

Soldiers, Families and Army Civilians

10-06 The National Museum of the United States Army

The United States Army has a story to tell, and there is no better time than now to tell it. In endeavoring to understand ourselves, our country, and our culture, we can learn much from our Army and its Soldiers, past and present. Their history is our history, told from a unique and remarkable perspective. Through learning about this extraordinary history, we can better understand the bonds that unite us as Americans and prepare us for the future.

For far too long the Army—the nation’s oldest and largest military service, and the only one without its own national museum—has lacked a fitting place to tell its story and to pay tribute to an estimated 30 million men and women who have served in its ranks from colonial times to the present. That is about to change. Plans are currently underway to build the National Museum of the United States Army at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. The Museum will be the Army’s national landmark. It will present the Army’s storied history and heritage in its total context, placing the American Soldier in his and her rightful position—as an historical cornerstone upon which our country has not only survived, but also has grown and prospered. The Museum will also serve as the grand capstone among the Army’s network of existing facilities across the country commemorating the historic contributions of the Active Army, Army Reserve, and Army National Guard.

A great Army deserves a great Museum. The National Museum of the United States Army will be built based on a partnership that includes the United States Army, the American public, and the Army Historical Foundation, which is spearheading the Capital Campaign to build the Museum.

WE THEREFORE RESOLVE to urge the Administration and Congress to:

- Provide funding for a facility at Fort Belvoir, Virginia to house the National Museum of the United States Army