



## 45th Infantry Division Museum

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### World War II:

*511 Combat Days  
8 Campaigns*

### Medal of Honor

*Vin T. Bagfoot  
Ernest Childers  
Almond E. Fisher  
William J. Johnson  
James D. Slaton  
Jack L. Trudwell  
Edward G. Wilkin  
Jack C. Montgomery*

### Korean War:

*429 Combat Days  
4 Campaigns*

### Medal of Honor

*Charles George*

War on Terrorism Memorial  
5225 Banks Haven Ct.  
Raleigh, NC 27603-8957

Dear Mr. Savage:

I want to thank you for considering the 45th Infantry Division Museum as the site for the location of this poignant and necessary memorial.

As you know the 45th Infantry Division Museum is the Nations largest State operated Military History Museum. Its 18,727 square foot, 1936 WPA Armory, displays Oklahoma's State Military History within ten galleries.

That history spans the years from 1451 and Coronado's expedition across what became Oklahoma, through the Civil War, the Spanish American War, World War 1, World War II, the Korean War, the Viet Nam War, the Gulf War, the Bosnian Relief effort and the current Global War On Terror. Through it all Oklahoman's have been at the forefront.

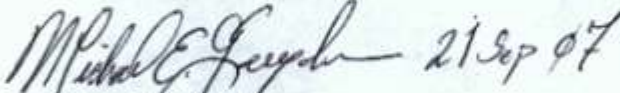
The Museum's 15 acre park with its over 60 military vehicles, aircraft, armor, artillery and ancillary equipment, its many monuments placed upon the grounds by various veteran's groups, and the 42 foot tall THUNDERBIRD monument is more than an appropriate location for the Global War on Terrorism Memorial. Particularly as Oklahoma's National Guard has been an integral part of this war from Operation Iraqi Freedom 1, and the combat role of the 179<sup>th</sup> Infantry, to the current mobilization of the 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade and its pending deployment to Iraq.

Additionally we Oklahoman's have sacrificed many of our son's and daughters on the alter of liberty, just as our parents and grand parents had, continuing in our proud tradition of patriotism, service and love of country. We Oklahomans fly the flag with pride in a syndical time when many do not. We Oklahomans are unabashedly patriotic at a time when many see patriotism as corny. In Oklahoma we take great pride in our military and its men and women and because of our long tradition of service in the Armed Forces we more fully appreciate their hardships and sacrifices.

Here you will find a population eager and proud to host this National Monument, a willing sprit of cooperation, apparition, understanding and support.

I feel certain that your researches will lead you to the inescapable conclusion that Oklahoma, in its 100<sup>th</sup> year, centrally located in the middle of the country, and the 45th Infantry Division Museum, now over 30 years old, is the logical place for this Global War on Terrorism Memorial.

Sincerely,

 21 Sep 07  
Michael E. Gonzales  
Curator