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## Light Armored Vehicle to be Donated to National Museum of the Marine Corp on 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

QUANTICO, Va. — To coincide with the 25th anniversary of the acceptance of the first production Light Armored Vehicle (LAV), the Program Manager's Office for the LAV, a program under Marine Corps Systems Command, will be donating an LAV to the National Museum of the Marine Corps at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 3.

In the late 1970s, General Al Gray (retired) championed the idea that reconnaissance forces could be more effective if they were transported by agile vehicles. Since that time, LAVs have deployed to Grenada, Panama, Somalia, Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan. The LAV's eight-wheeled configuration can maintain highway speeds in excess of 60 mph, can climb 60 percent grades and traverse 30 percent side slopes. It accelerates from 0 to 20 mph in less than 10 seconds and negotiates 18-inch vertical steps. The LAV has a cruising range of more than 400 miles and provides more than 14 inches of ground clearance.

In addition to the ceremony, there will be a static display of various LAVs beginning at 1 p.m. The static display and donation ceremony is open to the public free of charge. The media is invited to attend and cover the event. Members of the media planning to attend are asked to contact Marine Corps Systems Command's Public Affairs Officer at 703-432-3958 or the National Museum of the Marine Corp's Public Affairs Chief at 877-635-1775.

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