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“A History of US” Comes to National Infantry Museum

Traveling exhibit chronicles evolution of freedom from our founding to 1968



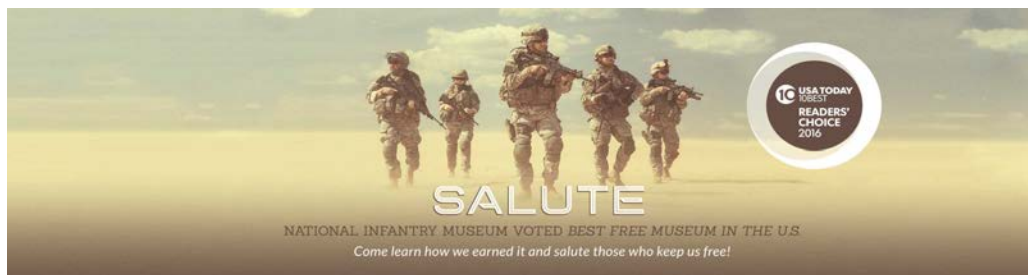
Columbus, Georgia – March 17, 2017: A new, traveling exhibit will be on display at the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center from March 21 through April 16, 2017.

Freedom: A History of US documents and illustrates critical figures and events while tracing the evolving concept of freedom from the nation’s birth until 1968. Among the highlights are a rare 1776 printing of the Declaration of Independence, a printed draft and the official copy of the US Constitution, Lincoln’s handwritten notes for speeches, and letters by leading figures such as Frederick Douglass, Susan B. Anthony, and Martin Luther King Jr.

Some of the more poignant descriptions of the meaning of freedom to the common man are found in the personal letters of Civil War Soldiers, which speak to the pain and pride of fighting for national ideals.

The rare articles in this exhibit demonstrate how the principle of freedom and the understanding of its implications have evolved since our nation’s founding. It brings to life the debates, decisions, battles and personal sacrifices that shaped freedom in the United States.

The exhibit, curated by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, is open during regular museum hours. Admission to the museum is free; a donation at the door is requested.



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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.*