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New Revolutionary War exhibition and special activities commemorate Army's 250th Birthday at National Army Museum

Media tours, interviews and live shots of exhibition available by request

Fort Belvoir, Va. (Date, 2025)— The National Museum of the United States Army, just south of Washington, D.C. near Alexandria, Virginia, will host a day of family-friendly activities on **Saturday**, **June 14**, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., to mark the U.S. Army's 250th Birthday. Visitors will also have the chance to experience the new special exhibition, *CALL TO Arms: The Soldier and the Revolutionary War*.

Located off the Fairfax County Parkway, minutes from I-95, the Museum offers area residents and out-of-town visitors a fitting and convenient way to mark the historic day. Free tickets can be reserved from the Museum's <u>website</u> and walk-ups are also welcome. On-site parking and admission are free.

The Museum's admission includes access to the new 5,000 square-foot Revolutionary War exhibition featuring a rare collection artifacts from the original colonies, England, France and Cananda, with the international artifacts on display in the United States for the first time. Birthday activities will include interactive **storytelling, crafts and scavenger hunts**. The Museum Store will feature **discounts and giveaways**, while the Museum Café will offer **complimentary birthday cookies** while they last!

CALL TO Arms: The Soldier and the Revolutionary War opened on June 7. Among the exhibit's highlights are a pair of General George Washington's pistols, the original flag of the 1st Rhode Island Regiment carried by the Army's first African American Soldiers, and a complete Loyalist uniform—one of the rarest items in the collection. The sword of British General Charles Lord Cornwallis, presented to Washington at the surrender at Yorktown, Virginia, will also be displayed for a limited time.

Two interactive, 3-D topographical maps will show and tell visitors about the Battle of Bunker Hill and the Siege of Yorktown. Interactive, touch-screen kiosks will break down the Northern and Southern theaters by battle. The visitor experience will also be enhanced by seven life-sized cast figures that help bring to life the personal perspectives of real individuals who fought on the side of independence.

The Museum is open daily with free admission from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. (closed December 25). Free tickets are available by request through the Museum's website at <u>theNMUSA.org</u>.

More details about the Museum can be found in the Museum's media kit.

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About the National Museum of the United States Army

The National Museum of the United States Army provides the only comprehensive portrayal of Army history and traditions through the eyes of the American Soldier. By preserving, interpreting, and exhibiting invaluable artifacts, the National Army Museum creates learning opportunities for all visitors and bonds the American people to their oldest military service. We are America's Army Museum. The U.S. Army owns and operates the Museum. The Army Historical Foundation continues its fundraising role in support of the Museum and manages all retail, catering, and special events. For more information on the National Museum of the United States Army, visit www.theNMUSA.org.

About The Army Historical Foundation

The Army Historical Foundation establishes, assists, and promotes programs and projects that preserve the history of the American Soldier and promote public understanding of and appreciation for the contributions by all components of the U.S. Army and its members. The Foundation serves as the Army's official fundraising entity for the Capital Campaign for the National Museum of the United States Army. The award-winning, LEED-certified Museum opened on November 11, 2020, at Fort Belvoir, Va., and honors the service and sacrifice of all American Soldiers who have served since the Army's inception in 1775. For more information on the Foundation and the National Museum of the United States Army, visit www.armyhistory.org.