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## **Wounded Warrior Joins Trek Across Georgia**

***Sgt. Josh Hargis, the Soldier behind ‘the salute seen around the world,’ and family want Americans to remember we’re still a nation at war***

**Columbus, Georgia – January 21, 2014:** The National Infantry Museum will be the last stop on a 222-mile walk honoring Sgt. Joshua Hargis, the Army Ranger whose emotional hospital salute captured the attention of people around the world.

The Warrior’s Walk has been organized by Sgt. Hargis’s brother-in-law, Sgt. Patrick Griffith. He hopes the walk will raise money for the family’s future medical expenses as well as awareness that America is still a nation at war. There will be about a dozen friends and family members walking the back roads from Fort Stewart to Fort Benning, beginning February 17. The entourage is expected to arrive at the National Infantry Museum between 11:30 and noon on March 4, where a brief ceremony will be held to celebrate the accomplishment and thank supporters. Sgt. Hargis, who is undergoing physical therapy in Texas, is expected to use a custom-built hand-powered cycle to join the group for the last few miles of the walk. Supporters are encouraged to line the museum’s driveway to welcome them and to return a salute to the courageous Soldier.

Sgt. Hargis lost both of his legs from the knee down last October during a raid in southern Afghanistan involving members of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment. IED explosions killed four U.S. Soldiers and injured several others.

As fellow Rangers and his Commander gathered at Hargis’s hospital bedside to present the Purple Heart, the heavily sedated Hargis lifted his arm from beneath a blanket to offer a salute. A photo of the emotional event was posted on Facebook and quickly spread around the world.

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***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).***