

FAST FACTS

WHY

The Pennsylvania Veterans Museum, opening late this year, will fill the gap in our state's rich history. It will tackle the modern wartime experiences of real veterans. Their stories will fill the Museum's exhibits with reality. Their legacy will be recorded and preserved in the Museum's Living History database. And all exhibits and educational programs will underscore the true nature of war and the sacrifices made in the name of freedom and security.

WHERE

With \$1.3 million in seed funding from the state, the historic stone Armory in Media, PA, is being renovated to house the Pennsylvania Veterans Museum. Over 5,300 square feet of the 96-year-old building will be dedicated to exhibits.

WHAT

The Museum will use total immersion technology to put visitors in a combat zone. It's an experience visitors won't encounter at any other museum on the East Coast.

Themed exhibits will focus on pivotal battles of World War II, the Korean conflict, the War in Vietnam and Gulf wars. Exhibits will change regularly to document Pennsylvanians in modern combat — and they will travel throughout the state.

WHO

The Pennsylvania Veterans Museum grew out of the U.S. Veterans Legacy Project, a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the legacy of our fighting men and women.

- Approximately 10% of PA's population are vets — over 1.2 million people.
- 50% of PA families have a vet in their immediate family.
- PA ranks fifth in the nation for numbers of veterans.
- 1.3 Million Pennsylvanians were dispatched to WWII; 400,000 were sent to Viet Nam, and over 35,000 have served in the Desert Wars.
- Pennsylvania is home to seven living members of the "Band of Brothers".
- Our homegrown heroes include 29 Medal of Honor winners and 63,618 female veterans.
- Pennsylvania has always supported its veterans. The state donated \$2 million to the World War II Memorial to be dedicated in May, 2004 — the largest state contribution in the nation.
- Every day our older veterans die, and their stories and their legacy die with them.
- But until now there was no museum in Pennsylvania solely chronicling all of our veterans' experiences and achievements

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