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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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GROUNDBREAKING SCHEDULED

### Groundbreaking Scheduled for Expansion of The National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, Texas *Governor Rick Perry Confirmed to be Keynote Speaker*

**WHAT:** The groundbreaking ceremony for the 40,000 square foot expansion of The National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, Texas is scheduled for May 9, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. The groundbreaking ceremony will be the official kick-off of the expansion which is expected to be completed December of 2009. There will be a celebratory Texas Barbeque immediately following the ceremony on the grounds adjacent to the George H.W. Bush Gallery.

Groundbreaking is free and open to the public. Standard admission prices will apply for visitors who want to view the Museum's galleries.

**WHO:** The Admiral Nimitz Foundation, operator of The National Museum of the Pacific War, is hosting the groundbreaking ceremony and the following Texas Barbeque Celebration.

Special guests who have confirmed to attend the event are: Texas Governor, Rick Perry - Keynote Speaker, General Michael Hagee-Master of Ceremonies, Texas Historical Commission Chairman, John Nau-Speaker and Texas State Representative, Harvey Hilderbran-Speaker, Admiral Nimitz Foundation President, John Kerr-Remarks.

**WHEN:** Friday, May 9, 2008 - The ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m. and the Texas Barbeque will begin at 12:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** The National Museum of the Pacific War is located at 340 East Main Street in Fredericksburg, Texas. The location for the Groundbreaking Ceremony will be at the site of the expansion at the corner of Lincoln Street and Austin Street, adjacent to the George Bush Gallery.

**CONTACT:** Dolores Young, 830-456-6997 to make coverage and/or interview arrangements. Ms. Young's e-mail address is [young@nimitz-museum.org](mailto:young@nimitz-museum.org). The Museum's website is [www.Nimitz-Museum.org](http://www.Nimitz-Museum.org).

Helen B. McDonald will be available for comments anytime by appointment and also the day of the event between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Photo opportunity schedule and interview schedule for special guests TBA.

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