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Memorial Day Weekend at the National Infantry Museum

Columbus, Georgia – May 24, 2017: The National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center, normally closed on Mondays, will be open Monday, May 29, to commemorate Memorial Day. Here are some of the activities scheduled for the holiday weekend:

SATURDAY, MAY 27

“You’re in the Army, Now!”

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

World War II Company Street



Kelly’s Zeroes living historians will be back at the museum for “You’re in the Army, Now!” Saturday, May 27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on World War II Company Street, which is located behind the National Infantry Museum. The WWII historians will take visitors back to the 1940s to see what life was like for our Soldiers during the war. They’ll even get the chance to participate in drills, marches & calisthenics on the authentically restored World War II Company Street! There is no charge for this activity; donations are appreciated.

MONDAY, MAY 29 – MEMORIAL DAY (Museum Open 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

Memorial Day Mini Camp

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Patriot Hall, inside the museum



Kids aged 5-11 learn about military history and appreciation through games, hands-on activities, guided tours, refreshments and more. For registration information, contact the Camp Director at campdirector@nationalinfantrymuseum.org or 706-653-9234, ext 5849.

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Paver Dedication Ceremony

10 a.m.

Heritage Walk (east side of museum)



The Memorial Day paver dedication ceremony will feature guest speaker CSM John Brady, command sergeant major for the United States Army Infantry Center. More than 200 granite pavers will be dedicated this Memorial Day. Family and friends will have the opportunity to make rubbings of commemorative pavers following the ceremony.

Flag Retirement Ceremony

12:30 p.m.

Fire Pit (behind museum)



Local Scouts will conduct an official flag retirement ceremony at the fire pit behind the museum. Visitors and residents are encouraged to bring torn, tattered or soiled flags for proper disposal.

New Film!

Giant Screen Theater

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.



Aircraft Carrier: Guardians of the Sea 3D premieres this Memorial Day in the Giant Screen Theater. Board one of the greatest engineering feats in history, as 5,000 highly skilled sea and air personnel conduct flight operations in the midst of simulated war exercises. Also playing in the Giant Screen Theater: *D-Day: Normandy 1944 3D*, *Star Spangled Banner: Anthem of Liberty* and *National Parks Adventure 3D*. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for students/military/seniors and \$6 for children 4-12.

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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.*