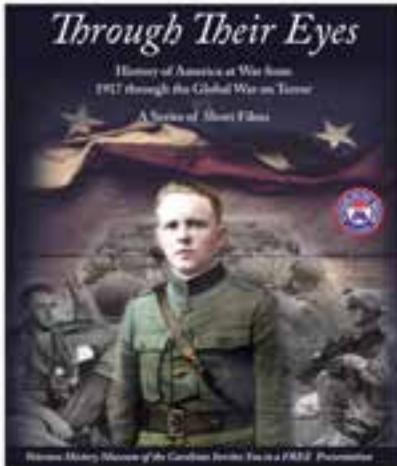


s new exhibit was a WWII scene Letters from Home, Somewhere in Europe, displaying a 1943 Willys Jeep and 1942 Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

met as young Explorer Scouts in the late
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The museum also received donations of a WWI Maxim machine gun, a 14-foot Soviet missile, and German uniforms and shoes. New Director of Acquisitions Bobby Kotlowski established a partnership with Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum in Charleston, SC to procure additional artifacts. He expects more historically significant items in 2023.



In 2022, inflation and a sluggish economy resulted in a 14.5% decline in donations to the museum. A Covid-relief grant from North Carolina Humanities enabled the museum to stay open. Grants and partnerships supported exciting new programs such as the Jeep Exhibit and *Through Their Eyes* (a documentary consisting of six videos). A short video in each gallery tells the history of each conflict through professional narration, photos, music, museum artifacts and local veterans stories.

The world premiere showings of *Through Their Eyes* drew 700 people, including 150 eighth-graders and high school students, with requests for showings in 2023 to schools, libraries, colleges, and community organizations.

The six videos now show in each of the museum's galleries and will be on our website and Facebook page. In 2023, the volunteer video team will develop a study guide for students and create meet the veterans events. We thank the North Carolina Humanities, Lake Toxaway Charities, Pisgah Forest Rotary, and Transylvania County for their support. e g Mee l M srusa dh n

We continued our participation in community events such as Independence Day, Veterans Day, and Memorial Day. We received generous srusa .

