



**Quotes of Support for the PA Veterans Museum**  
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**In support of the PA Veterans Museum and our educational mission:**

\*\* “One of the real shortfalls we have in today’s education is that so many of our youngsters are historically illiterate. They know personally nothing about U.S. history, world history, etc. So to increase their knowledge of history is certainly a giant step. This [current] conflict is so important because it involves their brothers and sisters and their fathers and mothers ... History is being made as we stand here. It is extremely important that we capture the history that is being made ... especially for those youngsters who otherwise would have this pass by and say, ‘Gee I was alive during that time, but I really don’t remember what it was all about’ ... I commend all of you for what you are doing in bringing history to the youngsters who need to know it and will benefit so greatly from all of your efforts. God bless you.”

-- Brigadier General Thomas V. Draude, USMC (Ret), President and Chief Executive Officer, Marine Corps University Foundation

\*\* “We do not teach much about our country’s wars in text books. We do not spend time explaining to our kids why we have our freedom.”

-- Tom Ridge, PA Governor and first Secretary of Homeland Security

\*\* Classroom “materials drive teaching... materials are more powerful than the standards...the more of your [PA Veterans Museum] three-year plan that is completed, the better...nothing will happen at the standards or anchoring levels that you [PAVM] will not be involved with.”

-- Joe Torsella, Chairman of the PA Dept of Education and Jim Buckheit, Executive Director for the PA Dept of Education

**In support of the “Women in the Military” film**

\*\* “I’m tremendously impressed with the film. This film, more than anything I have seen yet to date, tells in an interesting, accurate way, the history of women beginning with the Revolutionary War right up to the present time. It’s just extraordinarily well done.”

-- Brigadier General Wilma Vaught, USAF (Ret), President, Women’s Memorial Foundation

\*\* "It was very enlightening. It was exciting. It was emotional. it was just wild... it captured our whole progress from beginning to end. It's like standing in the presence of greatness!"

-- Command Master Chief Jacqueline L. K. DiRosa, USN