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## Discovery Channel's 'Fat 'n Furious' Features NIM TV mechanics surprise new Soldier with rebuilt Camaro

**Columbus, Georgia – March 4, 2015**: The National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center is the setting for an upcoming television program on the Discovery Channel. Last fall, the cast and crew from the reality series 'Fat 'n Furious' spent two days at the museum videotaping a segment that will premiere Monday, March 9 at 10 p.m. on Discovery.

Christmas Automotive, located just south of Youngstown, Ohio, is a shop that specializes in two things: reviving left-for-dead muscle cars, and the staff having a whole bunch of fun in the process. From rust buckets to rare tribute cars, Tommy Christmas and his buddies Steve, Chuck and Andy know all the tricks to restoring the classics, getting them running, and feasting on a serious need for speed.

In the episode that premieres March 9, the team surprises Chuck Koontz's son, Christian, with a rebuilt 1975 Camaro as a gift for his graduation from Basic Training at Fort Benning. But the car is not the only surprise. As the cameras are rolling on what is presumed to be an interview about surviving boot camp, the souped-up car rumbles up. Seeing the car is one thing; seeing who's driving it is icing on the cake.

The episode will re-air Tuesday, March 10 at 2 a.m. and Saturday, March 14 at 9 a.m.

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**The National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center at Patriot Park**, 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. As the only interactive Army Museum in the United States, 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, replica Vietnam Wall, authentic World War II Company Street, and 3-D IMAX<sup>®</sup> Theatre. For more information, visit www.nationalinfantrymuseum.org.