

## **GROUT MUSEUM MISSION STATEMENT**

THE MISSION OF THE GROUT MUSEUM DISTRICT is to provide a better understanding of our world by collecting, preserving and interpreting history and illustrating scientific principles. The Grout Museum collects, preserves and interprets cultural and natural history of the region; the Rensselaer Russell House Museum and the Snowden House preserve and interpret elements of the Victorian age; the Bluedorn Science Imaginarium provides exhibitions and programming that inspire the study of the sciences; and the Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum honors the service and sacrifice of Iowa veterans from the Civil War to present.

## **CELEBRATE AND COMMEMORATE**

Anniversaries and celebrations happen every year. Whether it's ten years, twenty-five or one hundred fifty, the passage of time is marked by these milestone dates.

The past fiscal year held a number of significant dates. One hundred sixty years ago a man was born whose curiosity and collecting became the foundation of the Grout Museum. Eighty-five years ago, he passed away and left the collection he built over the 76 years of his life to the community. Sixty years ago, the Grout Museum opened its doors for the first time—which coincidentally marked the 100th anniversary of Henry Grout's birth.

At the time of Henry's death, five young men and their sister were growing up in Waterloo. Their father worked for the Illinois Central Railroad while their mother and grandmother kept six young people and three adults fed and clothed. One of the boys married and had a son. When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor seventy-six years ago, all five boys enlisted in the Navy and asked that they be allowed to serve together. George, Francis, Joseph, Madison and Albert Sullivan were aboard the USS Juneau seventy-five years ago when a Japanese torpedo hit the ship in the Battle of Guadalcanal. All five boys and over 700 of their shipmates perished. After the death of their boys, Thomas and Alleta travelled the country supporting the war effort. Their sister Genevieve joined the WAVES. Nine years ago, Albert's son Jim and his children Kelly and John were part of the grand opening ceremonies for the Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum—an addition to the museum Henry Grout's vision built.

Henry's dream to share the wonders of the world with the children of the community continues. Fifteen years ago, two schools participated in a pilot project called Museum School. Third graders from these schools spent an entire week in the Museum District, learning about Iowa history and local industry. In 2008 the story of Iowa's veterans was added. This program now serves all public and private schools in Waterloo and Cedar Falls and has recently added Gilbertville and Janesville. The third graders in that pilot project are now young adults of twenty-three or twenty-four, some may be introducing their own children to the dream Henry created. If Henry could be here to celebrate the 160th anniversary of his birth, we think he would be pleased.

Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy in this report. Plea let us know of any errors and accept our apologies.





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Imaginarium.

School in the spring of 2017. What began as a small pilot program involving two schools has steadily grown to include every 3rd grade student in Waterloo and Cedar Falls, as well as Janesville and Immaculate Conception Elementary in Gilbertville. Students attending Museum School have the unique opportunity to spend 4 days at the Grout Museum District learning about the history of the Cedar Valley, from the Paleozoic Era (250-500 million years ago) to the 1940s. Students take part in a wide range of lessons that cover fossil recognition, Iowa's various Native American tribes, the arrival of European settlers, and the rise of industry in the Cedar Valley. Students also get to experience historical re-enactments in Pioneer Hall, the Rensselaer Russell House and during an interactive One-Room Schoolhouse activity. Providing Museum School to every 3rd grade class in Black Hawk County is a long term goal.

\*For a list of Museum School Sponsors see page 14.

#### Black Hawk County Astronomy Club

- Bosnian Exhibit Committee
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- Cedar Valley Sportsplex
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- Dan Gable Wrestling Museum
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- Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area
- UNI Center for Holocaust and Genocide Education

- UNI College of Education
- Vietnam Exhibit Committee

**COLLABORATIONS** 

- Wartburg College Scholars Program
- Waterloo Center for the Arts
- Waterloo Community Foundation
- Waterloo Convention & Visitors Bureau
- The Courier
- YWCA

### **EXHIBITS**

#### **GROUT & SULLIVAN BROTHERS IOWA VETERANS MUSEUM**

#### **TEMPORARY EXHIBITS**

- Hawkeye Community College: 50 years of **Making Connections**
- Henry Grout: The Man. The Collection. The Legacy
- Pendants and Pendulums
- Facing Prejudice
- Dr. Seuss Wants You!
- From the Prairie to the Trenches: Iowans in the Great War
- Park It!

#### **DOLL EXHIBITS**

- Dolls That Do Things
- Dolls From Books
- Hold on to Your Hats

Boy Scouts Badge Days

#### Homeschool Workshops

- Collectors Showcase
- Discovery Days
- Dollar Days
- Film Series: "The Great Dictator" & "The Political Dr. Seuss"
- Girl Scout Overnights & Badge Days
- Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony

- Jewelry Workshops
- Lou Henry Hoover Park Dedication
- Memorial Day at the Iowa Veterans Museum
- MIA/POW Commorative Event
- Museum Madness
- National History Day
- Pearl Harbor 75th Anniversary Program

## **BLUEDORN SCIENCE IMAGINARIUM**

#### **TEMPORARY EXHIBITS**

- Sportsology
- Attack of the Blood Suckers!

