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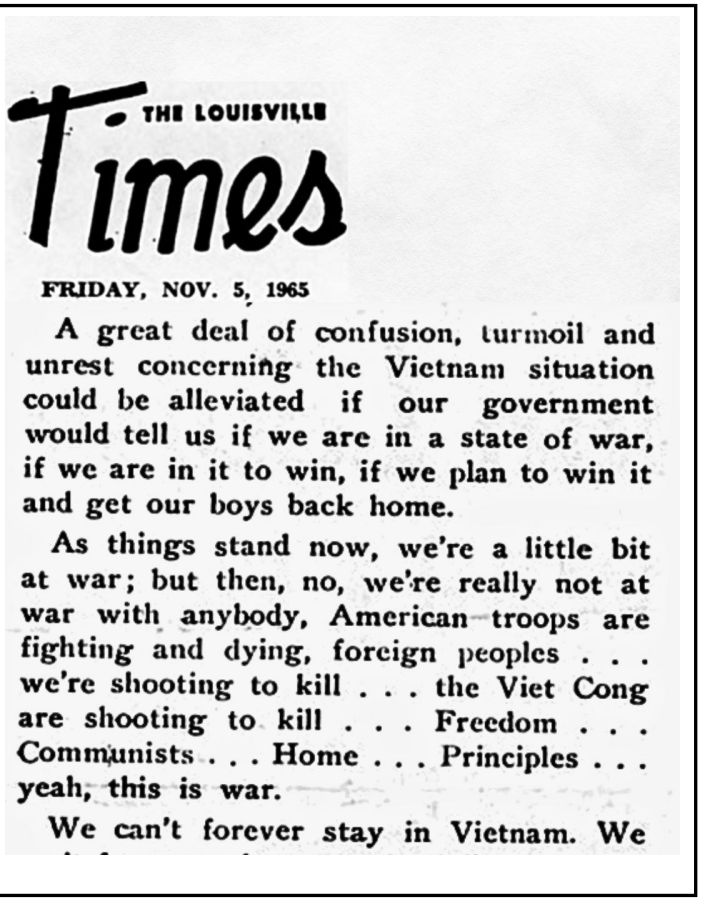
When the Boys Were Away: Louisville and the Vietnam War, Part II

by Summer King, Museum Staff

The Boys Who Went to War: Louisville and the Vietnam War, Part I, covered the experiences of young men who served during the Vietnam War. This issue describes the experiences of the folks who stayed behind, the experience veterans had coming home to Louisville, and the lasting impacts of the war on Louisville today.



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A great deal of confusion, turmoil and unrest concerning the Vietnam situation could be alleviated if our government would tell us if we are in a state of war, if we are in it to win, if we plan to win it and get our boys back home.

As things stand now, we're a little bit at war; but then, no, we're really not at war with anybody, American troops are fighting and dying, foreign peoples . . . we're shooting to kill . . . the Viet Cong are shooting to kill . . . Freedom . . . Communists . . . Home . . . Principles . . . yeah, this is war.

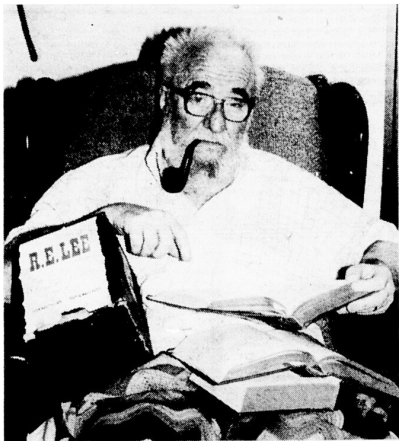
We can't forever stay in Vietnam. We

Louisville Times editor Percy Conarroe describes the uncertainty Louisville felt about Vietnam.

According to all reports, life in Louisville was lively and worry-free for teens before the war. Ady Kupfner, who graduated from Louisville High School (LHS) in 1959 remembers, "It was a wonderful era to grow up in. We had snake dances for the homecomings and the big homecoming bonfire, and we would snake dance all the way down Main Street from the high school, which is now the middle school. And we would go in the restaurants on a Saturday night in Louisville. They were busy—I mean, the spaghetti houses were just—people were lined up around the block to get in. And so here comes all these high school students, snake dancing through the restaurant and the waitresses with their trays of spaghetti and meatballs trying to… dodge."

