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A True Band of Brothers Honored for Service

Commemorative pavers celebrate 11 brothers' 158 years in uniform

Columbus, Georgia – August 23, 2017: Phenix City, Alabama, resident LeBronze Davis and his family will celebrate 158 years of military service when they gather for a unique family reunion at the National Infantry Museum on Labor Day.

Sixteen children were born to Ben and Hattie Davis on a farm in Wetumpka, Alabama – 13 boys and 3 girls. Their options after graduating high school were limited, and many chose to join the armed forces. The 11 who served eventually accumulated 158 years of military service from Korea to Vietnam. Five of the 11 served until retirement.

LeBronze Davis told the museum's dedications director that his family takes pride in the achievement, and he wanted everyone permanently recognized on Heritage Walk. He set up a GoFundMe page and eventually raised enough money to purchase four 8" by 8" pavers honoring all 11 brothers.

The pavers will be dedicated in a special ceremony **Monday, September 4, 2017, at 10:30 a.m.** on Inouye Field, adjacent to the museum. Ten of the 11 brothers will attend the reunion; the third eldest is deceased. Also attending will be the brothers' uncle, U.S. Marine Gunnery SGT (Ret) Thomas Davis. Now 97 years old, Thomas Davis is Alabama's only living Pearl Harbor survivor. The guest speaker for the event is another proud veteran and family member, COL (Ret) Charles Davis. Organizers believe as many as 100 people will attend the ceremony, including Alabama Rep. Tom Whatley, who will take part in the dedication.

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The National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center, a 155-acre tract linking Columbus, Georgia, and the Maneuver Center of Excellence at Fort Benning, is the first world-class site to pay tribute to the U.S. Army Infantryman and those who fight alongside him. Voted the #1 Free Museum in America in the 2016 USA Today Readers' Choice Awards, the museum showcases the contributions of the Infantry Soldier in every war fought by the U.S. by offering immersive participation and engaging visitors in the unique experiences of the Infantry Soldier. The complex also includes a parade field, memorial walk of honor, authentic World War II Company Street, Vietnam Memorial Plaza, combat simulators, a full-service restaurant and a Giant Screen Theater. For more information, visit www.nationalinfantrymuseum.org.