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## **9/11 Memorial Flag to be Displayed at NIM** *“United We Sew” project honors victims, families, military*

**Columbus, Georgia – May 31, 2017:** A handmade flag honoring the victims and families of 9/11 and the troops fighting in the Global War on Terrorism will be on temporary display at the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center beginning Tuesday, June 6.

The 9/11 Memorial Flag is made up of close to 3,000 small American flags sewn together, representing each of the victims of the 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and Flight 93. There are also 86 national flags representing the countries the victims came from, and flags of each of the first responder organizations that participated in rescue and recovery efforts.

“United We Stand, United We Sew” was the name given to an organization of Pennsylvania and New Jersey volunteers who were looking for a way to promote healing in the wake of the attacks. The giant flag, measuring 22 feet by 32 feet, was finished in five months’ time and made its national debut on the decks of the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum in New York in March 2002. Since then it has traveled across the country to be displayed in the Pentagon, state capitol buildings, military bases, airports, museums and other public venues.

The curator of the flag, Thomas McBrien, will be at the National Infantry Museum Tuesday, June 6, to greet visitors and answer questions.

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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](http://www.nationalinfantrymuseum.org).*