As the 1960s progressed, the shadow of the Vietnam War crept in to Louisville. Although there was a smattering of updates printed in the Louisville Times on the developing conflict throughout the 1950s and early 1960s, it wasn't until 1965 that Louisville began to cover the war in earnest, likely because that is when many Louisville boys began to head overseas.

Nonetheless, Vietnam was not discussed much in Louisville, even in history class. A well-loved social studies teacher, Howard Spangenberg, taught many of the young men who would serve in Vietnam, yet many of his students don't recall the war ever being talked about. A rotund man with a full beard and holes in his shirt from pipe sparks, Spangenberg was more likely to talk about how to best cook a steak



Howard Spangenberg, beloved LHS social studies teacher.

than the Vietnam conflict, according to LHS '68 graduate and Vietnam Veteran Dan Brown. Ron Buffo, LHS '71, remembers Spangenberg as a brilliant teacher and storyteller, but says, "When I was in high school, we never talked about this… I don't know if I ever heard the word 'Vietnam' [in school]." For Buffo, and others who were still in high school, the war was a "television war," with black and white broadcasts of the war coming into their homes for the first time. It made the war feel distant, like something that was happening "out there" and not in Louisville. Despite his lack of discussion in class, Spangenberg later wrote a moving poem about Vietnam veterans that was printed in the September 1989 issue of *The Louisville Historian* and is available on the Museum website.

Supporting Soldiers from Home

Around 100 of Louisville's young men served in the war, a staggering number for a small town of only around 2,200. This many men suddenly absent from town life left a noticeable void. Ady Kupfner remembers, "It was like, you walked down the street… it was just quiet. It was different."

Mothers, girlfriends, and wives were especially impacted by the absence. The wives of Warren Barcus and David Delier both gave birth while their husbands were absent, serving in Vietnam. Dan Brown came home from training in Kodiak, Alaska before shipping off to Vietnam, but he made sure to find time to marry his Louisville high school sweetheart, Janet Hansen, in between.

Like all mothers, Louisville mothers worried about their sons abroad. In 1965, the U.S. military replaced the telegram announcement of a death in the service with a personal contact from a uniformed officer and chaplain. Tom Mudrock's mother, Cleo, described her heart dropping into her stomach whenever she spotted the mailman in his uniform on the porch, fearing it was an officer with terrible news. At least two Louisville mothers had three sons to worry about: Lucy Gomez Martinez Brown had three sons in Vietnam, and Rosanna Camps had three sons in the service, two in Vietnam.

Louisville is remembered as being generally supportive of service members during the war. Allan Ferrera, a graduate of 1965 who served in Vietnam, remembers, "Louisville was behind us." He especially remembers care packages put together by Louisville women Rose Martella, Louise Schoser, and Cleo Mudrock. The women collected candy donations from Louisville grocers and merchants for servicemen. When the packages were ready to mail, Post Office employees Lois Mall and Marge Martella covered the cost of shipping. Marge often added a little note to the letters being mailed to Louisville boys overseas as well.

Louisville also supported service members in other ways. In October 1966, the Louisville Methodist Church participated in the "Jingle Bells Viet Nam Project," collecting over 200 paperback books and around 60 decks of playing cards to send to Vietnam for Christmas. In March 1967, the Jaycee Mates planned to send one box a month to a service unit stationed in Vietnam, "hoping to include units that have at least one Louisville man."

Lois Mall worked at the Louisville Post Office from 1964 to 1978 and often covered the cost of shipping items to service members.

Downtown Louisville in the late 1960s or early 1970s, looking south on Main Street. Colacci's and Luigi's are two of many businesses pictured.

"We Weren't Boulder:" Nearby Protests

Louisville culture was extremely patriotic, yet that didn't mean that everybody was excited to serve. One veteran from Louisville remembers his father begging him to go to Canada instead of Vietnam, even offering him money to do so. Nonetheless, he served his time in Vietnam. Other veterans remember similar conversations and apprehensions, but nobody interviewed for this article remembers any deserters or open protesters in Louisville. When asked about support in Louisville, Ron Buffo said, "Well, we weren't Boulder! ...You never saw a protest in Louisville, [it was a] very conservative community that supported the troops like they always did through whatever conflict."

