

They protect. We preserve.

Capital Campaign for the National Museum of the United States Army

engage ★ educate ★ honor ★ inspire



The National Army Museum will be located on 40 acres on the grounds of beautiful Fort Belvoir, Va., less than 30 minutes south of our nation's capital in Washington, D.C. The main building will be approximately 185,000 square feet and display selections from 15,000 pieces from the Army Art Collection and 30,000 artifacts, documents, and images.





From the Desk of **BG Creighton W. Abrams, Jr., USA – Ret.**

As Executive Director of the Army Historical Foundation, I am proud to share with you our plans for building the National Museum of the U.S. Army. It is vital that we honor the American Soldier by building this Museum: After nearly 240 years of valiant service to our country, the Army is the only service of the military that does not have a national museum to call its own.

a call to action

We are working to ensure that the contributions of the U.S. Army and the American Soldier are preserved. They are a critical part of American history. To better 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.

The Museum will honor our Soldiers, preserve our history, educate the public, and inspire currently serving and future Soldiers. It will be spectacular, I assure you. You have an important role to play in helping to build this permanent tribute to the U.S. Army. We invite you to help complete the Campaign for the National Museum of the United States Army.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Creighton W. Abrams, Jr." The signature is fluid and cursive, with a stylized "R" at the end.

BG Creighton W. Abrams, Jr., USA – Ret.
Executive Director, Army Historical Foundation



A call to action is timely as we
work towards making the National
Museum of the United States Army
a reality.

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The National Museum of the United States Army

For more than 239 years, American Soldiers asked not what their country could do for them, but what they could do to protect, build, help and preserve our country and our allies.

Today, there is no place to celebrate the sacrifice of the 30 million men and women who answered the call.

There is no place where children can learn about the battle in which their grandfathers paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

No place to study the art and artifacts that honor our Soldiers and enrich our heritage.

No place to learn about the founding of our nation, the westward exploration of our country, or the protection of our freedoms, through the lens of the one institution that binds all these experiences together.

No place for Veterans, especially from Iraq and Afghanistan, to gather and preserve their experiences of battles, lost friends, and shared service.

Today there is no place for the Soldier and the Army, but that will soon change.

The National Museum of the United States Army will engage visitors in the rich history of the Army; educate them about the myriad roles the Army has played through the history of our country; inspire pride in service for those who have served; and honor the service and individual stories of the men and women who have created and comprise the U.S. Army.





★Engage

The history of the U.S. Army is everyone's history.

The National Army Museum will be not only a place about Soldiers, but a place for Soldiers, their families, and all Americans. It will be a place where those who served can put their service and sacrifice into a larger context, where those who haven't served can fully appreciate what it means to serve – and how the Army has helped shape this country.



personal experience

Your Registry

Through the *Registry of the American Soldier*, visitors to the Museum can access information about those who have served: friends, relatives, or strangers. Visitors can also enter information about themselves, friends or family members who have served, ensuring that every Soldier's story is available to all Americans. The Registry is also available virtually, for those who cannot visit the Museum in person.



While weapons and technology are important, the essential element to any army is Soldiers. The National Museum of the United States Army will honor the 30 million men and women who have served in the ranks.

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★ Educate

The history of the U.S. Army is the country's history.

The Soldiers of the U.S. Army have fought in eleven wars and 187 campaigns; wars that founded a nation, and wars that preserved nations. This history will be illustrated in the Museum through vignettes, artifacts, tableaux, stories, film, and art.

The story of the Army involves more than battles, however. The Army has explored the country, made medical and scientific breakthroughs, completed daunting engineering projects, and pioneered social and educational initiatives such as integration and gender equity. These stories will come to life through interactive exhibits, films, and the narratives of those who were there.



