*New Community New Values.*”

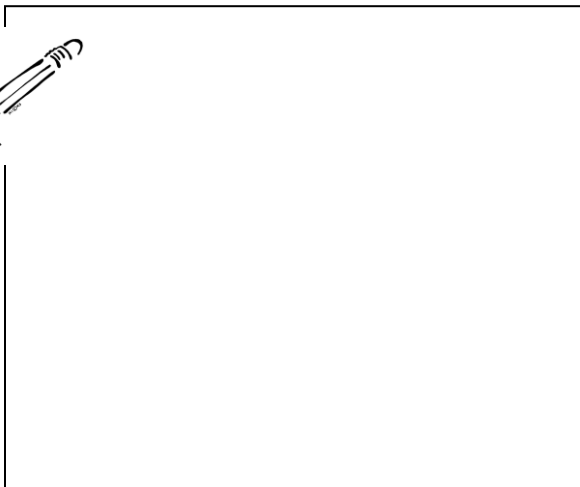
1. Look at the photograph on the back wall. Fill in the chart below with what you observe in the photograph.

Who or what do you see? What details do you see?	What actions are shown? What are the figures doing?	What question(s) do you have after looking at this photograph?



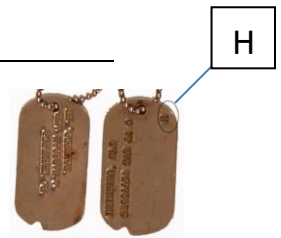
F.Y.I.: This photo was taken at an Army basic training base. Basic training is like school for service members when they first join the military. Service members can only bring a few personal items with them to basic training.

2. Look at the objects in the case.
3. Talk to friends or family about the different types of objects you observe.
4. Pick one object that interests you from the case. Draw the object below. Draw any designs you see.



5. What was your object used for?

6. Look at the dog tags. These tags belonged to Eli Heimberg.
7. Notice the “H” on the bottom right of the tag on the right.
8. What do you think the “H” stands for?



See answer at bottom of page

8. Based on your observations of the other objects in the case and the photograph, do you think life in the military is easy or hard? Why or Why not? _____

✓ YOUR ANSWER: “H” stands for “Hebrew” and was used to identify Jewish service members. The “H” was not printed on dog tags until WWII.

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SECOND STOP: Embracing the Spirit of America

WHAT TO DO: Walk into the next room and turns towards your right. Look at the case titled “*Embracing the Spirit of America.*”

1. Look at the trepanning kit in the case, object #5.
2. What do you think this kit was used for? _____



F.Y.I.: Trepanning is also known as trepanation. Evidence of trepanation dates back the year 10,200 B.C.!

F.Y.I.: This kit was owned by Charles Stein, M.D. Stein was an assistant surgeon during The Civil War and set up aid stations near battlefields. Dr. Stein worked like a modern day paramedic; he provided the first medical treatment soldiers received before moving on to a hospital.

3. Why do you think it was important for Dr. Stein to treat wounded soldiers on the battlefield before they went to a hospital? _____

See answer at bottom of page

WHAT TO DO: Turn around and look at the photos on your right of Jewish service members.

1. Choose two photographs of service members. Complete the chart below based on what you observe.

	Photograph #1	Photograph #2
What is the name of the service member?		
What is the service member doing?		
What is the service member wearing?		
Which war did the service member fight in?		
What is one question you have after observing the service member?		



2. What is the same about the two service members? _____
3. What is different about the two service members? _____

WHAT TO DO: Take a few minutes to look at the other artifacts in the display case and watch the video before moving on to the next gallery.

✓ YOUR ANSWER: A trepanning kit is used to conduct brain surgery on patients. Surgeons drilled a hole in the patients head to relieve pressure on the brain. Too much pressure on the brain can cause a loss of blood flow to the rest of the body and can even cause death.

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THIRD STOP: Conviction

WHAT TO DO: Walk to the next display case on your left.



