

**NATIONAL
MUSEUM**
UNITED STATES
ARMY



National Museum of the United States Army
Defender's Fund



From the Desk of **GEN Gordon R. Sullivan, USA-Ret.**

As Chairman of the Army Historical Foundation, I am proud to share with you our plans for building the National Museum of the United States Army. It is vital that we honor the American Soldier by building this Museum. After more than 243 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

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

I am asking you and your company or organization to join the Army Historical Foundation's *Defender's Fund* for the preservation of Army history, because Army history **IS** American history. From 1775 to today the Army has been there to protect, defend, and support the nation in peacetime and during war. Now we are asking you to be there for the Army as we build the Army's only national museum to honor the service and sacrifice of all our Soldiers, their families, and the civilian workforce that supports them. Please read the following pages and then commit to joining us and making this important national museum a reality.

Sincerely,

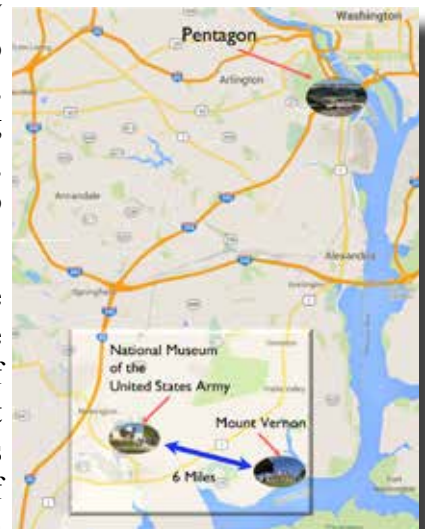
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GEN Gordon R. Sullivan, USA – Ret.
Chairman, Army Historical Foundation





The history of the Army is the history of the United States. The Army helped bring the nation into being, explored the new nation, fought wars to protect it, and pioneered innovations in medicine, education, technology, and more. The Army has been in the forefront of preserving and protecting American ideals and institutions since the earliest days of the nation. And, after more than 240 years, it is about to open its only national museum to preserve and share this resonant story.



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 their 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.

In short, the Museum will tell the story of the Army: the oldest service with the greatest number of members—more than 30 million men and women have worn the uniform since 1775. It will provide meaning and context to Army veterans, their families, and the public and it will help future generations understand how the history of the Army permeates the American experience—from its creation and defense, through its early exploration and growth, to its emergence as a great nation and world power.

The Army Historical Foundation is working in a public/private partnership with the Army to make the National Museum of the United States Army a reality. This 185,000 square foot, LEED-certified Museum will be located minutes outside of Washington, DC, on 83.7 acres of publicly-accessible land at Fort Belvoir donated by the Army.

The Foundation broke ground in September 2016 and began construction of the Museum in February of 2017. The first artifacts were installed in August of the same year. With construction proceeding apace, we anticipate the opening of the Museum in 2020.





Conceptual rendering of the Soldiers Stories Gallery

National Museum of the United States Army Defender's Fund

The *Defender's Fund* is a special donor society designed for those corporations, foundations, or service organizations who wish to financially support the Army's national museum on an annual basis. Fund membership requires a donation of \$5,000 (or more) in a calendar year.

Annual donations to the *Defender's Fund* convey participation and the receipt of corresponding benefits at the following levels:

Defender's Fund Levels

<i>Colonel-in-Chief</i>	\$45,000
<i>Regimental Commander</i>	\$35,000
<i>Battalion Commander</i>	\$25,000
<i>Company Commander</i>	\$15,000
<i>Platoon Leader</i>	\$10,000
<i>Squad Leader</i>	\$5,000

Prior to the Museum's opening, gifts of \$50,000 or more will confer major donor status on all donors and activate commensurate Circles of Distinction benefits, while eligible service organizations donating less than \$50,000 will also be listed on the Veterans Hall donor wall.

Recognizing Fund Donors

The names of the corporations, foundations, and service organizations making contributions to the **National Museum of the United States Army Defender's Fund** will be recognized on the society's Donor Wall.

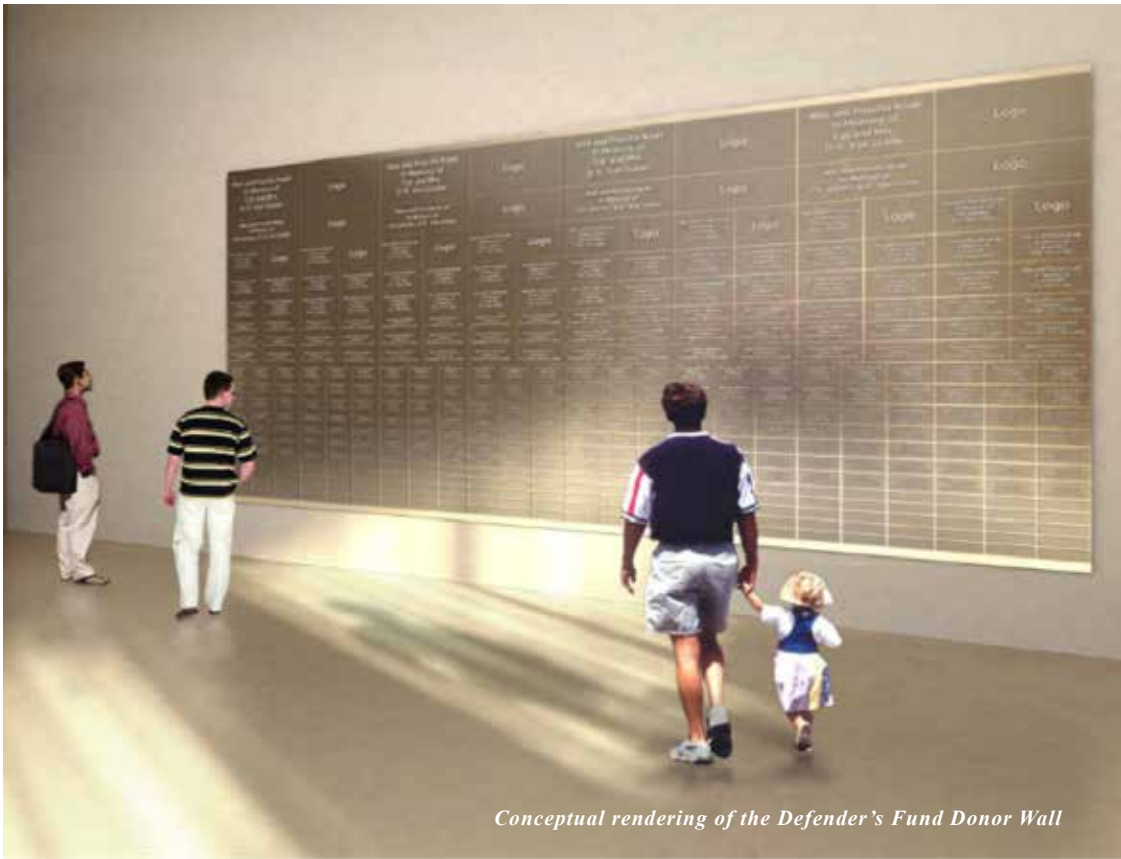
Additional Benefits of Fund Membership:

- * *Invitations to the Defender's Fund Annual Donor Reception*
- * *Subscription to the Army Historical Foundation's Donor Newsletter*
- * *Advance notice of upcoming events and programs at the Museum*
- * *Access to private Museum tours and activities*
- * *The opportunity to purchase tickets before the general public for Army Historical Foundation staff rides and other educational activities*
- * *Recognition in the Foundation's Donor Newsletter and Annual Report*

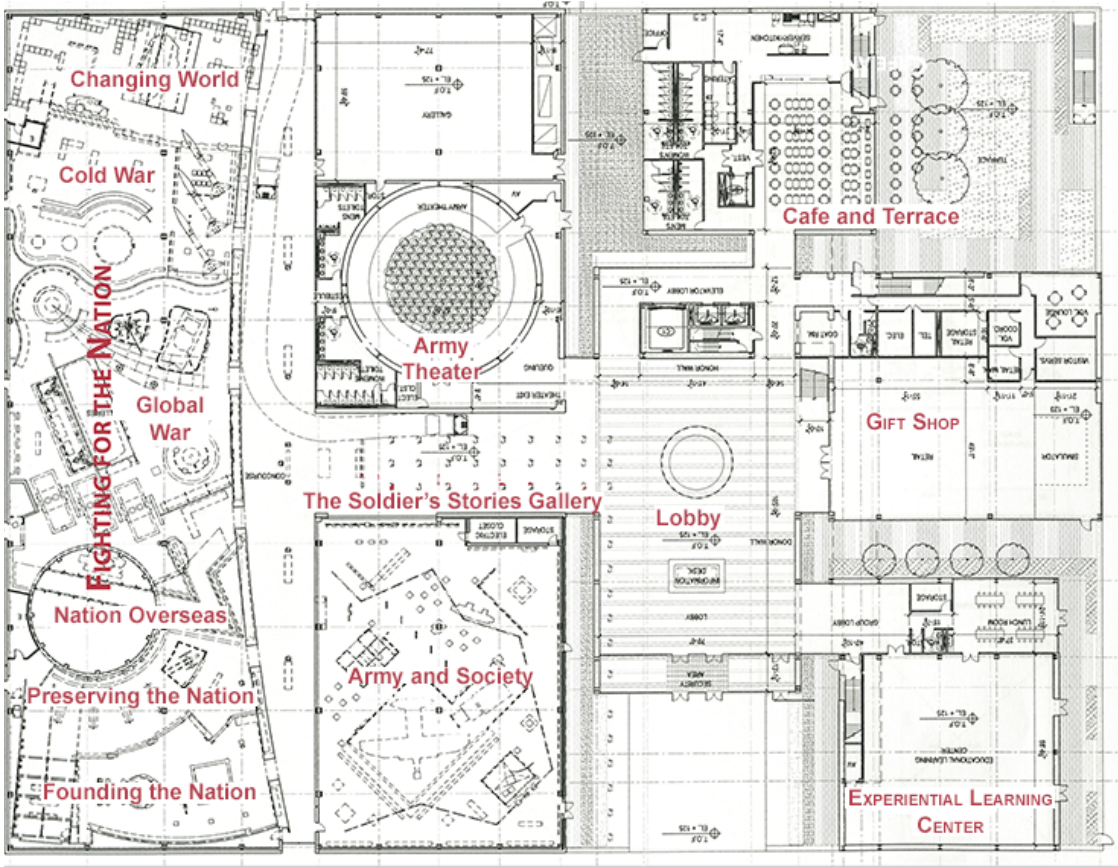
To join the *Defender's Fund* go to

<https://armyhistory.org/defenders-fund>

or contact Robert Anderson at (703) 608-1240 or robert.anderson@armyhistory.org.



Conceptual rendering of the Defender's Fund Donor Wall



The Museum Experience...

The National Army Museum will be more than just a building. It will be an experience that will engage visitors of all ages emotionally and intellectually in the Army's history and heritage and allow them to experience what it is like to be a Soldier. Visitors will be able to absorb the history of America's Army in a variety of formats. Exhibits will replicate three-dimensional historical contexts by combining cutting edge technologies, interactivity, carefully selected and positioned artifacts, special effects, and first-person Soldier stories to recreate a sense of time and place and bring action and adventure to the Museum experience.

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