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22nd Infantry Regiment Society Unveils National Memorial

Congressman Steve Russell to speak at dedication ceremony for new monument

Columbus, Georgia – June 18, 2015: The 22nd Infantry Regiment Society will unveil a new memorial monument at noon on Tuesday, June 23 at the National Infantry Museum's Memorial Walk of Honor.

A dedication ceremony for the monument will be held on Inouye Field and will be followed by a procession to the Memorial Walk of Honor for unveiling.

Invited to attend are U.S. Army Chief of Staff General Raymond Odierno, Oklahoma Congressman Steve Russell, Major General (Retired) Herbert Altshuler, Hall of Fame quarterback and Vietnam Veteran Roger Staubach as well as Dallas, Texas Mayor Mike Rawlings. Veterans and members of the Regiment will travel from across the nation for the dedication.

22nd Infantry Regiment Society President Lt. Col. Lon Oakley attributes the vision for the monument to retired Lt. Col. and U.S. Rep. Steve Russell, the former Task Force 1-22 commander whose task force was responsible for the capture of Saddam Hussein. After nearly a decade of planning, Russell and fellow 22nd Infantry Regiment veterans will see the monument for the first time on Tuesday.

Congressman Russell will make brief remarks about the 22nd Infantry Regiment during the dedication ceremony. The Bradley Fighting Vehicle located on the Last 100 Yards ramp at the National Infantry Museum belonged to Russell's unit when he served as commander. The vehicle was hit by an improvised explosive device (IED), killing two Soldiers and wounding many others. The Bradley Fighting Vehicle was later restored and gifted to the museum as part of the signature exhibit.

The original 22nd Infantry Regiment dates back to the Battle of Chickamauga in 1812. The 22nd Infantry Regiment Society includes regiments from the 4th Infantry Division's 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment; 10th Mountain Division's 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment; 25th Infantry Division's 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment and 4th Battalion and 22nd Infantry Regiment.

The monument will serve as the only national memorial for the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society.

Community members, Soldiers and veterans are welcome to attend the ceremony.

Additional information is available on the 22nd Infantry Regiment website at:
www.22ndinfantry.org.

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