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The Pritzker Military Museum & Library is Consolidating Operations to the State-of-the-Art Facility in Somers, Wisconsin

Chicago- February 7, 2024, The Pritzker Military Museum & Library (PMML) will merge its distinguished assets with the Pritzker Military Archives Center (PMAC) and its cutting-edge technology. This enables both the PMML and PMAC to provide a high-level experience to members and researchers.

The PMAC located in Somers, Wisconsin, will be the focal point sustaining and furthering the mission. This 51,600 square foot facility includes 9,400 square feet of public space and will open later in 2024. The facility is located between two major cities and airports, making it very accessible for visitors. The museum collection consists of just over 40,000 items and over 65,000 book titles.

Services at opening will include member access to library services, virtual resources, and digitized offerings. Researchers will also have exclusive access to historical archival collections to assist in their studies. In the future, services will expand to in-person exhibits and programming.

"Merging PMML and PMAC will carry our mission into the 21st century by safeguarding historical artifacts and book collections for future generations to see and experience," Interim President Roberto Bravo stated regarding the consolidation.

Once the *War of 1812: Countering Peril on the High Seas and at Home* exhibit concludes, the PMML will close the Chicago location on July 27, 2024.

About Pritzker Military Museum & Library

The Pritzker Military Museum & Library aims to increase the public's understanding of military history, military affairs, and national security by providing a forum for the study and exploration of our military - past, present, and future - with a specific focus on their stories, sacrifices, and values. With national and global reach, the mission is to share the stories of those who served and their contributions as Citizen Soldiers, helping citizens everywhere appreciate the relationship between the armed forces and the civilians whose freedoms they protect.

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