



## Reconstructing the Beech AT-11 "Kansan" Cockpit



A version of the Beech Model 18 (Twin Beech), The Beech AT-11 Kansan was used for bomber training and light transport among other uses. The Beech AT-11 was produced in the late 1930s with construction ending in 1970. It was one of the world's most widely used light aircraft. It is reported that over 90% of U.S. Airforce Bombadeers and Navigators were trained in Beech 18s during WWII and continued to be popular for civilian use during the post-war era.

Our volunteers completed the inside restoration of our Beech AT-11 in 1999 by rebuilding the interior and opening it to the public. Today, our team of volunteers have taken on the task of constructing a detailed and accurate cockpit to complete the interior restoration. Above are photos of the various components they are working on such as the console with dials generously donated to the museum by Mr. Michael Kus of Australia.

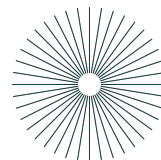
## Celebrate Military Appreciation Month with us for our Family Festival on May 19th



May is Military Appreciation Month and Louisiana National Guard Foundation together with Louisiana National Guard Museums is hosting a Family Festival on Sunday, May 19th at Jackson Barracks Museum Courtyard from 11 am - 3 pm. Admission is free and there will be many activities for all ages including archery, face painting, vintage car rides, raffles and a silent auction. The raffle and auction proceeds will benefit the museum's future exhibit development. Food and drink will be provided by local businesses.

We look forward to sharing this enjoyable event with you as we show our support for the military and continue our commitment to preserve the history of the Louisiana National Guard and bring the story of Louisiana's Citizen Soldiers to the community.

If you would like to donate or sponsor this event please scan the QR code below or visit <https://events.handbibd.com/auctions/family-festival>. We look forward to seeing you there!



# Remembering A Devoted Volunteer



Arthur Alberti, the longest serving member of our 122nd Restoration Group, passed away Wednesday, March 27th. Alberti was the group leader, having been with them since the 122nd Veterans began their work 32 years ago. Alberti served with LAANG's 122nd Bomber Squadron and 159th Fighter Group in the 1950s and 1960s. The squadron was federally mobilized during the Korean War at Langley, VA 1950-1952.

This year he devoted 162 hours bringing his total volunteer time up to 6,202 hours. He was exceptionally dedicated to his crew and fought tirelessly for resources and recognition of their efforts. Under his leadership the 122nd has undertaken over 35 major projects and contributed well over 2 million dollars in volunteer labor! He will be very much missed.

"It's nice to get the recognition, but we have so much fun doing it, it doesn't matter," said retired Col. Arthur Alberti, a former Louisiana Airman and New Orleans native. "I think we've done a really great job." - 2018 Volunteer Appreciation Day



## Upcoming Events

### May

**10th** - *Battle of New Orleans: Orleans Parish History*  
Produced by the Louisiana Institute of Higher Education  
6:00 pm the Jackson Barracks Multi-Use Center

**19th** - 2024 Family Festival: Military Appreciation Month  
8:30 am - 5 pm, at Jackson Barracks Museum Courtyard





# Historian's Corner

## ***“Follow Me!”\*: Louisiana Adjutants General and the Infantry*** By Rhett Breerwood

On Sunday, March 10, 2024, Brigadier General Thomas C. Friloux became the 51st Adjutant General of Louisiana. The office of Louisiana Adjutant General goes back to 1803 and includes a long and illustrious list of commanders. BG Friloux spent his career in the infantry branch and served multiple combat deployments overseas. These include Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm (1990), Operation Iraqi Freedom II/III (2004), Operation Iraqi Freedom X and Operation New Dawn (2010). In the modern era of the National Guard, which encompasses the 20th and 21st centuries, only a handful of state AGs were infantry veterans.

In 1918, Louisianan Corporal Allen Hunter deployed to France and served in the trenches of World War I with the First infantry Division. Seriously wounded by chlorine and mustard gas, he returned home to be appointed Louisiana AG by Governor Pleasant in 1919. His tenure was unusual in that most LANG soldiers were federally mobilized and he retired before they returned to state service.

