

# Patriotism in Conflict and Peace

This new exhibit explores the various aspects of patriotism and its expression by Montgomery County residents through history. Rarely exhibited artifacts such as a 1779 William Preston land warrant, illustrate the Revolutionary period and the beginning of patriotism for a new country. Military service and the home front are explored during periods of conflict such as World War I, World War II, and Vietnam. Uniforms and military gear are exhibited beside ration booklets, personal letters, and other memorabilia. The construction of the Radford Army Ammunitions Plant in 1939, was important during World War II and had significant impact on our area. Recently acquired building models and photographs from the arsenal showcase the plant's history. Patriotism during peace time is shown with a look at the history of our local VFW and American Legion.

The exhibit will run through mid-November 2010. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday 10:30 – 4:30.