

Army Heritage Center Foundation conducts Groundbreaking Ceremony

The Army Heritage Center Foundation to conduct Groundbreaking Ceremony for additional infrastructure

The Army Heritage Center Foundation is proud to announce a groundbreaking ceremony will take place on Jun. 28 at 8:30 a.m. at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center (USAHEC). Representing the Army at the ceremony will be Maj. Gen. Anthony Cucolo, commandant of the U.S. Army War College and Col. Matthew Dawson, director of the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center.

The ceremony will serve as the formal start of an infrastructure and site improvements construction project to support current needs and future expansion of the USAHEC Visitor and Education Center.

The infrastructure improvements will include the construction of a third parking lot to accommodate visitors and researchers; completion of a storm water management system to protect the nearby LeTort Spring Run; and the creation of event plazas in front of the Visitor and Education Center and between Ridgway Hall and the Visitor and Education Center. The event plaza adjacent to the Visitors and Education Center will also incorporate Soldiers Walk, an ongoing Foundation program that commemorates Soldiers and their families through engraved bricks and pavers. The construction, to be completed by R.S. Mowery & Sons, Inc. of Mechanicsburg, will take approximately 90 days.

All aspects of this construction have been proffered as a donation by the Army Heritage Center Foundation to the United States Army. Secretary of the Army John McHugh accepted the proffer on May 24, 2012 "to enhance current operations, especially for special events and to facilitate its [USAHEC's] planned expansion."

Private donations and a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) are supporting this construction project.

RACP grants are administered by the Office of the Budget for the acquisition and construction of regional economic, cultural, civic, and historical improvement projects. Funds provided through this grant support construction for which the designated project must obtain at least a 50 percent non-state match prior to obtaining access to the state's funds.

A project is eligible for RACP funding only if that project has been itemized in an act--such as a Capital Budget Project Itemization Act--passed by the General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor. The authorization to support the development of the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center was contained in the Capital Budget Itemization Act of 2004. The program is administered through the Cumberland County Industrial Development Authority.

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