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New PHL Airport Exhibit is Truly Revolutionary *Display on the Battle of Fort Mifflin Opens Window to America's Past*

PHILADELPHIA – The corridor connecting Terminal A-East and B at Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) provides travelers a glimpse into Philadelphia's revolutionary past.

A new exhibit, *A Heroic Battle: Fort Mifflin, 1777 – Defending America's Independence*, features remnants of the battle that escalated into the greatest bombardment of the American Revolution and one that many say changed the course of American history. The exhibit is accessible to ticketed passengers and will be on display until October 2015.

"Philadelphia's rich history is America's history and we are proud to share it with the world," said Airport CEO Mark Gale. "As the Airport continues to implement programs with an eye to the future, it is important to look back and commemorate the contributions of our nation's founders that secured that future."

Fort Mifflin, located on Hog Island Road less than a mile from the Airport, is one of the only remaining American Revolutionary War battlefields still intact and is Philadelphia's only fort. A National Historic Landmark, Fort Mifflin was built in 1771 by the British. In 1775, at the start of the Revolutionary War, the fort was secured by American troops and guarded by the Pennsylvania Navy. The fort is named after Thomas Mifflin (1744-1800), a major general in the Continental Army and later governor of Pennsylvania.

For nearly six weeks, approximately 400 American soldiers were able to ward off attacks from the British Navy and curtail its pursuit of General George Washington's Continental Army. The Battle of Fort Mifflin enabled Washington's safe arrival at Valley Forge and is credited by many historians as crucial to the defeat of the British and securing America's independence.

Among the items on display in the Airport exhibit are a Continental Army uniform and tri-corn hat; a hat worn by enlisted Navy personnel; a soldier's knapsack and personal items; ammunition including cannon shot and a powder horn container for gunpowder; and a cheval-de-frise, a defensive structure that was used to prevent British ships from advancing towards Philadelphia.

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The items are on loan from Fort Mifflin, which offers educational programs and field throughout the year.

This exhibition is presented by the Exhibitions Program at the Airport. The program organizes and presents rotating exhibitions located throughout the Airport. The exhibits change throughout the year to provide a variety of educational and cultural programs. This forum for presenting visual art attests to the Airport's commitment to support arts and culture.



A Continental Army uniform is one of the vintage items on display in the exhibit on the Battle of Fort Mifflin.

This year, Philadelphia International Airport celebrates the 75th anniversary of its commercial air service. In 1940, the Airport served 40,000 passengers flying to a handful of cities. Today, more than 30 million passengers travel annually to 131 destinations around the world.

Philadelphia International Airport is owned and operated by the City of Philadelphia. The Airport is a self-sustaining entity that operates without the use of local tax dollars. It is one of the largest economic engines in Pennsylvania, generating an estimated \$14.4 billion in spending to the regional economy and accounting for more than 141,000 jobs.