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Today, Pennsylvania Lt. Governor Mike Stack will officiate at a groundbreaking ceremony for a new local construction project to expand the visitor and education center of the US Army Heritage and Education Center, coincidental to the recent USAHEC milestone: more than 1 million visitors to the Heritage Center in Cumberland County since 2004.



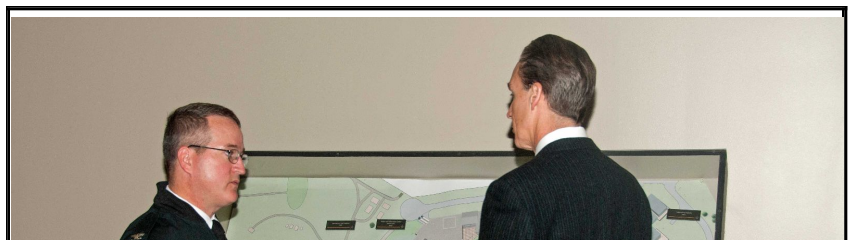
Lt. Gov. Stack; Pa. Sen. Pat Vance; Pa. Rep. Stephen Bloom; Middlesex Township Supervisor Donald Geistwhite, Jr; will man shovels with Army War College leadership; Army Heritage Center Foundation Board Vice-Chair Chris Gleason; Kenn Tuckey of the Cumberland County Industrial Development Authority; Pennsylvania VFW Commander Glenn R. Umberger -- on behalf of veterans -- and Construction Contractor Don Mowery and R.S. Mowery & Sons.

Lt. Gov. Mike Stack speaks to members of the Carlisle Community during the ground breaking ceremony at the Army Heritage and Education Center, Nov 23.

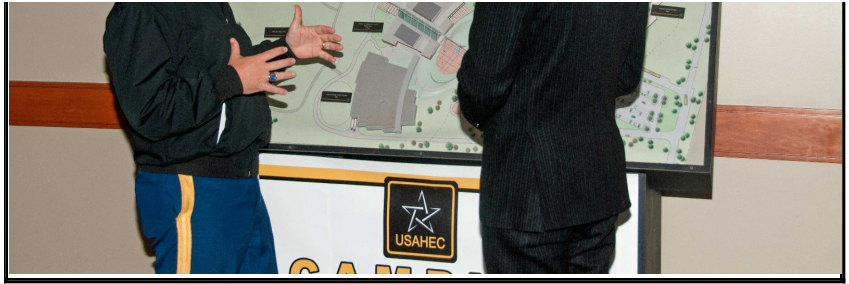
“This is the jewel in the crown, of Army culture, of Army Education in America, said Lt. Gov. Stack. “We could not be prouder of the great things that have been done here and all the great things that we are going to do.”

“It is so important that we all get behind this great resource that we have that we have here in Pennsylvania and this expansion really marks the fact that we are not just talking the talk but walking the talk.”

Col. Peter D. Crean, Director USAHEC shows the area of which the new addition of the Visitors Education Center will sit to



Lt. Gov. Mike Stack during the ground breaking ceremony at the Army Heritage and Education Center, Nov 23.



“As head of the military base protection committee this says that

Carlisle Barracks and the Army War College is home for good. The Army knows it, Congress know it...I am very proud to be part of it,” he said.

With a start date of Dec. 7 this year, the \$2.25 Million project will add 7,500 sq ft to the Visitors and Education Center, an expansion planned for in the construction of the main building. The expansion -- The Hall of the American Soldier -- will make possible a new gallery of 1500 sq. feet, a new multi-purpose meeting room of 2,000 sq ft and an enlarged seating area for the popular Café Cumberland.



“The U.S. Army War College and the Army Education and Heritage Center are inseparable, this is the Army’s archive, this is the Army’s premier library,” said Lt. Gen. William E. Rapp, Commandant of the USAWC. “The collection of Soldiers stories tied with Soldiers artifacts, it is a wonderful place to be and I cannot think of a more appropriate place than at the seat of so much history.”

“This is the history of the United States and the history of our Army are intertwined. The partnership of this community and is this state could not be stronger,” Rapp said.

Maj. Gen. William E. Rapp, USAWC Commandant and Pa. Lt. Gov. Mike Stack break ground for the new Visitor Education

Center addition during the ground breaking ceremony at the Army Heritage and Education Center, Nov 23.

The expansion will make possible more meeting spaces for a growing demand from tourists, Army users, community members, and veterans. Additional exhibit space will add yet more reasons to visit USAHEC's one-of-a-kind mashup of educational exhibits and the stories linked to diaries, letters, photos and personal papers.

The Army Heritage Center Foundation has made the expansion possible with funds raised from AHCF

donors and an RACP Grant Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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