#### **UPGRADES**

- Vietnam Exhibits:
- 1. Faces To Go With Names
- 2. The Vietnam War: An Interactive Timeline

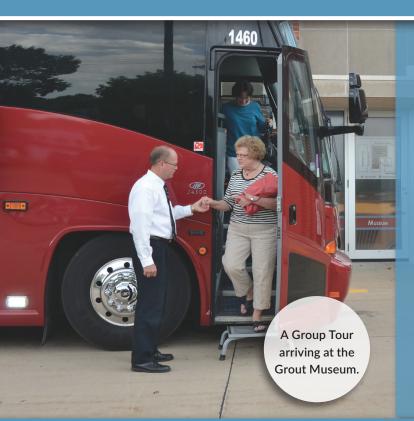


## **PROGRAMMING**

- Saturday Science Clubs
- Spirit Walks
- Star Parties
- Summer Camps
- Tea Parties at the Snowden House
- Weekly Wonders



## **GROUT MUSEUM DISTRICT VISITORS**



TOTAL VISITOR ATTENDANCE 93,038

GROUP TOURS
30 Adult
65 Youth

MILITARY REUNIONS

COLD WAR REUNION:
COMPANY L, COMPANY C,
28TH INFANTRY REGIMENT,
8TH INFANTRY DIVISION ARMY.

## VISITORS TRAVEL TO THE GROUT MUSEUM FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD!

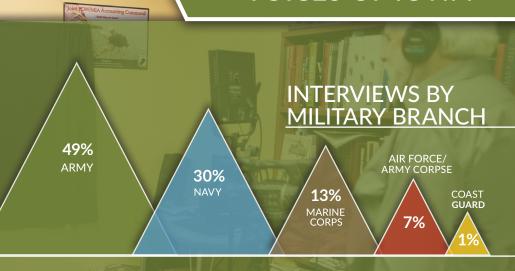
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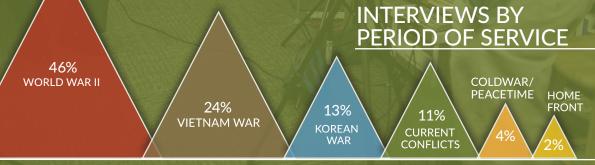


## **VOICES OF IOWA**

# TOTAL INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED 2.150

- Over **1,750** Veteran interviews conducted
- Over 400 farm interviews conducted in partnership with Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area
- All interviews archived at Grout Museum for use in research, exhibit development, promotion and educational programming

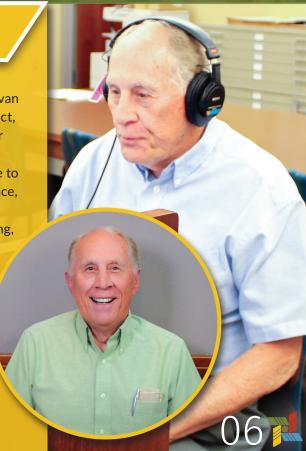




## **CELEBRATING DAN YATES**

Dan Yates has volunteered his time and expertise for two years at the Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum. He has worked with the Voices of Iowa Project, a collection of nearly 1900 video interviews with Iowans who have served their country. Each interview averages over an hour in length. A segment of each interview, ranging from one to three minutes, is posted on the museum website to recognize that individual's military contribution. Drawing on his media experience, Dan has listened to all of the interviews in their entirety and selected an appropriate excerpt to be featured for each one. These selections are compelling, emotional, humorous and informational. His efforts have also provided a valuable log of other relevant subjects.

His volunteer effort, totaling over 1000 hours, has allowed the museum to provide a comprehensive account of lowa's military contributions and a perspective of what veterans experienced and how they responded to their service. Dan approaches his volunteerism with enthusiasm. He "works" three to four hours a day, three to four days a week. He regularly approaches staff telling them about a unique story or an especially good interview. He is an important part of the museum's mission to collect, preserve and interpret the story of lowans who served their country.





