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Visitors to Gettysburg National Military Park Send Messages to the Troops



Gettysburg, PA (November 12, 2008)-Visitors to Gettysburg National Military Park now have the opportunity to send messages to members of the United States Armed Forces, thanks to a partnership between the Gettysburg Foundation, Lockheed Martin and Operation Homefront.

Visitors to the Museum and Visitor Center at Gettysburg National Military Park are encouraged to write their messages to the troops on special Operation Homefront postcards (see photo above). The Foundation will forward completed postcards to Operation Homefront, which will forward the postcards to service members.

Operation Homefront is a non-profit organization that provides emergency assistance and morale to American troops, to the families they leave behind and to wounded warriors when they return home.

"Gettysburg is a place where millions of people come to reflect on a turning point in American history," said Robert C. Wilburn, president of the Gettysburg Foundation. "At the same time, we want visitors to reflect on what is going on in the world today. We think Gettysburg is the perfect place from which to send messages to the brave men and women serving in the armed forces."

Lockheed Martin Corporation has a history of working with organizations that support the military men and women who serve this country. With a strong interest in Gettysburg and its legacy, the Gettysburg Foundation is proud to join Lockheed Martin in this partnership to support our troops.

"Lockheed Martin is proud to be partnered with the Gettysburg Foundation and Operation Homefront because it benefits our service members," said Bob Stevens, Lockheed Martin Chairman, President and CEO. "Visitors to Gettysburg are able to gain an appreciation of the sacrifices that were made for the sake of freedom nearly 150 years ago. Those same types of sacrifices continue and providing Gettysburg visitors an opportunity to say 'thanks' to those who make those same sacrifices today for our freedom is a wonderful program. Lockheed Martin is proud to be a part of this endeavor," said Stevens.

The Gettysburg Foundation is a private, non-profit educational organization working in partnership with the National Park Service to enhance preservation and understanding of the heritage and lasting significance of Gettysburg. The Foundation operates the Museum and Visitor Center at Gettysburg National Military Park on behalf of the National Park Service. For more information about the Foundation, visit www.gettysburgfoundation.org or call 866-889-1243. For advance tickets, visit the Web site or call 877-874-2478.