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ARMY HISTORICAL FOUNDATION *Campaign for the* NATIONAL MUSEUM ★ UNITED STATES ARMY

☐ **Yes!** I want to help build the National Museum of the United States Army. America's oldest military service has a long, storied history that must be preserved so that Americans honor and appreciate the courageous American Soldiers who have sacrificed to preserve our freedom.

I am contributing in the amount below to help you raise your goal of \$200 million. Please list me as a **Founding Sponsor** of the National Museum of the U.S. Army and send me the following benefits:

- ☐ **\$20 FOUNDING SPONSOR** – Official Certificate of Commendation, subscription to *Call To Duty*, the Museum's quarterly campaign newsletter, plus your name will be listed for all to see when the Museum opens.
- ☐ **\$50** – Above, plus the official Lapel Pin of the National Museum of the U.S. Army.
- ☐ **\$100** – Above, plus the prestigious U.S. Army Museum Medallion struck especially for our most generous supporters, in a handsome presentation case.
- ☐ **\$500** – Above, plus a beautiful reproduction of "To Make Men Free" by Norman Rockwell, 1943.
- ☐ **\$1,000** For a contribution of \$1,000 or more, you become a member of *The 1814 Society* and will be invited to exclusive events and receptions, and meet with key partners in the Campaign to build the National Army Museum.



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THE LISTING OF FOUNDING SPONSORS

The Listing of Founding Sponsors permanently recognizes all those who support the National Museum of the U.S. Army with a contribution.

The listing will appear in a kiosk located near the entrance of the Museum where visitors will see your name among those who made a generous financial commitment. The Listing of Founding Sponsors will also be posted online, so even if you cannot visit the Museum in person, you and your family will be able to see your name listed.

Please enter your name and hometown exactly as you wish it to appear in the Listing of Founding Sponsors. Please print.

Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____

☐ *Check here if you served in the U.S. Army*

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

☐ *Please make check payable to **National Museum of the U.S. Army Fund.***

☐ **Credit Card Contribution:** ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

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★ NATIONAL MUSEUM of the U.S. ARMY ★



Conceptual rendering of the new National Museum of the United States Army at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, courtesy of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, LLP



The "Keystone" Battery of Pennsylvania, 1861



Full victory – nothing else! Gen. Eisenhower addressing paratroopers in England.

America needs a National Museum of the U.S. Army!

The U.S. Army has a story to tell, and there is no better time than now to tell it. More than 240 years of Army history are in danger of being lost. Those who have worn the uniform of the U.S. Army deserve a place of honor that tells their story and the story of the great battles they fought.

Our nation's heritage is one of freedom — an inalienable right that was not given to our people, but won with great effort. The U.S. Army's fight for freedom must be told to the American public and passed on to future generations.

Where will the Museum be located?

The Museum — complete with historical artifacts, interactive exhibits, and other exciting displays — will be located in the National Capital area on the grounds of beautiful Fort Belvoir, Virginia, only 16 miles south of Washington, D.C., with easy access and plenty of parking.

Who is building the Museum?

This is an official project of the U.S. Army, but private contributions from patriotic Americans like you are needed to build the Museum complex, parade ground, amphitheater, exhibitions, and Memorial Garden. We are reaching out to those who have served in the U.S. Army, family members of those who served, and private citizens who understand and appreciate the role of the Army in American history.

How will my contribution be used?

The U.S. Army estimates that it needs to raise \$200 million in private contributions to finance the construction of the Museum.



Artist's rendering of the lobby in the new National Museum of the United States Army at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.



Operation MacArthur, near Dak To, Vietnam, 1967



Charlie Co., 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, Kunar province, Afghanistan. Nov. 9, 2009 Photo: DoD, Sgt. Matthew Moeller, U.S. Army

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"Old soldiers never die; they just fade away."

- General Douglas MacArthur -

Dear Fellow American,

Will you help make sure the great history of the U.S. Army never fades away ...

... and write yourself into Army history at the same time?

Today it's my privilege to invite you to become a **FOUNDING SPONSOR** of the National Museum of the U.S. Army.

As a Founding Sponsor, you will help preserve the legacy and honor of the men and women who have served in our nation's Army.

And when you do, your name will be forever recorded in the Museum's official **Listing of Founding Sponsors.**

A listing will be housed in a kiosk at the entrance of what promises to be one of the finest military museums anywhere in the world.

This is a museum that is long overdue! It is hard to believe, but the U.S. Army – the nation's oldest service – is the only service that does not have a national museum of its own.

Imagine trying to tell the history of our nation without telling the story of the U.S. Army. Honestly, it just isn't possible.

From Valley Forge, through the Civil War, two World Wars, wars in Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan. The Yanks, the dog faces, the citizen Soldiers – countless unsung heroes from small towns and bustling metropolises.

Time and again, American Soldiers have stood against the enemies of our nation, risking and often sacrificing their lives so that you and I may live in freedom.