As Buffo implied, nearby Boulder was a different story. Student-led protests wound through the city, often shutting down streets. In 1966, CU Boulder Student Peace Union marched from Boulder all the way to Denver to protest the Vietnam War. In 1970, after four students were killed at Kent State, 8,000 Boulder students gathered to call for a boycott of classes until all American troops were withdrawn. Two years later, 1,500 to 2,000 students shut down U.S. 36 at Baseline Road by occupying it in protest of U.S. President Richard Nixon's blockage of North Vietnam and the mining of Haiphong Harbor. In 1974, a student group organized by the Vietnam Veterans Against the War planned to march 41 miles from the Boulder County Courthouse to the State Capital. Their planned path wound through Louisville, Lafayette, and Broomfield, with the intention of speaking with local leaders and rallying them to their cause.

Louisville residents viewed their Boulder neighbors with a mixture of curiosity and contempt, sometimes driving out to watch the protestors, or "hippies" as they called them, while simultaneously judging them. Ady Kupfner admits, "I looked down on them, to be honest, but later I learned that some of my good neighbors were protesters." Like many residents, her view of the protesters changed over time, as she realized that they both wanted the same thing: safe return of the boys who served.

Vietnam War Protest in Boulder, likely October 1969. Courtesy Carnegie Library.

Returning to Home, (Not So) Sweet, Home

To a veteran in Vietnam, nothing was more exciting than getting their discharge date. Many veterans were grateful to return to supportive Louisville instead of other cities. Still, homecomings could be disappointing. Veterans excited to return home were spit on at airports on their way back to Louisville, called names, and denied seats. In Boulder and cities like Greeley, Louisville veterans sometimes got in fights or had names like "baby-killer" hurled at them.

Unlike other wars, no parades welcomed veterans of Vietnam home. Many Vietnam veterans felt that they were treated differently than other veterans. When Dan Brown was asked for this article if there were anything he would want Louisville to take away

Tom Mudrock, second from right, in Vietnam.

about the war, his response was simple: "People could have been a little bit nicer." One New Year's Eve, Vietnam veterans Roger Delforge, Greg Camps, and Don Cummings left a party at Cummings' house to join the WWII vets at Louisville's VFW Hall only to be turned away and told, "You're not welcome." When the boys returned to the Cummings house, Don's father took them back and made the WWII vets apologize. "They served just like you did," he said. Delforge remembers thinking, "Why would you treat us differently just 'cause we went to a different war?" Mudrock's response to a similar argument at the American Legion was much more concise: "My friends are just as dead as your friends are."

The Vietnam War's Long Shadow

While around 58,000 American troops lost their lives in this conflict, the impact on the Vietnamese people was even more terrible. Over three million Vietnamese were killed, much of the country destroyed, and many children left without families to care for them. An initial plan to evacuate orphans to new homes ended in tragedy when the plane airlifting them crashed on April 4th, 1975, killing 138 people, 78 of them children. One of those children, a 7-year-old girl, had been bound for an adoptive Colorado family, Elmo and Ruth Wilson. The Wilsons went on to adopt two other Vietnamese refugee children. After 11 years of legal battles, Lockheed, the manufacturer of the plane which crashed, was determined to be at fault. The Wilsons were paid a settlement which they used to purchase land to build a ten-bedroom foster care home in Louisville.

Nearby Denver saw an influx of adult refugees starting just ten days after the fall of Saigon in 1975. Before the early 1970s, immigration from Vietnam was rare in Colorado. However, between 1975 and 1990 Denver welcomed around 25,000 Vietnamese refugees. For many, the trip to America was a harrowing one, often starting in dangerous cramped boats. One person who made this difficult trip was Jimmy Dong. In Vietnam, young Dong remembers being so poor he begged servicemen for pennies. In 1976, Dong's father sent 14-year-old Jimmy to America in search of a better life. Dong, along with 30 other people, traveled on a tiny boat for six days to Malaysia, at times bailing water from the choppy seas. He waited 13 months in Malaysia before a church in Denver sponsored him. Dong began searching for work and found his life's calling in restaurants. In 1983, he opened the first Asian restaurant in Louisville, one that is still open today: the Double Happy on Main Street.

