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A Season of Thanks At The National Museum of the Pacific War

Fredericksburg, Texas (December 10, 2007) - The National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, Texas would like to welcome our Hill Country friends and families to the third event in our 2007 Season of Thanks series: an Open House. The Museum will host the Open House on Sunday, December 16, 2007 from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Rear Admiral Chuck Grojean, Executive Director of the Admiral Nimitz Foundation, explained the event. "We want to take this opportunity to say Thank You to the community, to the citizens of Gillespie County who support the museum, and to provide a special treat for area guests. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year."

There will be no charge to visit any of the Museum galleries on that day from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM. Guests will be able to enjoy full access to the Admiral Nimitz Museum, the Pacific Combat Zone and the George H.W. Bush Gallery at no charge. As always, the Memorial Courtyard, the Japanese Peace Garden and the Plaza of the Presidents will be open to the public during the entire day. Museum Docents will be on hand to give directions and answer any questions visitors might have about the Museum.

Beginning at 5:30 PM the Museum will host guests for a Welcome Reception in the Memorial Courtyard. At 6:00 PM Fredericksburg Mayor Jeryl Hoover will preside over the official lighting of the Nimitz Christmas Tree. Guests will be able to enjoy community friendship over complimentary spiced wine, beer, hot chocolate and coffee. There is no charge for any of the events on the December 16, 2007 Open House Day at the National Museum of the Pacific War.

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“We are so proud to be able to give thanks to our Hill Country community,” said Joe Cavanaugh, Museum Director. “We led off last weekend with the first two events in our Season of Thanks series, both very special private events. The Military Ball on December 7, 2007 revived an historic tradition in the Nimitz Ballroom to honor those currently serving our country. With the sponsorship of Broadway Bank and tremendous support from other donors, we hosted 100 military men and women and their guests for an evening of candlelight dinner and dancing as thanks to them for their service to our community and nation. The second event, held last Sunday afternoon, was the annual holiday celebration for the staff and volunteers to pay special thanks to whose hard work and dedication supports the Admiral Nimitz Foundation and the Museum.

“We inspire our youth by honoring our heroes.”

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The National Museum of the Pacific War, a Texas Historical Commission property operated by the Admiral Nimitz Foundation, is located in Fredericksburg, Texas, and is the only institution in the continental United States dedicated exclusively to telling the story of the Pacific Theater of World War II.

Located on a six-acre site, the facility includes the George H.W. Bush Gallery, Admiral Nimitz Museum, Plaza of the Presidents, the Memorial Courtyard, Japanese Garden of Peace, Pacific Combat Zone and the Center for Pacific War Studies.

Originally named the Admiral Nimitz Museum and housed solely in the historic Nimitz Hotel, the Museum has grown into a dynamic, first-class experience that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and from all backgrounds, a great family educational experience. In addition to nearly 34,000 square feet of indoor exhibit space, the Museum boasts an impressive display of Allied and Japanese aircraft, tanks, guns and other large artifacts made famous during the Pacific War campaigns. An additional 40,000 square-foot expansion is planned to be completed in late 2009.

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