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GENERAL ANTHONY ZINNI TALKS ABOUT LEADERSHIP AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

PHILADELPHIA, PA (March 6, 2007) — As part of the two day program on leadership, the National Constitution Center welcomes Philadelphia’s own General Anthony Zinni for a discussion about his ideas on leadership based on his experience as a soldier, a four-star general, and the adviser to the State Department on Middle East peace. The event will be held Tuesday, March 27, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. Admission is $12 for members, $15 for non-members, and $6 for K-12 students and teachers. A special package is also available, including an exclusive dinner with General Zinni, a copy of Battle for Peace, and VIP seating at the program. The package costs $50 for members and $60 for non-members. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700 or at www.constitutioncenter.org.

General Zinni has recently been in the news for strongly stating his position that a hasty retreat from Iraq would be unwise—though he was a vigorous opponent of the Iraq war. He has aligned himself with Senator John McCain and President George W. Bush in advocating for a “surge” of troops in Baghdad.

General Zinni joined the Marine Corps in 1961 and was commissioned as an infantry second lieutenant in 1965. His military service has taken him to over 70 countries including deployments to the Mediterranean, the Caribbean, the Western Pacific, Northern
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Europe, and Korea. He has also served tours in Okinawa and Germany.

General Zinni co-authored the New York Times best seller Battle Ready with Tom Clancy and, more recently, wrote The Battle for Peace: A Frontline Vision of America's Power and Purpose with Tony Koltz. General Zinni completed his service with the United States government as Commander of U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM), responsible for U.S. security interests in the 25 nations that stretch from the Horn of Africa through the Arabian Gulf region, into Central Asia. In 2002, he was selected by former Secretary of State Colin Powell to be a special envoy for the United States to Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

A book sale and signing will follow the program courtesy of the Joseph Fox Bookshop.

On Monday, March 26 at 6:00 p.m., the National Constitution Center and Philadelphia magazine will host a discussion about what it means to be a leader in Philadelphia with Brian Tierney, chief executive of Philadelphia Media Holdings LLC and publisher of the Philadelphia Inquirer and Daily News; nationally recognized chef Alison Barshak, owner of Alison at Blue Bell; Phil Martelli, St. Joseph's University Men's Basketball head coach; and Alba Martinez, President and Chief Executive Officer of United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania. Larry Platt, editor of Philadelphia magazine will moderate the discussion. This program is part of “Philadelphia Talks”, a series of unique discussions about the hottest issues confronting our city.

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 the ideas and values it represents. Opened on July 4, 2003, the Constitution Center is a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. 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. Also, serving as a nonpartisan forum for

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constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. The National Constitution Center’s programs earned the organization a 2006 Best of Philly® award from Philadelphia magazine as the “Best Place To Smarten Up”. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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