#### TORT OF A **GRANTS AWARDED 2016/2017 ORGANIZATION** echnology Centers \$2.000 **Program Black Hawk County** Gaming Association \$20,000 Marketing Black Hawk County **Gaming Association** Korean War Exhibit City of Waterloo/ Hotel Motel Tax \$25.488 Marketing **Community Foundation** of Northeast Iowa \$7,500 Museum Schoo Fred Maytag Family Oral History Project \$40,000 Foundation | THE **Guernsey Charitable** Outreach/Science \$20.000 Foundation \$28,425 Humanities Iowa **Oral History Project** lowa Department of \$15,000 **Operations Cultural Affairs** Oral History Project Iowa Farm Bureau \$10,000 TOTAL R.J. McElroy Trust \$15.000 Education **AMOUNT AWARDED** R.J McElroy Trust \$9,800 Spring Break \$260,032 Voices of Iowa: Farm \$5,000 Interview Kiosk \$1,000 Walmart **Intern Program** 08

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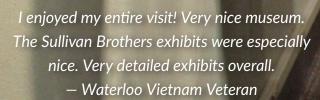
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Military reunion

attendees outside

the Sullivan



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"Stirring memorial. The story of the Sullivan Brothers is very inspirational. It is hard to attend the museum without tearing up over the story of these 5 brave men all losing their lives while defending our freedom. Definitely a "must see" for any vets and their families."

- Dennis B. - TripAdvisor

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#### IN MEMORY OF STANLEY AND **MARJORIE JERALD**

Susan Card

Leo Hoffman began volunteering at the Grout Museum District in 2006.

## **GROUT MUSEUM INTERNS**

#### **DANIEL BRUNSHEEN**

**Programming & Collections** Spring-Summer 2017

#### **RACHAEL ENGLEMAN**

UNI

Graphic Design Annual Report Designer Summer 2017

#### **ALEX GARY**

UNI **Exhibits** Fall 2016

### **AUSTIN JAGUCKI**

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UNI **Exhibits** 

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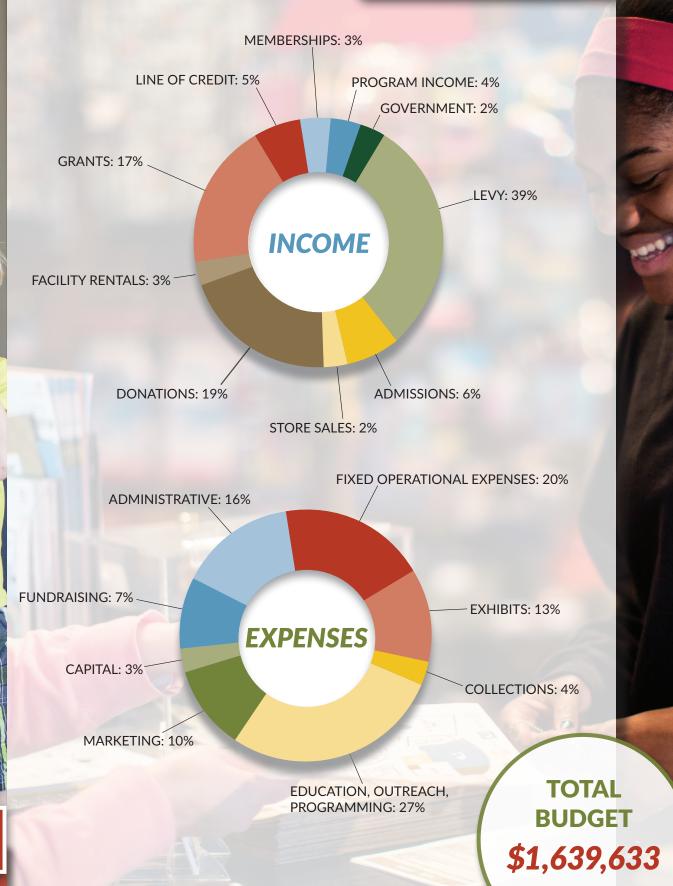
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- Samantha & Spencer Snodgrass

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- Joy Thiel
- Various UNI Student Groups

- Norman Van De Walker

- Cameron Walker
- Larry Walters

- Waterloo West High AFJROTC
- Niria White
- Sandy Wiesenstein-Crooks
- Kaylee Winterscheidt
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- Haley Klimesh Kara Numemaker
  - Sabrina Robins
  - Natalija Sablijakovic Daqwandis Spates
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  - Mathew Swalley Delaney Weidman

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- Jenny Hoover
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Payton Heidemann

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## **VISITOR TESTIMONAL**

It was such a wonderful experience for our family to watch my Grandpa's veteran interview. I knew some of my Grandpa's experiences in the Korean War, but this candid conversation painted such a vibrant picture. Some things were hard to hear and, even with the star of the show in the room with us, we were left breathless at how easily he could have been killed or maimed. And he tells his story with such humor, a characteristic that still remains sharp as ever despite his slowly declining health. It was a marvel to think how lucky he was to have survived; and without that luck I would not be here. Thank you for selecting him to tell his story through your Oral History Project. It was a true joy for our family to hear it.