1. Look at the diary (Hint: It’s the open book with the duck drawings).
2. Read the information at the bottom of the display case about the diary.
3. After reading the information about the diary, what do you know? (Who/Where?)

4. Look at the left page that lists food rations. (Hint: it’s typed below if you can’t read the handwriting.)

German Rations
One man receives the following per week

Bread 1 loaf
Sugar 6 oz
Oleo 8 oz
Cheese 2 oz
Salt 3 oz
Potatoes 1 pound
Jam 6 oz
Meat 3 oz
Soup 3 cups

We also received a portion of blood sausage with our weekly rations, but we discovered it would make excellent fuel for our stove since it was not edible.

F.Y.I. 3 oz is about the size
of a McDonald’s hamburger

This diary was written by Louis Wigdortz’s while he was a prisoner of war (POW) at Stalag Luft III. Wigdortz was an American Jewish soldier captured by the Nazi’s during WWII. Louis Wigdortz dedicated this diary to his son who was born on the same day Wigdortz arrived as a prisoner to the camp.

“Appel” was called out by Nazi guards to the prisoners when they needed to line up for roll call.

3. After looking at the weekly rations and learning about Wigdortz, how would you describe life inside the military prison camps for Jewish servicemen? _____

WHAT TO DO: Take a few minutes to look at the other artifacts in the display case, view the photos on the “*Images of WWII*” screen, then sit at the bench and listen to testimonials before moving on to the next gallery.

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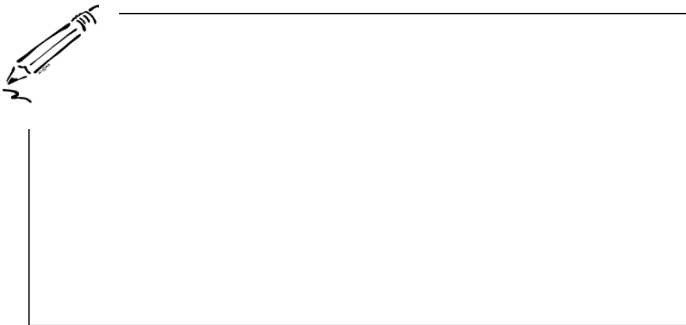
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FOURTH STOP: Purpose

WHAT TO DO: Walk to the next display case on your right.

1. Look at the baseball cap and the flight suit on the right hand side of the case and draw below.

F.Y.I. The flight suit and baseball cap were worn by Lt. Colonel Sheldon Goldberg during the Vietnam War. Lt. Col. Goldberg flew in F4-D Phantom in a nighttime fighter squadron.



3. Why do you think there is an owl on Lt. Col. Goldberg’s flight suit? _____

4. What do you think the tally marks on the baseball cap represent? _____

See answer at bottom of the page

WHAT TO DO: Walk to the interactive “*Service Around the World*” screen behind you and read more about Lt. Col Goldberg’s missions and see photos of him. To find: touch *1970s* and then touch *Laos in Southeast Asia*. Take a few minutes to look at the photos of other service members in military operations since 1945.

Fifth Stop: Mementos and Memory

WHAT TO DO: Walk around the corner and look at the case “*Mementos and Memory.*” The objects in this case were saved by service members from their time served in war.

1. Choose one item from the display case you find interesting. _____
2. Why is this item interesting to you? _____
3. Think about one item you saved from a trip or special occasion. What is it? Why did you save that item? _____
4. Why do you think service members saved items from war? _____

Congratulations! You are finished with the guide!
Don’t forget to check out the exhibit downstairs before leaving.

✓ YOUR ANSWER: The tally marks represent the dangerous missions that Lt. Col. Goldberg flew, putting his life at risk. The owl patch is the symbol of the Night Owl squadron Goldberg was a member of. Owls are nocturnal animals. They only fly at night—the Night Owl squadron only flew at night.

Thank you for your visit!