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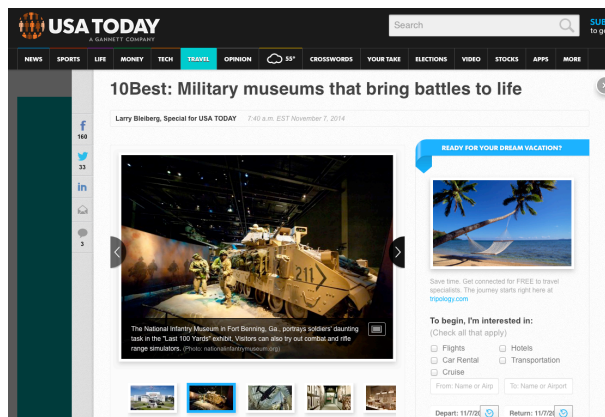
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National Infantry Museum on USA Today's Top 10 List *Selected for "presenting the human story, the soldier experience"*



Columbus, Georgia – November 7, 2014 The November 7, 2014, edition of USA Today has named the National Infantry Museum in Columbus/Fort Benning, Georgia, as one of the “10 Best: Military museums that bring battles to life.”

In the article, Dr. Charles H. Cureton, chief of the museums division at the Center of Military History in Fort McNair in Washington, points out what makes each of the top ten military museums exceptional. Of the National Infantry Museum’s Last 100 Yards exhibit he says, “You get a little bit of the drama of the attack, of that tension, the speed, the confusion, the noise, it takes you in time from the storming of redoubt Number 10 at the Siege of Yorktown, to the war in Iraq.”

Cureton explained that the country’s best military museums have “grown up,” understanding that today’s museums can no longer be dry and stuffy, appealing only to soldiers and scholars. “There’s been a realization that they have to be able communicate with a larger audience,” Cureton told USA Today’s Larry Bleiberg. “They’re presenting the human story, the soldier experience,” he said.

“We’re proud to receive this kind of national recognition,” said Ben Williams, National Infantry Foundation President and COO. “Visitors constantly tell us we have one of most outstanding museums they’ve ever seen. It’s great to be able to share that kind of praise with an audience as large as USA Today’s.”

Rounding out the Top 10 list of military museums are the Fort Sill National Historic Landmark and Museum/U.S. Army Field Artillery Museum, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; National Museum of the Marine Corps, Triangle, Virginia; National Museum of the United States Air Force, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio; U.S. Army Aviation Museum, Fort Rucker,

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Alabama; National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial, Kansas City, Missouri; National World War II Museum, New Orleans, Louisiana; First Division Museum at Cantigny, Wheaton, Illinois; U.S. Naval Academy Museum, Annapolis, Maryland; National Naval Aviation Museum, Pensacola, Florida.

The article can be found at:

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/travel/destinations/10greatplaces/2014/11/07/military-museum/18593775/>

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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, authentic World War II Company Street and 3-D IMAX[®] Theatre. For more information, visit www.nationalinfantrymuseum.org.