Jimmy Dong (R), and cousin, Howard Duong. Jimmy and Howard left Vietnam on the same boat and co-owned the Double Happy.

A tragic consequence of the war for both the Vietnamese and U.S. veterans was exposure to toxic wartime chemicals. Many of the veterans suffered lifelong disability from injury and exposure to chemicals

like Agent Orange, an herbicide used by U.S. forces to defoliate trees and shrubs and kill crops. Dan Brown worked for the U.S. Navy as a part of a Construction Battalion (CB or SeaBees) constructing a compound along the Mekong River.

Dan Brown (L), faced lifelong health challenges from exposure to Agent Orange, but credits Veterans Affairs for helping him survive.

Each night, the U.S. Navy sent a small ship up the river and sprayed both banks with Agent Orange. In the morning, the scaffolding and construction materials would be wet with it. Brown remembers asking the senior chief if it was safe, and his response: "Oh, hell yeah, you could eat it." While the exact number of people who have suffered from exposure is unknown, some estimates put it as high as 3 million Americans, and 4.8 million Vietnamese, with at least 300,000 American deaths and 400,000 Vietnamese deaths. Despite their service to our country, receiving health benefits and decent care through Veterans Affairs remained difficult for many.

On Labor Day, 1989, many Vietnam veterans would receive some of the acknowledgement and recognition they had waited so long to receive from the City of Louisville. Ron Buffo worked with the fledgling Louisville Historical Commission to plan a salute to Vietnam Veterans. After the parade, veterans were invited back to the newly opened Jacoe Store building of the Historical Museum where individual biographies and personal photos were displayed, and each veteran was presented with a pin from the Historical Commission. A ceremony where service members receive a pin is a traditional way to honor the service and sacrifices of individuals in the military. In 2023, the U.S. Vietnam War Commemoration held a homecoming event on the National Mall in Washington D.C. where Vietnam Veterans received pins and the belated homecoming celebration they deserved. Most recently, in February of 2025, the Louisville Walter Rhodes American Legion Post 111 held their own pinning ceremony to honor the service of Louisville Vietnam Veterans.

The Museum acknowledges that this coverage of the Vietnam War is limited in scope and recognizes that many veterans are unable or unwilling to speak about this difficult time in their lives, while many others have passed on, some from injuries and exposures sustained in Vietnam.

Many thanks to Dan Brown and Allan Ferrera for their interviews about serving in Vietnam and for their service. Thanks to Ron Buffo, Ady Kupfner, and Janice Mudrock for consulting on life in Louisville during the Vietnam War. Thanks to Bridget Bacon for additional research on Vietnam veterans from Louisville. Please visit the Local History page on the Museum website for a complete list of Louisville men who served during the Vietnam War.

A correction from the last edition: Michael "Buddy" Ferrera was listed as graduating in 1960 when he was actually part of the class of 1963. Thank you to Connie Di Giallonardo for the correction.

If you have stories, memories, or information to share about Louisville's involvement in the Vietnam War or about the experience of Vietnamese immigrants in Louisville, please contact the Museum at museum@louisvilleco.gov and help us better document and understand this time in Louisville history.

A Vietnam Soldier's Story: Michael S. "Buddy" Ferrera

by Sophia Imperioli

The publication of our last article inspired Connie Di Giallonardo to share the story of her husband's military experience and the decades that followed.

Michael S. ("Buddy") Ferrera graduated from Louisville High School in 1963 and enlisted in the Army on May 31, 1963. He served with the 101st Airborne Division, also known as the "Screaming Eagles." According to Connie, the 101st was one of the most feared divisions, earning the nickname "Nomads of Vietnam" for their ability to conduct rapid, battalion-sized assaults. As a radio operator, Ferrera spent 13 months on the frontlines of Vietnam, relaying enemy positions while operating in small reconnaissance teams spread over miles of terrain.

Ferrera was honorably discharged on June 16, 1966, after serving 37 months. He received several honors, including the Parachutist Badge, Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Expert Marksmanship Badge. Years later, Ferrera was selected to serve as the Grand Marshall of the Louisville Labor Day Parade to represent Vietnam War veterans.

