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The Polar Express Warming Up for Holidays at the NIM

Temporary Reopening Allows Tradition to Continue

Columbus, Georgia – November 20, 2020: The Polar Express and its beloved conductor will be back to help the museum celebrate its temporary reopening this year. This is ***The Polar Express 3D's*** 12th year at the museum's Giant Screen Theater.

Attending the holiday classic has become a tradition for area families. Kids and grownups alike turn out in their pajamas to sip hot chocolate and have their Golden Tickets punched by The Conductor before settling in for the season's most cherished story.

Of course, this year will be a little different because of the pandemic. Seating in the theater will be reduced to less than one-third of its capacity to allow for social distancing. Masks will be required of adults and children 5 years old and up. The Conductor will wear a face shield and gloves, and hugs will be discouraged.

If your family is still uncomfortable attending public events, consider getting together with friends and neighbors to rent the theater ***just for you!*** Exclusive screenings cost just \$200 for up to 80 people. Concessions are available for purchase. Rentals are limited to weeknights (6:30 p.m.) December 14-17 and day or night December 21-22. Please call our Events Department at 706-685-5809 for more information.

Public screening tickets for The Polar Express are \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors/students/military, and \$8 for children 4-12. Children under 4 are free. ***New this year:*** tickets can be purchased in advance on the museum website at nationalinfantrymuseum.org/theater. This year's schedule:

December 12-13	1 p.m. and 5 p.m.
December 18	5 p.m.
December 19-20	1 p.m. and 5 p.m.
December 23	1 p.m. and 5 p.m.
December 26-27	1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

The National Infantry Museum has been closed since mid-March to protect our nation's Soldiers from the coronavirus during their heritage training visits to the NIM. However, since the Soldiers will be allowed to go home over the holidays, the museum will reopen temporarily December 19-January 10. Please see attached calendar for details on dates and operating hours.

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3 Museum Open 11am-5pm	4 CLOSED	5 Museum Open 9am-5pm	6 Museum Open 9am-5pm	7 Museum Open 9am-5pm	8 Museum Open 9am-5pm	9 Museum Open 9am-5pm
10 Museum Open 11am-5pm	11 CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE					

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, Global War on Terrorism Memorial, Vietnam Memorial Plaza, authentic World War II Company Street and Giant Screen Theater. For more information, visit www.nationalinfantrymuseum.org.