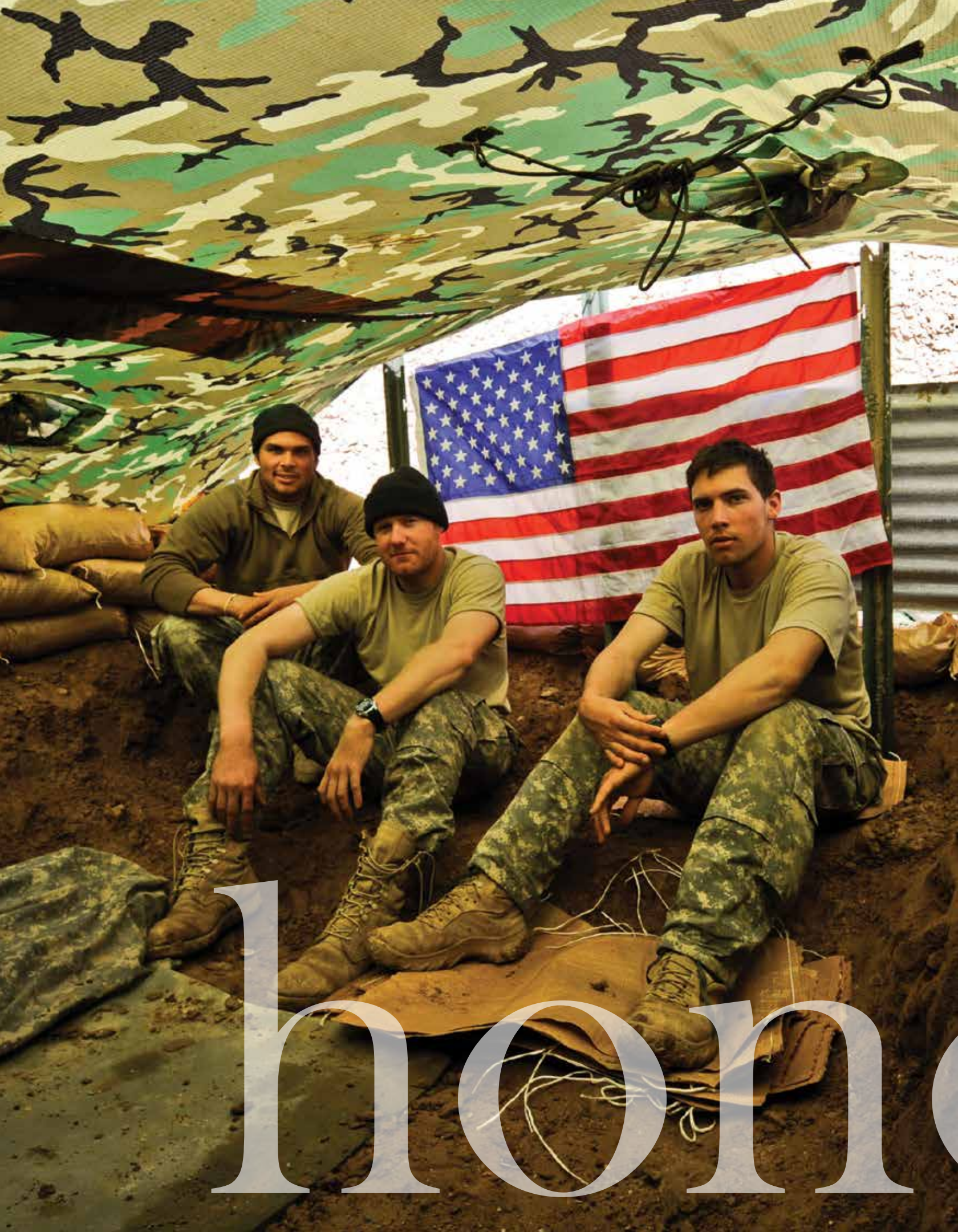
Art, Artifacts & More

In over 185,000 square feet, the Museum will include the Soldiers' Stories Gallery, Fighting for the Nation Gallery, and Army and Society Gallery. These galleries will tell the story of the Army and its Soldiers through art, artifacts, interactive exhibits, films, and exhibits featuring archival images and audio. The Experiential Learning Center is an interactive center focusing on teaching geography, science, technology, engineering, and math skills through participation in a simulated Army rescue mission.



In addition to highlighting the Army's involvement in wars, the National Army Museum will also educate visitors about the Army's other accomplishments in fields such as medicine, science, engineering, social and educational initiatives, transportation, and communications.

living history



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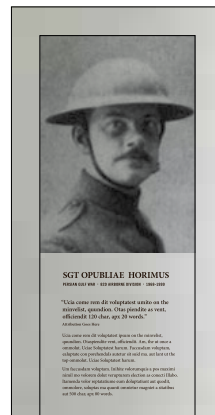


★Honor

The story of the Army is the story of its Soldiers.

This Museum will honor all those who have served: Personal accounts of ordinary men and women from all historic periods and all walks of life will introduce visitors to Army history in a way that transcends generations and connects to places and events in a personal and visceral way.

The National Army Museum will be a place dedicated to thanking the American Soldiers – past, present, and future – for protecting and preserving our values and our freedom.



may we never forget

History Remembered

The Soldiers' Stories gallery is more than an exhibit: it represents the central theme of the Museum. A series of pylons will include a bas-relief of a Soldier's face, his or her service history, and compelling personal story that illustrates one of the Army's seven core values: loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, personal courage.

The National Army Museum will be a place to honor all American soldiers from those who fought in the American Revolution to soldiers who served in more recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.



inspiration



★Inspire

The history of the U.S. Army contains stories of inspiration, of battles fought and battles won, of valiant rescues and courageous stands.

There are quieter inspirations, as well: the stories of men and women who did what they needed to do, who demonstrated unimaginable courage and personal sacrifices, who served.

And there are stories of lasting inspiration: the development of the first computer, medical breakthroughs necessitated by the effects of battle, civic projects that still shape our country such as the Washington Monument, national parks, railway routes, and roadways westward built as the country expanded.