Michael "Buddy" Ferrera (R), stands with his Platoon Leader shortly after arriving in Vietnam, c. 1965.

Upcoming Programs and Events

Join us for these upcoming programs exploring historical topics, large and small. For more details, visit the Museum website and calendar. All Museum programs are free!

Operation Footlocker: Vietnam War Traveling Trunk Program
Sat., March 29 | 3–4 PM | Historical Museum
Presented with the Broomfield Veterans Museum, this traveling exhibit features over 30 authentic artifacts, including original uniforms and home front items. Former U.S. Navy Swift Boat Captain Pete Snyder will share his experiences and offer a unique look at the Vietnam War and life in the 1960s and 1970s. Louisville Vietnam veterans and their families are invited to attend and share their experiences.

First Friday: "Quilts"
Friday, April 4 | 6–8 PM | Historical Museum
Join the Museum for an open house and tours of our historic buildings. Try your hand at free-form quilting, view quilts from Louisville's past and learn how women joined together in sewing groups to make light work of this handicraft.

First Friday: "Lost Louisville"
Friday, May 2 | 6–8 PM | Historical Museum
Discover the fascinating history of Louisville's ever-evolving structures on a special preview of the "Lost Louisville" walking tour. Uncover the stories behind these vanished landmarks and get a glimpse into the town's built landscape.

Walking Tour: "Lost Louisville"
Sat., May 17 | 10–11 AM | Historical Museum
Explore the rich history of downtown as we visit sites where buildings once stood. Using viewfinders, you'll get a glimpse of these vanished structures through historical photos, bringing the past to life in a fun and interactive way. This is a free in-person event but registration is required. Visit the Museum website to register.

Walking Tour: "Trees of Louisville"
Sat., May 31 | 10–11 AM | Historical Museum
Join Chris Lichty, City Forester, as he leads a tour about historic and significant trees in Louisville. This is a free in-person event, but registration is required.

Louisville History Book Club
The Louisville History Book Club is an informal book discussion group that meets every 4th Tuesday from 6:00–7:30 PM at the Louisville Public Library. Members read any book on the topic, rather than everyone reading the same book. Contact Mary Barry at MaryKBarry@gmail.com for more details. Upcoming Book Discussion Topics:

Mar. 25	Water: Creeks and Rivers
Apr. 22	Earth Day
May 27	Tourism in Colorado

Historical Museum Advisory Board

The Historical Museum Advisory Board (HMAB) is a seven-member board appointed by City Council. Each member serves a four year term. The primary role of the Historical Museum Advisory Board is to act as an advisory board to the Louisville City Council on matters relating to the Louisville Historical Museum and Louisville history.

Current HMAB Members

Jeanette Bangs
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Pioneer Award Winner: Memory Delforge!

Since 1985, the Historical Museum Advisory Board has awarded the Pioneer Award to an individual in recognition of past achievements in promoting the interests and future of the City of Louisville through personal service to the community and its residents.

This year's recipient is Memory Delforge. Memory was born, raised, and still lives in Louisville. She has been an active volunteer in the community for many decades at the library, hospital, nursing homes, and with the Society of Italian Americans. Most notably, Memory has been a long-time volunteer and supporter of the Louisville Historical Museum where she gave tours and delighted visitors with her personal stories and memories of growing up in Louisville. Memory was also primarily responsible for reviving the 100-year-old Louisville tradition of handing out Holiday Treat Bags in December to children. She is a wonderful resource for the Museum staff and for the community, with her knowledge of Louisville and enthusiasm for its history. Anyone who meets Memory can see the love, joy, and time that she has given to Louisville and the people in it.

Volunteer Update
by Summer King

Do you know a teen who loves history? The Museum is excited to start working with teen volunteers this summer. There are opportunities to work with people, behind the scenes, or with technology. This is a great way for teens to build experience and responsibility while learning about history and museums. Contact SKing@LouisvilleCO.Gov to find out more!

Thank you to our continuing volunteers!