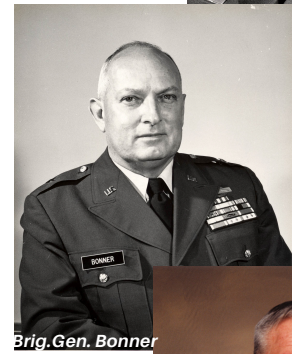
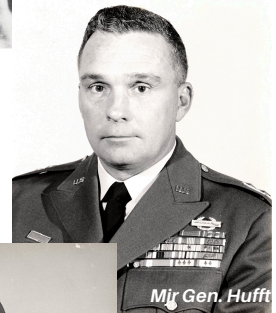
Major General Raymond Hufft came out of World War II as one of Louisiana’s most decorated veterans. Beginning the war with LANG’s 105th Anti-Aircraft Artillery (Now the 205th Engineer BN), Hufft volunteered for a Special Operations unit, the First Special Service Force. When that unit disbanded, he commanded the 45th Infantry Regimental Combat Team. It was in this role that Hufft led the crossing of the Rhine into Germany and where he received the Distinguished Service Cross and his final purple heart. Governor Earl Long appointed him AG in 1948 and 1956.

Brigadier General Thomas Bonner commissioned as a LANG infantry officer in 1940, immediately mobilizing with the 31st Infantry Division. He served in multiple infantry units during World War II, participating in the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. He returned to state service with LANG in 1946 and quickly became a key leader. When LG David Wade had to step aside to fulfill other duties for Governor McKeithen in 1969, BG Bonner filled his shoes as Adjutant General.

Major General Ansel “Buddy” Stroud enlisted during World War II, but did not graduate from Officer Candidate School until 1946, after the war ended. He was, however, a major figure in LANG’s Cold War era infantry, serving in the 199th and 156th Infantry regiments and the 39th Infantry Division. When the 256th Infantry Brigade was organized, he became the brigade S-3 and eventually its commanding officer. Stroud was appointed AG in 1980. Other state adjutants general served time in infantry but spent most of their career in other branches. These include Oswald McNeese, Cecil McCrory, OJ Daigle, Benny Landreneau, Glenn Curtis, and Keith Waddell.

BG Friloux is the second Louisiana Adjutant General to receive the purple heart. In 2021, he also federally mobilized with US Northern Command as the Dual- Status Commander in response to Hurricane Ida.

\*"Follow Me!" is the motto of the U.S. Army Infantry



# NEW IN THE COLLECTION



Gifted by long-time museum supporter Jack McGuire of Mandeville, our newest collection piece is a 1905 photo (Above) of **Louisiana "Governor Newton C. Blanchard and His Military Staff"**, Washington DC, at the **Inauguration of President Theodore Roosevelt** on March 4th.

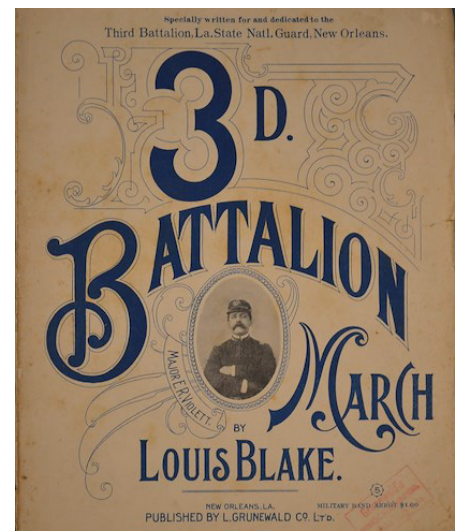
The first inauguration of Theodore Roosevelt as the 26th president of the United States, took place on Saturday, September 14, 1901, at the Ansley Wilcox House, at 641 Delaware Avenue in Buffalo, New York, following the death of President William McKinley earlier that day. The second inauguration of Theodore Roosevelt as president of the United States, took place on Saturday, March 4, 1905, at the East Portico of the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C. This was the 30th inauguration and marked the beginning of the second and only full term of Theodore Roosevelt as president .



*Indian Chiefs at Inauguration Parade*

It was said that Roosevelt's inaugural celebrations reflected the exuberance and diversity of America at the turn of the century. The inaugural parade was filled with cowboys, Native Americans including the legendary Apache chief Geronimo, coal miners, soldiers, and students - capturing the mosaic of American life in the early 1900s.