Fighting for the Nation

Through the following galleries, the National Museum of the U.S. Army will tell the story of the Army and its Soldiers, from the earliest days of our nation through today:

The Founding of the Nation: The Revolutionary War; the War of 1812

Preserving a Nation: the Civil War

Entering the World Stage: World War I

Global War: World War II

The Cold War; Vietnam, Korea

Uncertain Battlefield: Iraq and Afghanistan

Army and Society

Soldiers' Stories



The National Army Museum will remind visitors of the heroism and sacrifices of the American Soldier to safeguard freedom at home and abroad.

story telling

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I am an American Soldier.

I am a warrior and a member of a team.

**I serve the people of the United States, and
live the Army Values.**

I will always place the mission first.

I will never accept defeat.

I will never quit.

I will never leave a fallen comrade.

**I am disciplined, physically and mentally
tough, trained and proficient in my warrior
tasks and drills.**

**I always maintain my arms, my equipment
and myself.**

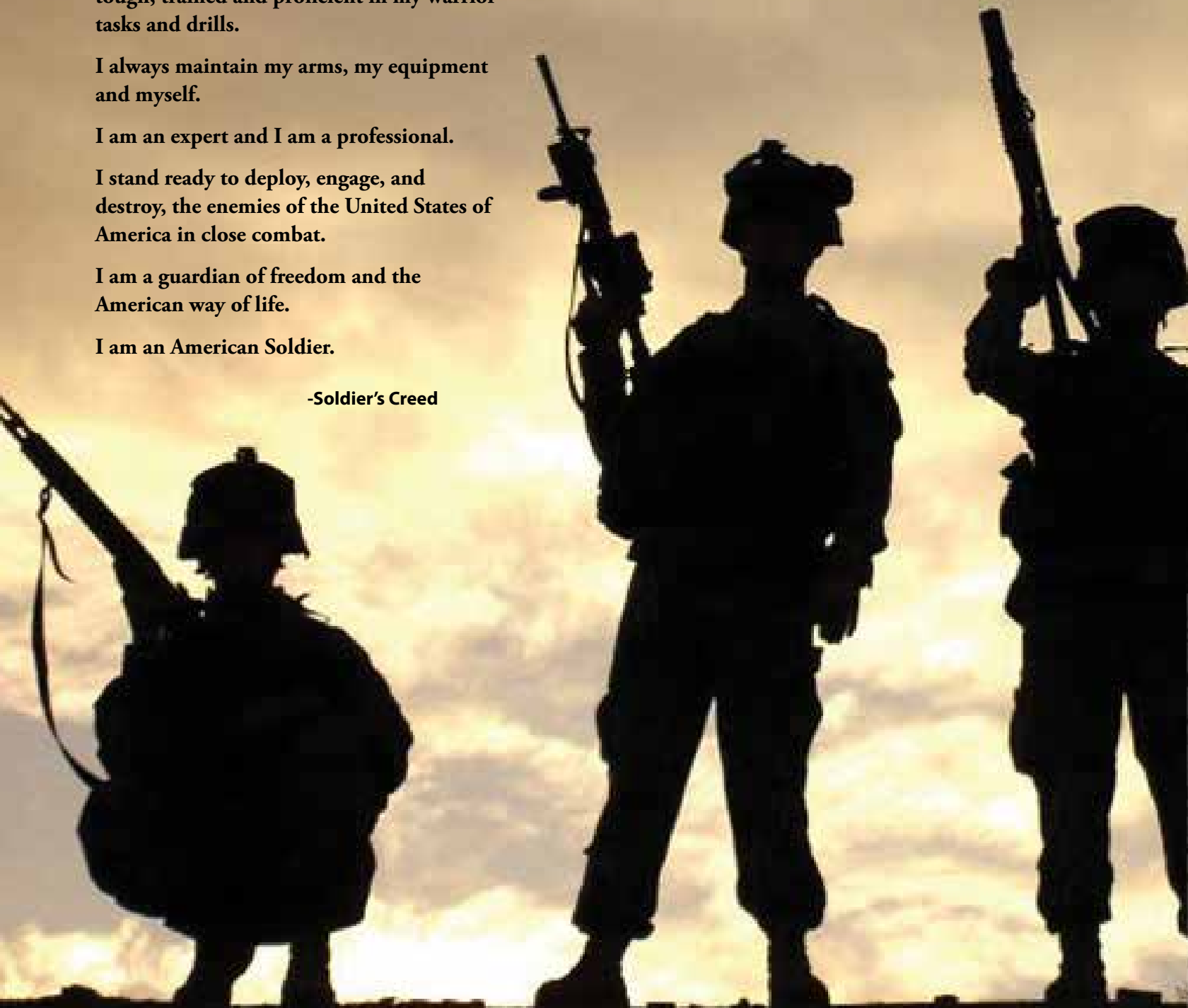
I am an expert and I am a professional.

**I stand ready to deploy, engage, and
destroy, the enemies of the United States of
America in close combat.**

**I am a guardian of freedom and the
American way of life.**

I am an American Soldier.

-Soldier's Creed





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