

Army Heritage Center Foundation announces approval for participation in Combined Federal Campaign

The Army Heritage Center Foundation will participate in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) to accept donations to expand the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center. The Army Heritage Center Foundation's CFC organization reference number is **44284**.

Funds collected through the CFC program to **CFC # 44284** will support the Foundation's work to promote and enhance the public facilities of the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center. The Foundation is currently focused on the expansion of the Visitor and Education Center that opened in 2011.

In July, the United States Office of Personnel Management formally admitted the Foundation into the Fall 2013 Combined Federal Campaign as a member of Military Support Groups of America. The 2013 CF campaign season marks the Foundation's first appearance within the CFC program.

Established in 1961, the CFC is the largest and most successful annual workplace fundraising drive in the world. Every fall, the CFC solicits donations from Federal employees on behalf of participating charities selected through a rigorous application process. Federal employees may choose to support a charity represented by the CFC through payroll deductions beginning in January of the following year.

"In order to qualify for the CFC, participating charities must demonstrate that the services they perform impact the lives of citizens from all over the U.S. not just local or regional residents," explained Foundation Executive Director Mike Perry. "The Foundation has worked hard to broaden its reach and is pleased to be among the nation's leading charities authorized to appear within the CFC brochure. We are hopeful that many donors will value our mission and assist our efforts," Perry continued.

About the Foundation and U.S. Army Heritage & Education Center

The Army Heritage Center Foundation works with the U.S. Army and our supporters to expand the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center (USAHEC) campus and enhance its programs. The Foundation, which also serves as the project manager for privately funded construction projects on the campus, completed its *Voices of the Past* capital campaign in 2010 with the construction of the first phase of the Visitor and Education Center, a key component of the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center

campus. Opened to the public on May 20, 2011, the Visitor and Education Center is the focal point for the campus, containing the first large exhibit gallery, and hosting educational activities on the USAHEC Campus. In the fall of 2011, the Foundation launched its *Build on Success* capital campaign to build Phase Two of the Visitor and Education Center.

The Foundation's development program seeks grants and donations to build Phase Two of the Visitor and Education Center, support construction of the Heritage Center, and create an endowment to sustain and enhance educational programs. The Foundation's education program coordinates the National History Day in Pennsylvania competition, complements the Center's programs and exhibits by providing teachers educational material from the USAHEC collection, and is a state approved continuing education provider. The Foundation also supports and enhances USAHEC's public outreach by supporting marketing initiatives and serving as a public advocate of the Center's mission and programs. Learn more about the Foundation at www.armyheritage.org.

USAHEC is dedicated to educating and preserving the legacy of the men and women who have served their nation as Soldiers. The Center's mission is to educate a broad audience on the heritage of the Army by acquiring, preserving, and making available historical records, materials, and artifacts. A unique Army and public asset, USAHEC is the Army's only historical organization chartered to acquire and preserve the personal history of our Soldiers through their photos, letters, diaries, and artifacts. USAHEC staff then makes these resources available to the public through accessible archives, engaging education programs, and world-class interpretive displays. Learn more about USAHEC at www.usahec.org.

About Military Support Groups of America

Military Support Groups of America (MSGA) is a federation of America's finest national organizations providing financial and emotional support for our Nation's Soldiers, wounded warriors, and military families. All MSGA agencies are screened annually to ensure that they meet the highest standards of substantive program services, management, and fiscal responsibility.

About Combined Federal Campaign

The mission of CFC is to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-efficient, and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all. CFC is the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign, with almost 200 CFC campaigns throughout the country and internationally raising millions of dollars each year. Pledges made by Federal civilian, postal, and military donors during the campaign season (September 1st to December 15th) support eligible non-profit organizations that provide health and human service benefits throughout the world.

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