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High Schoolers Take On Oral History Project

Vietnam veterans will share their stories March 28 at the NIM

Columbus, Georgia – March 24, 2017: Vietnam War veterans are invited to the National Infantry Museum on March 28 to participate in Auburn (Alabama) High School's Veterans Project. For the past five years, students have interviewed veterans to learn more about the sacrifices made by military families and to preserve their stories.

In past years, the interviews have been conducted at the school. But this year AP History teacher Blake Busbin wanted to offer both the veterans and the students an enhanced experience at the National Infantry Museum.

Interviews will run 45-90 minutes long. Students will rotate conducting the interviews and touring the museum. After the event on March 28, the students will transcribe the interviews and then submit them to the Library of Congress.

Having captured more than 200 stories, Busbin says this will be the last year for the Veterans Project. However he is looking at other key historical events for future students to focus on.

Interviews will be held at 9:45 a.m. and 1 p.m. EDT. Veterans interested in participating are encouraged to **call Auburn High School at 334-887-4970 or email Busbin at wbbusbin@auburnschools.org**.

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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.