We are especially grateful to donors such as Mr. McGuire who also recently donated sheet music "Specially written for and dedicated to Third Battalion, La. State Natl. Guard, New Orleans, The Third Battalion March, by Louis Blake Major E.R. Violett, published by L Grunewald Co. Ltd., New Orleans, 1897"



*3rd Battalion March Sheet Music*





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## Graffiti, Sometimes Not a Bad Thing

By Richard Moran

One of the newest artifacts in the Louisiana Maneuvers and Military Museum Collection is in fact just graffiti. It is nothing more than a name and a date smeared on pieces of wood on the inside of a supply building. This simple scrawling will help tell the story of Training Center Pineville and the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC).

I wonder if the gentleman that decided to put this on the wall 88 years ago was attempting to making his mark on history or perhaps proudly autographing his carpentry work? He appears to have used **Creosote** to sign his name. Good thing, as this has almost surely resulted in the longevity of his actions. He placed it in a dark corner where it was exposed to very little sunlight which also helped preserve it. The CCC member's name was Pete Pritsen and he decided to make this "mark" on February 4, 1936.

Camp Beauregard was the site chosen for District Four Headquarters of the CCC. This HQ administered 100 plus Works Progress Administration camps located in three states. Projects included planting trees for the US Forestry Service, constructing roads, and building bridges. Another specific task was to aid in construction of military facilities. Many of the buildings still in use today at Training Center Pineville were built during this time. One of these was the Supply Building #214.

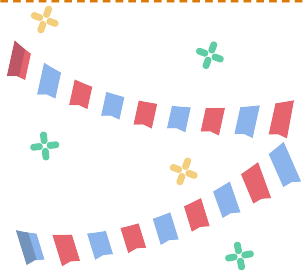
Knowing that the graffiti came from Building #214 which was built by the CCC, I checked the 1935 CCC Annual. This yearbook contains photographs of the camps, unit photos and rosters. Working on the supposition that Pete Pritsen was probably in a local unit, I started with the local camp rosters and found "P J Pritsen" from Heflin, LA in a Camp Beauregard CCC Supply company.

Even though the roster lists all of the unit members in the photo they are identified by row so Pete cannot be specifically identified. I contacted a few people in the small village of Heflin to see if anyone knew of or heard of Pete Pritsen or any potential relatives - so far nothing. The mystery of Pete's identity will continue for now, but the autograph will live on as an historical tribute to the work of the CCC and the memory of Pete Pritsen.

## Starbase Travels Back In Time



DoD STARBASE is a premier educational program, sponsored by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. At DoD STARBASE students participate in challenging "hands-on, minds-on" activities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). They interact with military personnel to explore careers and observe STEM applications in the "real world." The program provides students with 25 hours of stimulating experiences at National Guard, Marine, Air Force Reserve, Army, and Air Force bases across the nation. The Jackson Barracks location of Starbase is incredibly active with a new group visiting the museum every week. Led by our curator, Stan Amerski, the visit to the museum gives the students the opportunity to travel back through time and interact with military history on a local and national level.



## Family Festival Day Volunteers Needed

Sunday May 19th 11-3

Students looking for some service hours?

Some of the opportunities:

Supervisors for activities like:

- bounce house
- historic vehicle rides
- arts & crafts activity
- obstacle course
- archery course
- Face painters
- Hamburger cooks and food/drink service
- Trash and cleanup

We are also still looking for:

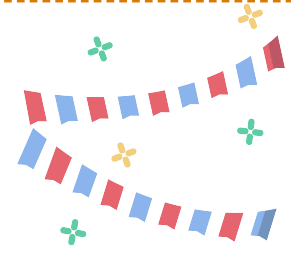
Bounce House

Certified First Aid Tech

Silent Auction donations

Cash donations to cover minor costs for plates, cutlery, craft supplies, face paint, charcoal briquettes etc.

Contact Director, Bev Boyko if you can help: [bev.a.boyko.nfg@army.mil](mailto:bev.a.boyko.nfg@army.mil)



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\* Face Painting \* Raffles \* Silent Auction \*  
\* Obstacle Course \* Archery Lessons \* and More...\**



**Admission is Free!**  
Scan the QR code or visit our event website:  
<https://events.handbid.com/lp/family-festival>  
for more information, to register for our auction, and  
reserve your FREE tickets!

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