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NEWS RELEASE

The Americans in Wartime Museum Breaks Ground for National Museum Project

(Oct. 26, 2011) - The Americans in Wartime Museum Board of Trustees broke ground today on a 70-acre site in Dale City, Virginia, for the future national museum. Located near the intersection of Interstate 95 and Dale Boulevard, the Museum will commemorate the American wartime experience from World War I to the present.

“Today, we have reached a major milestone for the Americans in Wartime Museum,” said Museum Board Chairman Allan Cors. “Our leadership team and our many community partners have worked hard to bring the vision of the Americans in Wartime Museum to life. Today, as we begin site preparation for the new Museum, we are another step closer to the day we open the doors to this incredible facility and offer visitors a once-in-a-lifetime experience.”

The Americans in Wartime Museum will tell the stories of American men and women who served during wartime—in all branches of the military and on the home front—from World War I to the present. This uniquely American Museum will include outdoor and indoor activities; full-scale, active Landscapes of War; operational armor and aircraft; multimedia programs; living history reenactments; an oral history recording studio; an array of public programs; and galleries filled with thousands of artifacts.

Market studies estimate that the Museum will attract more than 300,000 visitors each year; 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.

“The Americans in Wartime Museum will be a great asset to Prince William County,” said Board of County Supervisors Chairman Corey Stewart. “I look forward to having the museum as a partner in fostering tourism and promoting economic growth in Prince William County.”

The Hylton Family of Prince William County donated the site for the Museum and is providing much of the site work, a total donation valued at \$26 million. The Museum is in the midst of a capital campaign to raise funds from corporations, foundations and individuals for the \$100 million Museum project.

More information about the Museum is available at www.nmaw.org or at www.facebook.org/AmericanWartimeMuseum.

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