Our Army's peacetime accomplishments are equally remarkable. Our nation has been well-served by the Army's many technological and scientific innovations. The Army



took the lead in our country's westward expansion. And the Army played an all important role in integration and bringing equal opportunities to minorities and women.

The truth is, every American owes our Soldiers an enormous debt of gratitude.

They are the people we call friend or neighbor, brother or sister, dad or mom. Yet throughout our history, these ordinary people have repeatedly achieved extraordinary things. Without them, our way of life would not have been possible.

For every hill taken, every river forged under fire, every mile marched – for every Soldier, there is a story. Those stories deserve to be told!

I invite you to help make sure that the long history of the U.S. Army and its phenomenal impact in shaping our nation do not simply fade from our memories.

That is why we need to build a new national museum where the story of the U.S. Army is kept alive for Americans today and for generations to come.

Our Vision

Imagine for a moment a spectacular new museum taking shape on the grounds of Fort Belvoir, Virginia, only minutes from the Nation's Capital and Mount Vernon, home of General George Washington, the Army's first leader.

As you approach the entrance, you are struck by the power and beauty of this magnificent new building.

Step inside and you're taken with the sights, the sounds and even the experiences of what it means to be a Soldier, serving your nation in war and peace. This Museum promises to be a technological marvel, using advanced interactive exhibits that recreate over 240 years of Army history.

Near the entrance you find the kiosk Listing of Founding Sponsors – where your name is proudly displayed, honoring you as an American with the vision and commitment to make this Museum a reality.

From here you have a variety of exciting options. Perhaps you'll first take in the Army Theater with state-of-the-art screens that surround you with a sweeping panorama of images and sounds. You're immersed in everything Army, from basic training to active duty in defense of your nation.

Then you start to explore the galleries. You learn how the Army is organized, how it is equipped, and how it fights.

You're absorbed by the evolution of the Army, amazed and proud of the

technological genius that puts America at the forefront of military strength. You appreciate the tanks, artillery and weapons of earlier times and are awestruck by the modern high-tech weaponry that today's Soldiers deploy.

You and your family leave the Museum with a greater appreciation than ever for the courage and valor of American Soldiers from every chapter of our history!

You also have a deeper understanding of the role the U.S. Army has played – and is still playing – in forging America's destiny as the best example of freedom and democracy anywhere in the world.

Just as important is your realization that this Museum not only preserves and educates today ...

... it ensures that future generations learn about the challenges our Soldiers face and the sacrifices they make so all Americans may live in freedom. These are not lessons taught in today's classrooms and stories that cannot be found in today's schoolbooks.

And now here's a challenge: Will you help me build this Museum?

Just as the U.S. Army supports the American people, it is time for the American people to support their Army.

So I ask you: Will you take up this challenge? Will you join with me as a **Founding Sponsor** and place your name alongside other great Americans in the Listing of Founding Sponsors?

We've made great progress on our campaign to date, and we are scheduled to have the official groundbreaking ceremony this year. But we need \$200 million in private contributions from Americans like you – whether you served in the Army or not – to build the National Museum of the U.S. Army.

Our plan is to break ground in 2015 and open our doors to the American people in 2019.

And that is why I am asking you to contribute **\$20 or more** to join me as a Founding Sponsor.

Your dollars are a brick-and-mortar contribution supporting the construction of a Museum you will be proud to have played a significant role in building.

- As a Founding Sponsor, your name will be honored on site and you will receive a beautiful Certificate of Commendation that attests to your status as a Founding Sponsor.

- You also receive a FREE subscription to *Call To Duty*, the Army Historical Foundation's quarterly newsletter. This keeps you up to date on the progress of the Museum and Capital Campaign, and it's filled with informative Army-related stories and historical facts.
- By increasing your contribution to **\$50**, you receive all of the benefits above and our handsome Army Museum Lapel Pin. A **\$100** contribution also entitles you to our prestigious Museum Medallion. These special mementos are unique to the National Museum of the U.S. Army and will no doubt become cherished keepsakes.

On the back of your personalized address labels, you'll see all the benefits you get when you join as a Founding Sponsor.

This is your opportunity – *every* American's opportunity – to stand united by honoring the American Soldier and the incredible role the U.S. Army has played in our nation's history.

This is a call to duty not only to those Americans who served but to those citizens who recognize that freedom is won only at great cost. Regardless of whether you served or not, I ask you to join with me in building this great Museum.

It will be a museum for the "ordinary heroes" – our fathers, sons, mothers and daughters, our friends and neighbors ...

... ordinary Americans who unselfishly accomplished one extraordinary feat after another. Some of the finest men and women our nation has produced.

So please take a moment, while you are thinking about it, to send your contribution of **\$20 or more** right now.

Thank you for your support and God bless the United States of America!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Creighton W. Abrams, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

BG Creighton W. Abrams, Jr., USA-Ret.

Executive Director, Army Historical Foundation

P.S. As soon as we receive your **Founding Sponsor** contribution, your name will be entered in the official Listing of Founding Sponsors to be kept on permanent display at the Museum when it opens. Thank you.