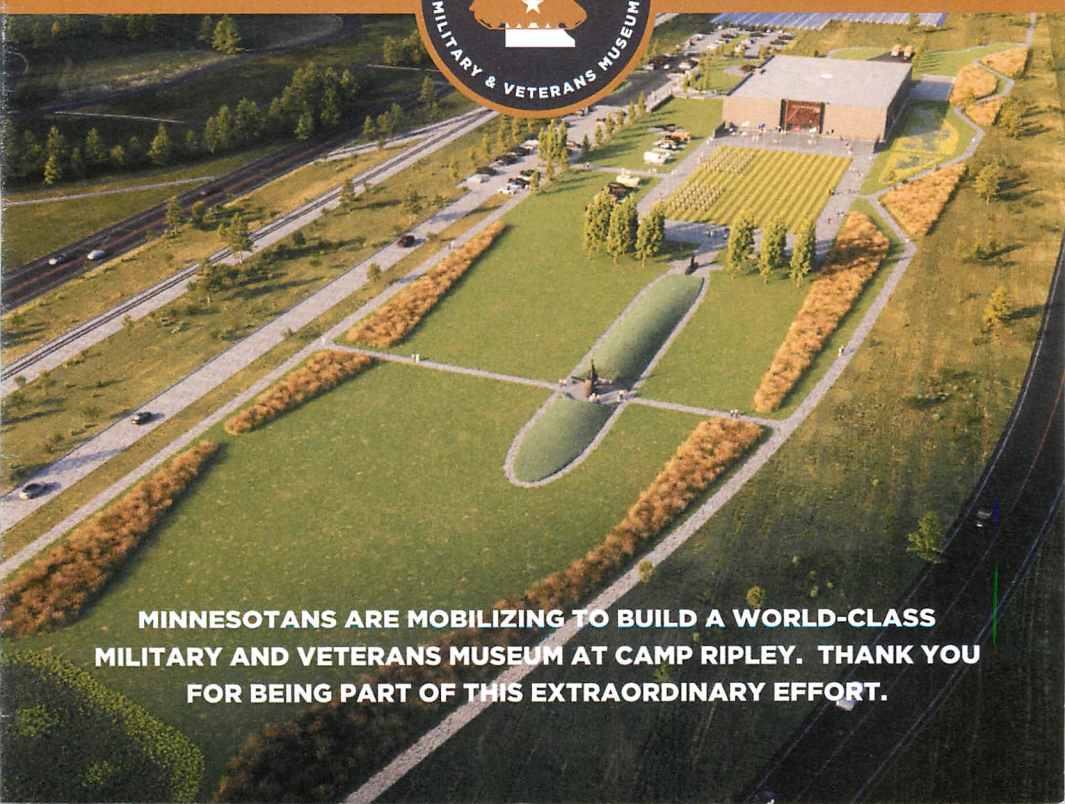
DEDICATION
&
CEREMONIAL GROUNDBREAKING

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

FUTURE SITE OF THE MINNESOTA MILITARY & VETERANS MUSEUM



MINNESOTANS ARE MOBILIZING TO BUILD A WORLD-CLASS MILITARY AND VETERANS MUSEUM AT CAMP RIPLEY. THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF THIS EXTRAORDINARY EFFORT.

General Joseph L. Votel is a retired U.S. Army Four-Star officer. He most recently the Commander of the U.S. Central Command, responsible for U.S. and coalition military operations in the Middle East, Levant, and Central and South Asia. During his 39 years in the military, he commanded special operations and conventional military forces at every level. His career included combat in Panama, Afghanistan, and Iraq. Notably, he led a 79-member coalition that successfully liberated Iraq and Syria from the Islamic State Caliphate. He preceded his assignment at CENTCOM with service as the Commander of U.S. Special Operations Command and the Joint Special Operations Command.

Votel graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1980. He is the Class of 1987 Senior Fellow at the Combating Terrorism Center at West Point.

General Votel is from Lake Elmo.

DEDICATION PROGRAM

Welcome
Kevin Doran, emcee

Presentation of Colors
Memorial Rifle Squad & American Legion Post 46

National Anthem
Master Sgt. Jessica Lewellen

Invocation
National Guard Chaplain Joseph Shay

Opening Remarks
Assistant Adjutant General
Minnesota National Guard General Lowell Kruse

Local Remarks
Rep. Ron Kresha & Little Falls Mayor Greg Zylka

Keynote Address
General Joseph Votel

Introduction of First Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, Inc.

Introduction of Groundbreaking Crew
- Joe Nayquonabe Sr.
- Evan Krawczyk
- Captain Takeisha Hunt
- Bob Anderson
- Don Halverson
- Andy Garding

God Bless America
Master Sgt. Jessica Lewellen

FROM THE GROUND UP

THE MAKING OF A VETERANS MUSEUM

A VIRTUAL EVENT

Oct 23, 2023 • 7:00 PM

A series of virtual programs to chronicle the construction of the new facility and the many Veteran stories to be featured.

MEMBERS WANTED

MINNESOTA MILITARY & VETERANS MUSEUM

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LATEST PREMIERES

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- General Vessey: Cold War Soldier & Statesman
- **RESOLUTE:** MN Stories from Kabul 2021
- **RESOLUTE:** MN Stories of 9/11 & the War

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