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Memorial Day at the National Infantry Museum

Paver dedication, kids mini-camp, flag retirement

Columbus, Georgia – May 24, 2016: The National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center, normally closed on Mondays, will be open Monday, May 30, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to commemorate Memorial Day.

There will be a paver dedication ceremony at 10 a.m. on Heritage Walk. In observance of the 25th anniversary of the Gulf War, the guest speaker will be Reverend Dr. Richard M. Wright, a veteran of Desert Storm. Among those in the audience will be the family of Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas Roy Morgan, the senior enlisted member of the 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, 194th Armored Brigade at Fort Benning, who was killed in a traffic accident March 29. Also attending will be Kathy Strong, a California woman who for 38 years wore a POW/MIA bracelet for an Alabama Green Beret she never met. She removed it only after his remains were returned to the family in 2011. She is now on a quest to honor James Moreland in every state.

Other activities on Memorial Day include a mini-camp for children aged 5-11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; \$5 tickets for each screening of ***D-Day 3D: Normandy 1944***, ***National Parks Adventure 3D*** and ***We the People*** in the Giant Screen Theater; a flag retirement ceremony conducted by local Boy Scouts at the fire pit behind the museum at 12:30 p.m.; and self-guided tours of World War II Company Street between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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The National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center, on 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. 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.