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Campaign to build Maine Troop Greeters Museum announced

Maine Troop Greeters seeking public's help to build museum "Dedicated to Those Who Served"

Bangor, Maine - June 14, 2016 – On Tuesday, June 14 the Maine Troop Greeters announced the campaign to build the Maine Troop Greeters Museum, Dedicated To Those Who Served, at Bangor International Airport. The event served to launch the public fundraising and awareness campaign to build the museum and included renderings of the planned museum from exhibit design company Prospect Designs, a campaign update from Honorary Committee member and Fundraising Committee Chair Nichi Farnham, special museum item donations from Master Sgt. Kevin Tillman and John Bapst High School and U.S. Congressman Bruce Poliquin.

Once built the museum will house a large collection of memorabilia that has been collected over the last fourteen years as the greeters have welcomed departing and returning troops at Bangor International Airport.

Since 2003, the Maine Troop Greeters have welcomed over 1.5 million Troops either going overseas or returning from duty at Bangor International Airport. These greetings have resulted in a collection of memorabilia consisting of over 5,000 challenge coins, 1,000+ patches, 500+ dog tags, flags, banners and many letters of gratitude. The museum will ensure that these items are displayed and preserved for all to appreciate.

According to museum committee co-chairs Cathy Czarnecki and Gil Cory, the effort to build the museum is an important one to the Maine Troop Greeters.

“This collection of memorabilia represents the sacrifice that our troops have made on behalf of our country. The troops have shared these important coins, flags, patches, letters and much more with us and it is our duty to preserve them and to tell their story, and the story of what has taken place here, to all who visit the museum,” said Czarnecki.

The committee announced many ways for the public to support the museum financially including buying tickets to the Toby Keith concert on Thursday, July 21 at Darling's Waterfront Pavilion in Bangor. \$1.00 from every ticket will be donated to the museum effort thanks to Toby Keith and Waterfront Concerts. For other ways to support the museum and to learn more you can visit mainetroopgreetersmuseum.org The expected opening date for the museum is November 2017.

About the Maine Troop Greeters: The Maine Troop Greeters are a non-profit, volunteer group of veterans and friends, men and women, supporting our troops who arrive at Bangor International Airport. For more information about the Maine Troop Greeters visit themainetroopgreeters.org.

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