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LOUISIANA STATE ARCHIVES HONORS LOUISIANA NATIONAL GUARD

Secretary of State Jay Dardenne is announcing the opening of an exhibit honoring the Louisiana National Guard on Sunday, Nov. 11 at 2 p.m. at the Louisiana State Archives in celebration of Veterans Day. Military vehicles, including Humvees, a light medium tactical vehicle and a heavy expanded multipurpose mobility tactical truck, will also be on display in the Archives parking lot.

The exhibit features historic uniforms from the Spanish Colonial Period through 2007, weapons, soldier's personal items and photographs. The weapons collection includes a Spanish pistol, Charleville and Brown Bess flint locks and an M-1 Carbine, among others.

The Louisiana Guard exhibit highlights its involvement in wars ranging from Colonial times to Operation Iraqi Freedom. Also included in the exhibit are displays showcasing the Louisiana Guard's community service, education and family support initiatives, in addition to humanitarian efforts from 1922 through 2007.

Maj. Gen. Bennett C. Landreneau, adjutant general of the Louisiana National Guard and Maj. Lida O. Eichenauer, state family program director of the Louisiana National Guard will join Secretary Dardenne in opening the exhibit. A ribbon cutting ceremony will follow the opening and refreshments will be served until 4 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the Louisiana National Guard's 156th Army Band.

This exhibit will be open in the Louisiana Room of the Louisiana State Archives, 3851 Essen Lane in Baton Rouge, through Thursday, Jan. 3, 2008. The public is invited to view the exhibit during regular Archives hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Admission is free and the building is wheelchair accessible.

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