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FROM SOLDIER CARE PACKAGES TO TURKEY DAY TRADITIONS, THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER SERVES UP SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

Includes access to the acclaimed Art of the American Soldier exhibition

Philadelphia, PA (November 11, 2010) – Visitors to the National Constitution Center this coming Thanksgiving weekend can give thanks to the men and women of the Armed Forces by writing letters and creating care packages to send to the troops. The activity will take place just outside of the Center’s *Art of the American Soldier* exhibition, as part of the Center’s Thanksgiving celebration Friday, November 26 through Sunday, November 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The celebration is FREE with museum admission.

Visitors also can celebrate the Thanksgiving season by discovering the different ways Americans have celebrated the holiday throughout history. Guests are invited to join in the interactive “History of Thanksgiving” program, which explores the origins and importance of this national holiday. Visitors are encouraged to participate as they learn about the roles presidents have played in creating Thanksgiving Day traditions, including the presidential turkey pardon, and what food may have been prepared at the first Thanksgiving dinner.

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As they watch the “Growing Up, American Style” show, children will discover what it was like to grow up in the United States during different time periods and even have the opportunity to try on clothing from various historical eras. Children also are invited to make seasonal crafts, including corn husk dolls and other fun, fall creations.

All visitors will have access to *Art of the American Soldier*, the highly-acclaimed exhibition created by the National Constitution Center in partnership with the U.S. Army Center of Military History and the National Museum of the United States Army. *Art of the American Soldier* unveils powerful works of art created by American soldiers in the line of duty. Drawn from the Army’s rarely seen collection of over 15,000 paintings and sketches, the exhibition showcases the artistic response of soldiers from World War I through the present day.

Admission to *Art of the American Soldier* is FREE with regular museum admission of \$12 for adults, \$11 for seniors ages 65 and over, and \$8 for children ages 4-12. Veterans and military families will receive \$2 off admission. Active military personnel, career military retirees, and children ages 3 and under are free. Group rates are also available. iPod audio tours cost an additional \$5. The *Art of the American Soldier* iPod tour has been generously underwritten by Team Clean, Inc. For ticket information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

The Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling Company and The Coca-Cola Company are the presenting local sponsors for the *Art of the American Soldier* exhibition at the National Constitution Center.

Official media partners of *Art of the American Soldier* are CBS 3 (KYW-TV) and The CW Philly 57 (WPSG-TV), *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, and The Big Talker 1210AM WPHT. CBS 3 (KYW-TV) and The CW Philly 57 (WPSG-TV) are part of CBS Television Stations, a division of CBS Corporation.

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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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