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## **ENLISTMENT CEREMONY, WREATH LAYING, SCRAPBOOKING AMONG NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER'S VETERANS DAY EVENTS**

Philadelphia, PA (November 5, 2004) – Celebrate and honor veterans during the National Constitution Center's "Your Page In History" festivities on Veterans Day, Thursday, November 11. Activities and programs will run throughout the day for visitors of all ages to enjoy. Veterans will receive FREE admission on Veterans Day, as well as through the weekend, November 12 through 14.

Veterans Day will commence with a Military Enlistment Ceremony at 10 a.m. on the Grand Hall Overlook. The new enlistees, who are coming from New Jersey's Fort Dix Army Base, will be sworn in by General George Joulwan (Ret.) former Supreme Allied Commander, Europe (SACEUR). Joulwan served for nearly 40 years, and has been awarded two Silver Stars, the Bronze Star with "V" device, four Air Medals, the Army Commendation Medal, three Defense Distinguished Service Medals, the Army Distinguished Service Medal, and the Legion of Merit twice. Air Force Lt. Colonel David Rothwell, Fort Dix Military Entrance Processing Station Commander, will also make brief remarks. Ted Wolfe, a Korean War veteran and member of the National Constitution Center Board of Trustees, will introduce the program for the Center.

The Ceremony will be followed by an official wreath laying, moment of silence and the playing of "Taps" at 11:11 a.m.

At 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., visitors can join World War II veterans in the Domestic Tranquility section of the exhibit for a program, "Service and Citizenship". During the program, veterans will discuss their service and its affects on their attitudes towards citizenship in an open dialogue with visitors.

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Marilyn Heywood Paige, a professional scrapbook artist, will lead a scrapbooking class from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Grand Hall Lobby. Everyone is invited to bring personal letters and photos to create take-home memorabilia scrapbooks, which veterans can use to catalog their service to their country. Paige will also discuss preservation and storage of these personal archive materials, which can serve as a veteran's own "Page In History."

The United States Air Force Tradewinds Quintet, part of the USAF Heritage of America Band based out of Langley Air Force Base, Virginia, will perform in the Grand Hall Lobby at 1 p.m. The quintet, comprised of flute, oboe, clarinet, horn and bassoon, will play a wide variety of chamber works, as well as popular and patriotic pieces.

Also as part of the Constitution Center's Veterans Day observance, on Sunday, November 14, *Last Letters Home*, a documentary created by HBO and *The New York Times* in association with LIFE books, will be screened all day, every hour. The screenings begin at 10 a.m. in the Kirby Auditorium of the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach. The film, a tribute to American men and women who lost their lives in Iraq, is free and open to the public.

The National Constitution Center is open Sunday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors ages 62 and up, children ages 4-12, and active military personnel. Group rates are also available. For more information, call 215.409.6600 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and its relevance to Americans' daily lives. Opened on July 3, 2003, the museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising". The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education and debates, and as a home for visiting scholars. Also, serving as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional debate, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contains diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6600 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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