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Veterans Day at the National Infantry Museum

Paver Dedication, Monument Dedication, Honor Bus Tour

Columbus, Georgia – October 31, 2016: The National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center will offer a number of special activities for visitors on Thursday and Friday, November 10-11, in commemoration of Veterans Day.

Thursday, November 10

Batson-Cook Honor Bus

Arriving 9:30 a.m.



Batson-Cook Construction Company's annual tour of the National Infantry Museum for area veterans will be held November 10, the day before Veterans Day this year. The visit includes breakfast, transportation, a guided tour and banquet lunch. Reservations are required. Visit www.honorbustour.com for more information.

Friday, November 11

Veterans Day Mini Camp

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Patriot Hall



"Appreciating Sacrifice," a 4-hour mini-camp teaching children 5-11 the meaning and importance of Veterans Day and the sacrifices Soldiers make daily. \$10 per camper. Register online at

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<https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/NationalInfantryFoundation/minicampregistration-2.html>, or contact the Camp Director at campdirector@nationalinfantrymuseum.org or 706-653-9234, ext 5849.

Infantry School Graduation 10 a.m., Inouye Field

Graduation ceremony for Bravo and Delta Companies of the 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment. Open to the public.

Movies

Beginning at 10 a.m., Giant Screen Theater



Three films will be shown on Veterans Day.

D-Day 3D: Normandy 1944 tells the story of the Allied invasion on the beaches of Normandy using a ‘cocktail’ of innovative film techniques, including animation, CGI and stunning live-action images. The film is narrated by journalist and historian Tom Brokaw.

We the People is the story of America’s founding documents and the people who wrote, shaped and tested them. Narrated by the iconic voices of Morgan Freeman and Kenny Rogers, *We the People* is meant to engage and inspire its audience to learn more about and participate in our democracy.

Sergeant York is a 1941 biographical film about the life of Alvin York, one of the most-decorated American soldiers of World War I. Gary Cooper won the Academy Award for Best Actor for his portrayal of York. The American Film Institute ranked the film 57th in its list of 100 most inspirational American movies.

Sergeant York will be screened one time only, at 1 p.m. on Veterans Day. Admission will be free. Admission to ***D-Day 3D: Normandy 1944*** and ***We the People*** is \$8 for adults, \$7 for students/military/seniors and \$6 for children 4-12.

Paver Dedication Ceremony 11 a.m., Heritage Walk



Following the observation of a moment of silence at 11 a.m., the Veterans Day paver dedication ceremony will commence with guest speaker LTC (Ret) Will Duke, Ride Captain of the Patriot Guard Riders. The Patriot Guard is made up of volunteers who often attend the funerals of the fallen to show respect and to shield mourners from interruptions. Duke spent 20 years in the Army, including service as the Commander of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. About 200 granite pavers will be dedicated, including some in a new section dedicated to Vietnam veterans. Family and friends will have the opportunity to make rubbings of commemorative pavers following the ceremony.

World War II Company Street

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.



World War II Company Street, made up of seven authentic Army buildings, will be open for self-guided tours. The street includes a barracks, mess hall, chapel, supply room, orderly room and the headquarters and sleeping quarters used by General George S. Patton during the build-up to World War II.

Flag Retirement Ceremony

12:30 p.m., Fire Pit (behind museum)



Local Scouts will conduct an official flag retirement ceremony at the fire pit behind the museum. Visitors and residents are encouraged to bring torn, tattered or soiled flags for proper disposal.

8th Infantry Regiment Monument Dedication

12:45 p.m., Inouye Field and Memorial Walk of Honor

Members of the 8th Infantry Regiment Society will dedicate a new monument on the Memorial Walk of Honor. The Regiment, also known as the "Fighting Eagles," participated in the Mexican War, American Civil War, World War I, World War II, Vietnam War and Iraq Campaign.

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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, Vietnam Memorial Plaza and Giant Screen Theater. For more information, visit www.nationalinfantrymuseum.org.