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### **OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**

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SUBJECT: Letter of Support for the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division War Memorial Museum on Fort Bragg, NC.

1. As the primary veteran support organization for the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, we would like to extend our deep support to all decision makers that the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division War Memorial Museum should remain open.
2. The museum has served as a focal point for thousands upon thousands of Paratroopers for decades. Every Paratrooper ever assigned to the Division takes a tour of the museum as part of their initial orientation to our illustrious Division upon assignment, and every Paratrooper takes a tour there upon reassignment elsewhere. That is a tremendous contributing factor to the overwhelming esprit de corps and unit pride that far surpasses any other conventional fighting unit in the United States Army.
3. Every year, thousands of veterans come back to Fort Bragg, NC for All-American Week reunions. The museum serves as the meeting point where these brave men and women can not only remember their service and sacrifices, but it also serves as a point of pride to be able to show their families and loved ones the things they accomplished and the heritage of their legacy. Many of the items displayed within the museum were donated by these very same veterans that understand that their service and the service of their brothers and sisters in arms mattered. Countless young children have been able to see what their parents, grandparents, and great grandparents have accomplished for our great nation.
4. All past, present, and future Paratroopers deserve a landmark where their stories will be remembered with dignity, accuracy, and honor. We respectfully call upon all decision makers to NOT close the doors on this chapter of American history.

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