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Holiday Tradition Returns to the National Infantry Museum

Polar Express Conductor gives moviegoers a personal experience

Columbus, Georgia – November 26, 2014 *The Polar Express 3D* is returning to the IMAX Theatre at the National Infantry Museum for weekend screenings in November and December.

Kids (and parents, too!) are encouraged to wear their pajamas for the magical journey to the North Pole to find the true spirit of Christmas. All ticket holders who wear their pajamas to the movie will receive a free cup of hot chocolate at the concessions stand! And children will be allowed to pull a jingle bell from Santa's bag. If it's gold, they'll take home a hardback copy of the children's book of the same title written by Chris Van Allsburg.

Once again, longtime National Infantry Museum volunteer and docent Owen Ditchfield will reprise his role as the movie's train conductor. He allows youngsters to hold his lantern while he punches their initials in their Golden Tickets.

This year's schedule for *The Polar Express 3D* is as follows:

Friday 11/28, Saturday 11/29 and Sunday 11/30 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm

Saturday 12/6 and Sunday 12/7 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm

Saturday 12/13 and Sunday 12/14 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm

Friday 12/19, Saturday 12/20 and Sunday 12/21 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm

Tuesday 12/23 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm

Muscogee Moms, the film's local media sponsor, will host a special Holiday Open House at the museum in connection with the December 6 screenings of *The Polar Express*. It will include a coloring craft and a special visit by Santa Claus. Muscogee Moms also is giving away five family 4-packs of tickets to the screening of your choice. Details can be found at www.muscogeemoms.com.

Prices for *The Polar Express* are \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors/students/military and \$8 for children 4-12. Children under 4 receive free admission. Tickets may be purchased in advance by visiting the IMAX Box Office inside the museum lobby. Call 706-685-2622 for more information.

Moviegoers are encouraged to visit the museum's Freedom Trees during their visit, where they can write notes of support and encouragement to Soldiers and hang them on the tree.

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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.