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## **“What Ifs” from the Failed Iran Hostage Rescue Mission**

### *Delta Force Doctor is Next Leadership Lecture Series Speaker*

**Columbus, Georgia – September 22, 2014:** *If the mission to rescue diplomats held captive at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran in 1980 had succeeded, what would Special Forces and American politics look like today?*

The question will be investigated at the next National Infantry Museum Foundation Leadership Lecture Series on Thursday, October 9, at the National Infantry Museum. Guest speaker Dr. Carl Savory, a nationally recognized orthopedic surgeon who was part of the mission, will present **The Iran Hostage Rescue Mission: Leadership Lessons and ‘What Ifs’**.

Dr. Savory, a 1967 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, became a U.S. Army Ranger and an Infantry commander in the Vietnam War. After Vietnam, he graduated from medical school and began working on mostly routine Army cases. But that all changed when the Army called on him to put together a medical program for Delta Force and to prepare for the “Desert One” Iran hostage rescue mission that forever changed the structure and doctrine for Special Forces operations.

The public is invited to attend Dr. Savory’s captivating and thought-provoking lecture on Thursday, October 9, at the National Infantry Museum. A cash bar reception begins at 6:30 p.m.; the lecture starts at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free, but an RSVP is requested by October 6 to ensure seating for all. Please call 706-494-3708 to reserve space.

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*The National Infantry Museum Foundation Leadership Lecture Series is presented in partnership with the Hughston Clinic, P.C. It features contemporary speakers focusing on the subjects of leadership, courage, duty and honor.*

*The National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center at Patriot Park, a 200-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<sup>®</sup> Theatre. For more information, visit [www.nationalinfantrymuseum.org](http://www.nationalinfantrymuseum.org).*