

# AMERICA'S HEROES

## A Lasting Tribute To American Soldiers

(NAPSA)—More than 30 million Americans have served in the United States Army. If you or someone you care about is among them, you can now order a personalized, commemorative brick that will be permanently placed along the pathway to the future National Museum of the United States Army.

### Making a Museum

The National Army Museum is rapidly taking shape at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, just south of Washington, D.C. This national landmark will be the first museum to tell the entire history of the nation's oldest and largest military service. The massive 185,000-square-foot building will display a collection of Army artifacts, historic documents, and Soldier artwork. The vast majority of these priceless selections have never been seen by the public.

"For those who served, the Museum will provide a place of reflection," said retired Army Chief of Staff, General Gordon R. Sullivan, chairman of the Army Historical Foundation. "For the rest of America, it will be an educational institution that conveys American history through the eyes and stories of Soldiers, teaching our nation how the U.S. Army has shaped nearly every major event in our country's history."

In the two years since groundbreaking, the building's frame has been completed, and crews have installed the stainless-steel panels that make up its exterior. Inside, the circular walls of the 300-degree Army Theater are set, and four of the Museum's largest artifacts are in place.



**Actor Joe Mantegna holds a commemorative brick honoring his uncle, William J. Novelli. It will be part of the National Museum of the United States Army.**

### How You Can Be a Part of It

The U.S. Army designated the nonprofit Army Historical Foundation to lead the campaign to build the Museum. The Foundation developed the Commemorative Brick Program to raise funds for construction and offer serving Soldiers and Army veterans and their families a way to forever be part of the historic national landmark.

The personalized bricks are currently being installed along the pathway leading to the Museum's main entrance. Made of Mesabi Black granite, the impressive tributes will set the stage for the Museum experience.

Individuals and organizations can still order bricks at [www.armyhistory.org/bricks](http://www.armyhistory.org/bricks).