## BUCKSKIN ROADSIDE MEMORIAL

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colored leather and has matted fur lining. Henager says it's an arctic uniform. Soldiering gear — mess kits, mattresses and bedding, canteen covers and soap — rests on trunks, tables and inside glass cases. Bob Hope and Marilyn Monroe grin from black and white photos of United Services Organization (USO) tours. Hanging from the ceiling are translucent stars, four inches in diameter, with soldiers' names engraved on them. Henager says they are made of "glass leaded crystal."

"This is how we're placing the names here," he tells us. On museum paperwork, one of the stated goals for the memorial is to "honor all our veterans regardless of when or where they served in the armed services." As such, POW, KIA or DIS veterans' names may be placed on crystal stars for free; for all other veterans, there is a charge.

In an effort to keep those in need from making the trip in vain, the food bank (only a 22 minute drive from the Evansville VA

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Laces und one — The uniform boots of US soldiers reveal by rips, wrinkles and tatters the vitality of the soldiers who endured them.

— Photos by Connie Burgdorf









