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Museum to Honor Leader's Lifetime of Service

LTG Carmen Cavezza Retirement Ceremony and Reception set for March 22



Columbus, Georgia – March 17, 2017: Media are invited to cover the retirement ceremony and reception for LTG Carmen Cavezza Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at 5pm at the National Infantry Museum.

Cavezza retired as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the National Infantry Museum Foundation – a position he held for five years – in November 2016.

The retirement ceremony will highlight Cavezza's lifetime of service to both the Army and the Columbus community. After 33 years in the Army, including a stint as Commanding General of the U.S. Army Infantry School at Fort Benning, Cavezza and wife Joyce chose to retire in Columbus, where he took on numerous positions of leadership.

Since his retirement, Cavezza has served as Executive Director of Columbus '96, the committee charged with planning and hosting the 1996 Olympic softball competition; City Manager of Columbus; executive director of the Leadership Institute at Columbus State University's Cunningham Center; and chairman and CEO of the National Infantry Museum Foundation. He has been heavily involved in numerous business and community organizations including the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club of Columbus, PAWS Humane, RiverWay South, the Valley Partnership, and the Georgia Military Affairs Coordinating Committee. He is a recipient of the Jim Woodruff Jr. Memorial Award, which recognizes an outstanding business and civic leader, the Boy Scouts Distinguished Citizen Award, and the Service Above Self Award from the Rotary Club of Columbus.

The museum's tribute to Cavezza will reflect his far-reaching impact on both Soldiers and members of the community, and will include remarks from key community leaders who worked with him throughout his career.

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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.*