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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

March 29, 2017

Office of the Commandant

Mr. Mike Perry
Executive Director
Army Heritage Center Foundation
PO Box 839
Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17013

~~Dear Mr. Perry:~~ **MIKE**

I would like to thank you for the steadfast commitment of the Army Heritage Center Foundation in supporting the mission of the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center (USAHEC) to communicate the historic contribution of the American Soldier while "Telling the Army Story, One Soldier at a Time." Moreover, the center affords the Army an excellent venue to advance public knowledge in the global application of Landpower. The Foundation's continued support and generosity are essential for USAHEC to fulfill its charter in this time of fiscal austerity.

I am grateful to the Foundation for the expansion of the USAHEC facility last year and I remain committed to the development of the USAHEC campus as outlined in the master plan. As such, listed below please find the categories of need for Foundation gift funds in priority order:

1. Expansion of educational, conferencing and exhibit capabilities of the USAHEC.
2. Expansion of the archival storage capacity to permit continued collection and growth of the archival collections.
3. Collections Acquisition Program to facilitate the time sensitive acquisition of artifacts and archival materials.
4. National Advertising/Outreach in support of USAHEC Awareness Campaign.
5. Support of the digitization of the USAHEC archival collection.
6. Veteran Ambassador and Oral History Program support.
7. Assistance in updating of the Reference Bibliographies.
8. Construction of the Heritage Center Facility to house exhibits and interpretive galleries.

USAHEC can provide greater detail on each of the categories listed above. Our success to date is the direct result of public-private partnerships'. All contributors can be justifiably proud of what has been accomplished, but we must remain committed to the vision chartered by the U.S. Army for USAHEC in 2001. In the wake of conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, it has never been more vital to safeguard our Army's heritage, provide education to the public, and advance the contribution of Landpower to American national security.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Rapp', written in a cursive style.

William E. Rapp
Major General, U.S. Army
Commandant