Louisville Historical Museum Volunteers:

Bridget Bacon
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Collections Update by Hadley Kluber Seifert

Have you ever used a film projector to view home movies? This used to be a much more common practice than today! Today, individuals and institutions alike use digitization services to put film (and other media) onto flash drives or DVDs so they can be enjoyed using more modern technology. With the help of SCFD funding, the Museum recently digitized film reels in the collection using two local businesses: Memories to Digital and The Negative Space. Twelve different reels of 35mm, 16mm, and Super 8 film were cleaned and digitized—a total of over 3,413 feet of film! The films are comprised of silent and sound film, color, tinted, and black and white film. The content is, of course, all Louisville! There are Christmas business advertisements from the 1950s, a celebration of Louisville's centennial in 1978, and nurse training during World War II. Keep your eye out later this year for short clips on the Museum's YouTube channel!

Conservation Projects

Through generous SCFD funding, the Museum recently completed conservation on two of its most notable artifacts.

The Louisville menu board tells us a lot about Louisville businesses in the 1920s and more importantly, what people ate! This large, 7-foot menu board needed some care after hanging in the Museum for many years. Conservator Jennifer McGlinchey-Sexton removed the menu from its frame, repaired damaged areas, and cleaned and stabilized the piece with structural supports and a new frame.

Jennifer McGlinchey-Sexton with the re-framed menu board.

In December, the Rex Theatre Curtain was removed, cleaned, and stabilized under the guidance of textile conservator Paulette Reading, and with the help of Museum volunteers and staff. We are so grateful to the City Facilities department for their careful handling and creative problem-solving in helping us move and re-hang the curtain at the Museum. We also want to thank the Louisville Rec Center for providing space large enough to accommodate work on the 14-foot curtain during the week-long project. Additional thanks to volunteers: Kristen Bodine, Kira Boatright, Rebecca Ferguson, Patty Paul, Kristen Poppe, Chris Torrence, and Sloane Whidden. Many hands ensured that the 100-year-old curtain can be shared with Museum visitors for many more years!

Museum staff member Summer King (R), and volunteer Patty Paul use dry sponges to clean the Rex Curtain.

Donations to the Museum's Collections and Records

The Louisville Historical Museum recently accepted the following donations for the Museum's permanent, education, and reference collections. Thank you to the donors!

November 2024— January 2025
Scott Adlfinger – "Florsheim" shoes c.1930 found in crawlspace of his home on Jefferson.

Bridget Bacon – two matchbook covers from Frenchy's Track Inn on Pine and the Hacienda owned by Phillip Pennetta.

Elaine De Santis Biella – 1973 publication of Boulder Daily Doings, LHS school patch, cheerleading uniform, track and football jerseys, baby shoes. Mirror and shaving kit for the Education Collection.

Kira Boatright – digital image of the Pasterski family at 605 Grant and Joe Pasterski's diary from WWII.

Dan Brown – digital images of his time in Vietnam.

Connie Di Giallonardo – photos of Thomas Di Giallonardo and Michael "Buddy" Ferrera during the Vietnam War.

Shirley Elrod – Brownie beanie and pin from the 1950s, LHS football program and school documents, c. 1956-63 and Centaurus High School, 1982; St. Louis 100th anniversary booklet, Bible owned by John Waschak during WWII.

Patty Lee Kerr Krieger – David Wm. Kerr's Mayor pin from the 1940s, Certificate of appointment as Mayor, telegram sent by David W. Kerr regarding WPA cuts.

Lola Lauricello and Lois Taylor Wisdom for Estate of Lola Dixon Gaudreau – 1880 book on the history of Coal Creek & Boulder Valley, photos and documents related to the Dixon family, Minnie Eggleston, and Louisville cemetery research by Laura and George Ellis.

Janice Mudrock – digital copies of slide and photographs of Tom Mudrock in Vietnam, jacket from Vietnam purchased and worn by Tom Mudrock.

Mia Osgood – Digital copies of photographs of Tony Del Pizzo as a child at Halloween and flyer for Anthony Del Pizzo running for mayor.

Ray Orozco – digital image of the Sanchez family in Louisville from 1927.

Precision Sign Company – digital images of the Rex Restaurant c. 1990s.

St. Francis High School – issues of Life magazine from 1939-1968 related to World War II and the Vietnam War for the Education Collection.

