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CELEBRATE MEMORIAL DAY AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (May 1, 2008) – Memorial Day programs will take place at the National Constitution Center from Saturday, May 24 through Monday, May 26. Visitors will have the opportunity to celebrate this important holiday with a variety of activities and exhibit highlights.

Guests can see “Memorials: The Way America Remembers,” a special program that teaches guests about the history of our nation’s most interesting memorials and how they contribute to popular memory. They can also learn about the history of Memorial Day and how poppies came to be the symbol of the holiday following World War I by making their own poppy memorial wreaths. Programs occur at various times and locations, so visitors should check the daily program sheet upon arrival. All activities are free with museum admission.

Memorial Day commemorates U.S. men and women who have died in military service to the country, and the Center’s main exhibition, *The Story of We the People*, offers visitors the chance to learn about our nation’s involvement in wars and conflicts and reflect on the service and heroism of American veterans. Some of the elements featured include letters home from soldiers, a video representation of uniforms from different wars throughout U.S. history, and a display of flags from each branch of the armed services. In the Center’s signature theater performance, “Freedom Rising”, references are made to soldiers during such conflicts as the Revolutionary War, Civil War, and World War II, highlighting contributions that veterans have made in shaping our nation's history.

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The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. The Center serves as a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising". The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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