



NATIONAL INFANTRY MUSEUM & SOLDIER CENTER

COLUMBUS / FORT BENNING, GEORGIA



The National Infantry Museum is closed effective March 17 until further notice.

The National Infantry Museum has been closely monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak. After conferring with our partners - the **U.S. Army** and the **U.S. Army Center of Military History** - we have jointly decided to close the museum to the public effective Tuesday, March 17. The museum **will remain open for previously scheduled private events**. We will continue monitoring the situation before deciding on a reopening date. The move is intended not only to protect our guests, staff and volunteers, but to contribute to the nationwide effort to stem the spread of the disease. Slowing its spread is critical to the healthcare system's capacity to treat those most vulnerable.

If you have a tour or event scheduled to be held at the museum over the coming weeks, our **Events or Education departments** will be in touch with you. We will work diligently

with you on accommodations to suit your needs. If you have questions about your event or want to talk to our staff about booking a future event, you may call the Events Department at 706-685-5809. That line will be monitored daily and we will return your call as soon as possible.

As reported earlier, all Infantry school graduations and Family Day events have been canceled by the **Maneuver Center of Excellence at Fort Benning** until further notice. It is vitally important to our nation's defense to ensure our Soldiers stay healthy and avoid the risk of exposure.

During the shutdown, we'll stay in touch with you via social media. We invite your questions about planning your visit or scheduling future events. We'll also fill up our feed with content to help you feel connected, informed and inspired until we can welcome you inside once again.

Please continue to do your part to keep your family and community as healthy as possible. Practice social distancing, wash your hands frequently and stay home if you can. There's no need to panic, but if we all treat this situation with measured caution, its impact will be diminished.

As we work our way through this health crisis, please continue to honor our Soldiers, whether in training or deployed. They will be continuing their job of defending our nation as the rest of us put our responsibilities on pause.

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