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Groundbreaking for two new buildings attracted representatives of the Army Heritage & Education Center, Army War College and Carlisle Barracks together with representatives of Pennsylvania and Cumberland County.



Maj. Gen. Robert Williams, U.S. Rep. Todd Platts, Pa. Sen. Pat Vance, Cumberland County Commissioner Gary Eichelberg offered comments about the future of the AHEC in serving veterans and visitors.

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WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

The construction site today is marked by the new entry to the parking area, and site work taking place to the right and left of Ridgway Hall - preparing for two new buildings.

1/ Right of the entrance -- the Army is building the Museum Support Facility. It will be the Army's Conservation Center with labs and capabilities to restore military clothing, preserve documents and photos -- ensuring sure that donations from Soldiers and Veterans will be properly preserved for future generations.

2/ Left of the entrance -- The Army Heritage Center Foundation, in partnership with Pennsylvania and Cumberland County, is building the Visitors and Education Center. It will be the 'front door' for the AHEC -- with museum galleries, a museum shop, and space for classes, lectures and veterans reunions.

**DID YOU KNOW?** There were 74 thousand visitors to AHEC in 2009 to research, learn, and enjoy the American military heritage.

The two new buildings will increase the visitors, tourists, Soldiers, veterans, families and historians

who come to the Army Heritage & Education Center -- where Soldiers' stories are remembered and retold.

OF SPECIAL NOTE -- FROM 9 AM TO NOON, Saturday, Oct. 17, several dozen Living Historians will be on the Army Heritage Trail during the Oktoberfest Volksmarch. It will be a great opportunity to create a personal interaction with reenactors at the Revolutionary War Yorktown Redoubt ... the Vietnam Firebase ... the World War I German and American trenches ... and the World War II compound.

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