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## **NIM Named Best Free Museum in U.S.!**

*“Victory is Sweet” celebration planned*

**Columbus, Georgia – September 2, 2016:** *The National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center is the Best Free Museum in the United States!* So says USA Today in today’s announcement of the winners of the 2016 Readers’ Choice Awards.

Voting began in early August after travel experts nominated 20 world-class museums throughout the country for the distinction of Best Free Museum. Throughout the month of voting, the National Infantry Museum and Cleveland Museum of Art fought back and forth for first place. A last-minute surge of support for the NIM in the remaining hours of the contest put the museum back on top.

“I can’t get over how passionate our visitors have been about making sure we won this award,” said National Infantry Museum Foundation President COL (Ret) Greg Camp. “They were excited to tell us that they were voting every day and they made sure their friends voted, too. We can’t thank everybody enough for their support and enthusiasm. This is a real feather in the cap for Columbus, the region, and the entire state of Georgia.”

The win means the museum will be featured in USA Today’s online and print travel sections. The Foundation hopes it will not only increase awareness and boost visitation, but also will generate ongoing financial support for the non-profit organization.

National Infantry Museum Foundation staffers are organizing a “Victory is Sweet” party to thank the community for its support. Details will be released early next week.

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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 Giant Screen Theater. For more information, visit [www.nationalinfantrymuseum.org](http://www.nationalinfantrymuseum.org).*