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BATTLE OF WATERLOO REENACTED AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

*In conjunction with **NAPOLÉON** exhibition*

Philadelphia, PA (August 17, 2009) – As the *NAPOLÉON* exhibition comes to a close, the National Constitution Center will present “From Washington to Waterloo,” an exploration of the French leader’s final days, from Saturday, September 5 through Monday September 7, 2009. Activities include interactive presentations, battle reenactments, craft activities, and a special walking tour. Events are FREE with museum admission.

During special daily presentations at 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m., visitors will learn about the Battle of Waterloo and Napoléon’s exile to St. Helena. On Saturday, September 5, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., French revolutionary reenactors will set up camp on the Center’s front lawn, where they will demonstrate camp life and military strategies used at Waterloo. Guests can prepare for battle by making their own swords, muskets, and bi-corn hats from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Visitors can also learn about the Founding Fathers’ experiences in France during special tours of *Signers’ Hall* at 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. In addition, interactive demonstrations at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. will compare and contrast the American and French Revolutions.

The Center is also offering a walking tour of Philadelphia, highlighting the city’s connections with France during the French Revolution and the time of Napoléon’s reign. Participants will explore the French presence in the city during stops at the former residences of Joseph Bonaparte and Louis Philippe, the Duke of Orléans, among other destinations. Tours depart from the Center at 11:00 a.m. and tickets cost \$23 (includes admission to the Center and the *NAPOLÉON* exhibition). Reservations are required for the tour and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

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ADD ONE/WATERLOO

Through September 7, 2009, the National Constitution Center is hosting *NAPOLÉON*, an exhibition offering visitors a rare opportunity to explore the private life of the Emperor of France and to see beyond the legend to gain an understanding of this complex political leader whose actions reshaped the landscape of Europe and America.

Created from the extraordinary collection of First Empire authority and author, Pierre-Jean Chalençon, the exhibition showcases rare, personal belongings of Napoléon I, as well as some of the most famous depictions of him by important artists of the time. The Constitution Center is the sixth stop on the *NAPOLÉON* exhibition's first North American Tour. The exhibition marks the first time a number of items from the Chalençon Collection have ever been on display to the general public. *NAPOLÉON* is a 6,000 square foot international traveling exhibition distributed by Exhibits Development Group in cooperation with Cultural Arts Entertainment Group.

Admission to *NAPOLÉON* is \$17.50 for adults, \$16.50 for seniors ages 65 and up, and \$13.50 for children ages 4-12. Active military personnel and children ages 3 and under are free. Group rates are also available. Admission to the Center's main exhibition, *The Story of We the People*, including the award-winning theater production "Freedom Rising", is included. iPod audio tours cost an additional \$4. For ticket information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

Shire Pharmaceuticals is the local presenting sponsor of the Center's showing of *NAPOLÉON* and CBS 3 is the official media partner. 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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ADD TWO/WATERLOO

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. Also, as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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