

Artifact Donations to the West Point Museum

The West Point Museum's mission is to collect, preserve, exhibit, and interpret historically significant artifacts pertaining to the United States Military Academy, United States Army and the Profession of Arms. As such we encourage the public to help enrich the most diverse collection in the Army Museum Enterprise and the Nation's oldest Federal Museum. However, due to the volume of offers, and Army Regulation 1-100 we cannot accept unsolicited material dropped off at the Museum or unsolicited material sent through the mail.

If you would like to donate an item(s) to the Museum, please email the West Point Museum at museum@usma.edu. Include images of the objects, and provide any background/biographical, historical significance about the object(s) offered in your email. The relevant Museum staff will review the donation and contact you with instructions on how to make an official donation proffer.

All official donation offers will be reviewed and by the United States Army Center of Military History before acceptance into the Army's historic collection. Acceptance of a donation requires that the items are donated without restriction, free and clear of all encumbrances. Your donation may be accepted into the Army Historic collection but not into the collection which resides at the West Point Museum. If your donation is accepted you will be contacted with further instructions. Items that do not meet the collection criteria may be declined. A gift may be accepted in whole or in part. If a gift is declined, the donor will be notified in writing, per regulation.

Army regulations do not allow the West Point Museum to hold personal property during this process. The West Point Museum cannot forward declined gifts to other agencies.

Please understand that the West Point Museum cannot guarantee that your donation will be placed on permanent exhibit. However, inclusion in the collection does facilitate research by the Corps of Cadets, United States Military Academy at West Point Faculty and the public. Regulation requires that artifacts gifted to the Army Historical collection, have no conditions placed upon the acceptance.

Library donations: If you would like to make a donation of personal papers, books (i.e.: Howitzers, Pointers) and/or other archival materials please send a complete list of materials proposed for donation be sent to the United States Military Academy at West Point Library. For more information please go to the United States Military Academy at West Point Library Gifts and Donations webpage at: <http://www.usma.edu/library/SitePages/gifts.aspx>.