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Memorial Day Weekend at the National Infantry Museum

Columbus, Georgia – May 3, 2018: The National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center, normally closed on Mondays, will be open Monday, May 28, to commemorate Memorial Day. Here are some of the activities scheduled for the holiday weekend:

SATURDAY, MAY 26

Rendezvous with History

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

World War II Company Street



Kelly's Zeroes living historians will be back at the museum Saturday, May 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on World War II Company Street, behind the National Infantry Museum. The WWII historians will take visitors back to the 1940s to see what life was like for our Soldiers during the war. Be prepared for a good-natured assault as the drill instructor puts you through drills, marches & calisthenics on the authentically restored World War II Company Street! There is no charge for this activity; donations are appreciated.

MONDAY, MAY 28 – MEMORIAL DAY (Museum Open 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

Memorial Day Mini Camp

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Patriot Hall, inside the museum



Kids aged 5-11 learn about military history and appreciation through games, hands-on activities, guided tours, refreshments and more. For registration information, contact the Camp Director at campdirector@nationalinfantrymuseum.org or 706-653-9234, ext 5849.

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Paver Dedication Ceremony

10 a.m.

Heritage Walk (east side of museum)



The Memorial Day paver dedication ceremony will feature guest speaker BG David Lesperance, Armor School Commandant at the Maneuver Center of Excellence, as well as brief remarks by U.S. Rep. Sanford Bishop. About 185 commemorative granite pavers will be dedicated, bringing the total number of pavers on Heritage Walk to more than 6,000. Family and friends will have the opportunity to make rubbings following the ceremony.

Flag Retirement Ceremony

11:30 p.m.

Fire Pit (behind museum)



Local Scouts will conduct an official flag retirement ceremony at the fire pit behind the museum. Visitors and residents are encouraged to bring torn, tattered or soiled flags for proper disposal.

WWII Company Street

Noon – 3 p.m.



The authentically restored World War II Company Street will be open for self-guided tours between noon and 3 p.m. Docents will be stationed in each of the buildings to give visitors a vivid picture of life in the barracks during World War II.

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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 and one of CNN Travel's 12 Best Military Museums, 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, Global War on Terrorism Memorial, Vietnam Memorial Plaza, combat simulators, a full-service restaurant and a Giant Screen Theater. For more information, visit www.nationalinfantrymuseum.org.