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Hylton family donates site for Wartime Museum in Prince William

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Prince William County officials announced Tuesday that the \$50 million **Wartime Museum** will be built on a 70-acre donated site near Interstate 95 and Dale Boulevard.

The museum, expected to attract 300,000 people per year, will commemorate members of all of the branches of the military who served in conflicts since World War I. Organizers hope to open on Veterans Day in 2014.

The site was donated by the Hylton family of Prince William County.

Officials said the project will help create a "Corridor of Military History," as both the National Museum of the Marine Corps near Quantico and the planned National Museum of the U.S. Army at Fort Belvoir are nearby.

A market study estimated that the museum will create 50 direct and 35 indirect jobs and have an annual economic impact of \$10 million to \$25 million per year at surrounding hotels, restaurants and other businesses.

"It is fitting that The Wartime Museum will be located in Prince William County where the military has played a significant role in our community's history," said Board of County Supervisors Chairman Corey Stewart. "This nation fought its first battle of the Civil War here in 1861, and the County remained on the front line of the war with the second — and bloodier — battle of Manassas. Our community has always been proud that many Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen have called Prince William home, and this museum will honor our veterans from all services."

George Mason University, Gallagher & Associates and **Dewberry** are partners in the project. Information on the funding was not available, but the project's Web site is seeking donations.

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