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### **RARE OBJECTS FROM AMERICAN REVOLUTION CENTER COLLECTION NOW ON DISPLAY IN PHILADELPHIA AND PITTSBURGH**

Philadelphia, PA—The American Revolution Center is pleased to have several objects from its collection available for public display as part of two nationally significant special exhibitions.

#### ***Ancient Rome & America***

**National Constitution Center, Philadelphia, 2/19/10 – 8/1/10**

[www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org)

Two rare American works of art from The American Revolution Center's collection will be unveiled on February 19, as the National Constitution Center opens the world debut of *Ancient Rome & America*. This 8,000 square foot exhibition features a never-before-seen collection of over 300 artifacts from Italy and the United States, exploring connections between ancient Rome and America.

The works from The American Revolution Center's collection are a rare terracotta bust of George Washington, by Philadelphia sculptor William Rush, a Revolutionary War veteran and founder of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. Rush exhibited the bust at the Academy's Sixth Annual Exhibition in 1817, where it was claimed to be "*the most perfect likeness*" of President Washington. The bust depicts Washington in Roman drapery. Said National Constitution Center President and CEO David Eisner, "we are very grateful to The American Revolution Center for the opportunity to include this important work in our exhibition." In addition, the exhibit will include the Center's iconic 1854 painting "George Washington at Prayer at Valley Forge" by Lambert Sachs, an immigrant German artist who worked in Philadelphia and exhibited at the Academy.

#### ***Discover the Real George Washington: New Views from Mount Vernon***

**The Senator John Heinz History Center, Pittsburgh, 2/19/10 – 7/18/10**

[www.heinzhistorycenter.org](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org)

A group of important Revolutionary-era arms and edged weapons from the American Revolution Center collection will begin a three-year, national tour as part of this traveling exhibition organized by Mount Vernon. The exhibit includes life-like forensic reconstructions of Washington as a youthful surveyor, commander of American forces during the Revolutionary War, and as the first president of the United States.

"The History Center is delighted to host the world premiere of what might well be the best George Washington traveling exhibition ever mounted," said Andrew E. Masich, President & CEO, adding: "We are especially pleased to be able to showcase some of The American Revolution Center's world-class collection of British, French, and American muskets, pistols, and swords. This astounding assemblage of rare Washington materials will appeal to both a general audience and experts alike--and go a long way to revealing the man behind the myth."

#### **About The American Revolution Center**

The American Revolution Center is a non-partisan, not-for-profit (501(c)(3) organization dedicated to engaging the public in the history and enduring legacy of the American Revolution. The Center owns a distinguished collection of objects, artifacts and manuscripts, and is working to establish a living memorial to the American Revolution—The Museum of the American Revolution. For more information, please visit [www.AmericanRevolutionCenter.org](http://www.AmericanRevolutionCenter.org) or call toll free, 877-740-1776.