

CHANGES AT THE MUSEUMS FOR 2014

At the Menominee Range Historical Museum:

- Two new cases comprised mainly of historic photographs, some dating back to the late 1890's were installed in the lower level. One features the Ford Motor Company's plant in Kingsford, while the other features the Ardis Furnace, located on the North Side, and John Tyler Jones, whose original mansion still stands on Grand Boulevard on the North Side. (Dianne Castelaz-Chiapusio and Bill Cummings)
- In addition, a special display of nine bridal gowns dating between 1900 and 1940 allowed visitors to see the fine handiwork, sewing skills and changing styles. (Dianne Castelaz-Chiapusio)

At the Cornish Pumping Engine & Mining Museum:

- No new exhibits were added this past season.
- In June the Cornish Pumping Engine was professionally cleaned by Mark's Window Cleaning, Inc., much enhancing its appearance.

At the WWII Glider & Military Museum:

- Through the efforts of Clyde Unger, the area under the CG-4A Waco glider was covered with gravel and artificial grasses this season. The display also contains a rock wall with a soldier shooting a bazooka and a sandbag wall with another soldier firing a machine gun.
- A collection of artifacts from D-Day (June 6, 1944) gathered from the Utah Beach area in Normandy was donated by a contact there through the efforts of Board Member Guy Forstrom. Clyde Unger constructed a display case for their permanent display.
- Clyde Unger also designed and constructed a 4'x10' Sinclair Gas Station which highlights an exhibit featuring the 1930 Ford dump truck and 1930 Ford Tudor sedan. A gravity-fed gas pump from the Museum's collection was refurbished by Guy Forstrom. Two new figures – a sailor wearing Allen Maki's uniform and a filling station attendant – round out the display.

- In May, just before the museum opened, the Piper Cub and Heiserman airplanes were suspended from the ceiling beams, providing more display area on the museum floor and an impressive view as visitors enter the exhibits. (Joe Warren)
- Artifacts and historic photographs and additional captions were added to the Civil War and Spanish American War uniform cases. (Dianne Castelaz-Chiapusio and Bill Cummings)
- A working model of a Confederate States Artillery Mountain Rifle (cannon) fabricated by Al Saunders has also been added to the Civil War exhibit. (Joe Warren)
- A gas-powered Korean War military generator was also placed on display due to the efforts of Guy Forstrom.
- In September, the 1929 Ford Plant fire truck, later used by the City of Kingsford, was placed on display, on loan from the City of Kingsford. Guy Forstrom and Roger Scott worked on this project and drove the fire truck to the museum following a bath at the car wash.
- Extra CG4A-Waco Glider Seat placed in front of audiovisual room with a sign reading: Take a Load Off Your Feet; Sit on a Glider Rider's Seat. (Clyde Unger)
- In July, the Foundation hosted the third annual free day for all veterans from the Oscar G. Johnson Medical Center and any other area veterans at the WWII Glider and Military Museum. (Jan Reynolds and Kathie Fayas)

DVD Production:

- *The CG-4A Cargo Glider As Built By the Ford Motor Company, Iron Mountain, Michigan*, a 30-minute video enhanced by still photographs was produced by Guy Forstrom. Vintage footage of glider production at the local Ford Plant and the E-Award presentation on June 22, 1944 are included.
- *The Way We Were: Iron Mountain, Michigan 1914*, a 70-minute video simulating attending a movie at the Bijou Theater a century ago was produced by Bill Cummings. Authentic footage of Iron Mountain taken in the summer of 1914 is featured with still photographs and historical background information is included.