



MEDIA ADVISORY
For Immediate Release

For more information, contact:

Cyndy Cerbin
Director of Communications
706/653-9234
ccerbin@nationalinfantryfoundation.org

All Non-Profits Win on Georgia Gives Day

National Infantry Museum Foundation Gears Up to Win Friendly Competition

Columbus, Georgia – November 6 , 2015: National Infantry Foundation staff and volunteers are gearing up for the fourth annual Georgia Gives Day Thursday, November 12. This is day the Georgia Center for Non-Profits urges supporters to make online donations to their favorite non-profit organizations.

Last year, the National Infantry Foundation raised \$120,215 in donations and prize money. Only one organization in Georgia raised more, and the difference was only \$700.

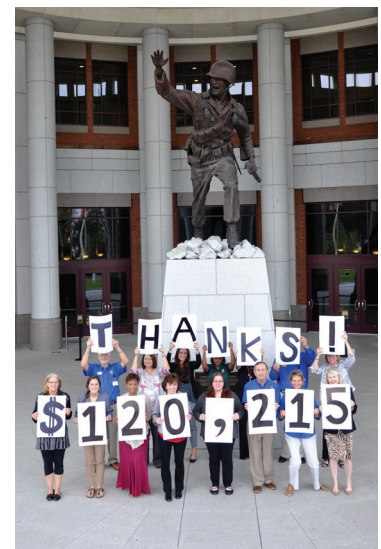
Supporters must make their donations online at www.gagivesday.org anytime between now and November 12 for it to be counted in this friendly competition. They can search **National Infantry Foundation**, or scroll through the list of participating organizations in Muscogee County or by zip code. Donations of any amount are accepted. Donors will receive acknowledgement of their tax-deductible gift.

Visitors to the museum on Thursday will have the opportunity to make their online donations in the museum's lobby with the assistance of foundation staffers. As a thank you, they'll receive an American flag and a coupon for a free bag of popcorn. Those who make donations of \$10 or more will be offered a dog tag, and for a donation of \$25 or more, they'll be offered an Army Aflac Duck.

Special guests will be on hand to help celebrate the day. Retired Master Sergeant Vincent Melillo – one of the original Merrill's Marauders – will share stories and artifacts of his service in World War II, and an original Rosie the Riveter will greet visitors and talk about the important role Rosies played during World War II. Thanks to a grant from **The Grainger Foundation**, an independent private foundation based in Lake Forest, Illinois, youngsters from Eddy Middle School will make their first visit to the museum. They'll take a tour – which will include stories about their school's namesake, General Manton Eddy, an Infantry officer during World War II – watch a documentary about D-Day, and visit the Vietnam Wall. Some of Grainger's military veterans will accompany the students on their tour.

The National Infantry Foundation is a private, 501(c)(3) organization charged with operating the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center. There is no admission charged to visitors. Funding comes from donations, sponsorships, and revenue generated by the theater, combat simulators, rentals, and the Fife and Drum restaurant and catering.

NOTE: For your planning purposes, most of the special activities will occur between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. You're invited to join us for lunch!



-- more --

###

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, Vietnam Memorial Plaza, authentic World War II Company Street and giant screen theater. For more information, visit www.nationalinfantrymuseum.org.