Gigi Yang – Postcard of Main St. from 1913 and Bylaws from the Improved Order of Red Men, Louisville Hiawatha Chapter in 1919.

Kathy Zarini – Digital scans of photos of Charles & Christina Zarini and Walter and Lulu Snair family.

Museum Corner
by Gigi Yang

2024 was quite an exciting year for the Museum! Through generous funding from SCFD, the Louisville History Foundation, and the City of Louisville, we were able to bring in guest presenters on Japanese-American history, LGBTQ+ history in Boulder County, Native American History, Hispanic Culture, and notable women in Colorado history. We were also able to develop sensory kits, an outdoor education space, and new outdoor signage as well as fund conservation work for significant artifacts in the Museum collections. We finished the year with a reorganization of the Jacoe Building to open the space for better physical accessibility and updated interpretation of Louisville's beginnings. With all of these changes and additions we hope that visitors of all ages and abilities will visit the Museum to enjoy and learn more about their local history.

For 2025, Museum staff are looking forward to new First Friday events starting in April, new walking tours planned for the spring and summer, as well as research into Rocky Flats and its impact on Louisville. If you have a connection to Rocky Flats, please reach out to us at museum@louisvilleco.gov.

Lastly, we wind up the fall membership renewal season with sincere thanks and gratitude to the individual, family, and business Museum members who generously support the work we do in sharing and preserving Louisville history. Thank you!

Regrets

We extend our sincere sympathy to the families of regular members: Kenneth Buffo, Eileen Porta Manning, Dean "Dino" De Santis, Johnny Kranker, Rich Prokop, Jim Steinbaugh, and Helen Warembourg.

Memorial Donations

Thank you so much for these memorial donations to the Louisville History Foundation. Your donations provide valuable support to the Museum for preserving and sharing local history.

In Memory of Kenneth Buffo (1939-2024)
Betty Buffo

In Memory of Dean "Dino" De Santis (1935-2024)
George Brown, Carol Day, Mick & Marilyn LaSalle, Irene Ray

In Memory of Alex & Annetta Domenico and Edward Domenico
Lisa Domenico Brooke

In Memory of Gloria Green (1926-2024)

Bridget Bacon
The Blair Sisters
Geneva Davis & Greg Holtz
Joan & Byron Day
Dan & Barb DiSalle
Carla Doggett
Shirley Elrod
D.A. Evans
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Benjamin Lurie
Janice Mudrock
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In Memory of Johnny Kranker (1934-2024)

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In Memory of Gayla Lindquist (1943-2025)
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In Memory of Greg Martin (1931-2024)
Chuck Sisk

In Memory of Dee Schreiter (1949-2024)
Betty Buffo

In Memory of Jim Steinbaugh (1935-2025)
Arlene, Scott & Peggy Leggett

In Memory of Charles "Chuck" Thomas (1949-2019)
Phyl Thomas

In Memory of David S. Tomeo (1943-2016)
Betty Tomeo

In Memory of Helen Warembourg (1931-2024)
Bridget Bacon, Dick & Darlene DelPizzo, Dan & Barb DiSalle, Barb Hesson, Loren Laureti, Patty & Tim Lester, Jean Morgan, Tom Steinbaugh

In Memory of Roy Warembourg (1953-2024)
Chuck Sisk

In honor of Lisa Domenico Brooke
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Please send new and renewing membership dues to the Louisville Historical Museum. Other monetary or memorial donations can be made to the Louisville History Foundation. Your membership and donations help support the Museum with outreach, collections preservation, and professional development.

Museum Hours & Services

Museum Tours
The Museum welcomes walk-in visitors! Groups of six or more people, schools, or anyone requiring special accomodations may request tours by appointment using the online group tour form.

Open Hours
Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat: 10 AM–3 PM
Wednesday: 1–5 PM

About
The City of Louisville owns the Louisville Historical Museum as part of the Department of Cultural Services, with Sharon Nemechek as Director of Cultural Services. The Museum is located at 1001 Main Street. Its mailing address is 749 Main Street, Louisville, CO 80027.

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For the period November 2024-February 15, 2025. If you renewed or joined after February 15, your membership will be listed in the next issue of the Louisville Historian.

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