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## War Horses

The American Revolution:

It was under leadership of General George Washington that the American cavalry was born. Washington realized that cavalymen were needed to patrol the Atlantic Coast Line for British landings and to serve as messengers and couriers. The cavalry proved useful and drew the fine line toward American success against Britain.

The Civil War:

Horses were commonly seen carrying military officers and became important assets for both the North and South armies. They were hooked up to artillery and proved useful for hauling cannons and other various heavy loads of weapons and ammunition. They were also used to pull wagons and medical units and aided soldiers in delivering vital messages between units and through enemy lines.

Confederate General Robert E. Lee was forced to surrender to the Union General Ulysses S. Grant on April 9, 1865 as the Union cavalry cut off his attempts to join surviving Confederate forces in North Carolina. Grant rode several horses. One in particular is noted in the American Quarter Horse Museum world events timeline. Who is it? \_\_\_\_\_

World War I:

There were over 1 million horses used in World War I. They were used as cavalry mounts on the front line and transportation. They also pulled heavy wagons with food and ammunition and carried individual packs holding large artillery shells. The war would not have been won without them.



There were few motor vehicles during World War I, so horses made the war effort effective. The British Army actually recruited 140,000 horses in a two week time period to fight. Many soldiers were forced to learn horsemanship if they lived in cities and caring for the horses boosted moral and gave soldiers something to focus on.

World War I introduced many soldiers to biological warfare, or the use of chemical agents as weapons. Soldiers wore protective gear and gas masks to ward off the effects of the gases like chlorine and phosgene that were used. They protected their horses as well with specially designed horse gas masks.



What famous brand is under the Hall of Fame Medallion in the Grand Hall? \_\_\_\_\_

World War II :

During World War II, tanks and aircraft were seen more regularly than in earlier wars. However, horses were still used in difficult terrain in areas of Oahu, Hawaii, and were used in large scale operations with the 10th Mountain Division in Italy and Operation Mars in Burma. Horses were also used for aiding medical personnel by carting wounded soldiers to safety.

Present Day War Horses :

Today, Special Forces teams are still trained in horsemanship and basic veterinary care. The military still finds that horses are a valuable asset to war efforts. Today's soldiers are able to carry laptop computers and communication gear to remote locations via horseback where they can easily transmit coordinates or other valuable information. An example of this was done when soldiers were trained at Fort Bragg before being deployed to Afghanistan following 9/11. The soldiers rode their horses into the mountains and called in valuable air strikes that played important roles in operations success.

# War Horses

Cavalrymen had to feed and water their horses just like we do today. They depended on their horses for survival so they had to take excellent care of them.

What items can a horse eat?

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How many gallons of water does he drink each day? \_\_\_\_\_

During the Boer War, how many Texas horses did William Anson supply to the British Army? \_\_\_\_\_

As a career, this person trims hooves and shoes \_\_\_\_\_ horses.

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The Berlin Wall was built in \_\_\_\_\_.

In 1917 Zantanon is foaled. He is known as

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Jack Anderson flew F4U Corsairs airplanes in World War II. He also had a colt revolver. What year was he inducted into the Hall of Fame? \_\_\_\_\_

The Civil War began in what year? \_\_\_\_\_

The U.S. Cavalry saddle was developed by George B. McClellan and became so popular that it was used all over the world. Many of the McClellan saddles were destroyed during World War II to salvage the precious copper to aid in the war effort. What are two other types of saddles shown in the museum? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Hall of Fame member James Goodwin Hall flew P-38 Lightning aircraft during World War I. What was taken off this plane to make it lighter to carry photography equipment? \_\_\_\_\_  
Who designed the nose art on Hall's plane? \_\_\_\_\_

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