

National Civil War Museum Advisory Council Member

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<p>Mike Perry, Executive Director</p> <p>Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Mike Perry entered the Army from Rockville Centre, New York and graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1974.</p> <p>From 1975 through 1988, Mr. Perry has had a variety of duties with the Army serving as a Rifle and Scout Platoon Leader, a Company Executive Officer; Assistant Battalion Operations Officer within the 1st Battalion; 21st Infantry, 25th Infantry Division “Tropic Lightning”; Commander of Basic Training Company at Fort Jackson, SC; Battalion Executive Officer; Brigade S1; Second Brigade Logistics Officer; Battalion Executive Officer; and 1st Brigade Executive Officer.</p> <p>Mr. Perry has been posted twice at West Point: first, as an instructor and assistant professor in the department of history, then as Community Commander for the Stewart Army Subpost, and as Battalion Commander of the 1st Battalion, 1st Infantry. In August 1995, he became the Director of Operations, Plans and Security for the United States Military Academy. In 1997, Mr. Perry was assigned as the Secretary to the General Staff.</p> <p>In 1997, Perry was reassigned to the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, PA, where he served as the Director of Operations and, from 1998 until his retirement from the Army in June 2002, as the Director of the U.S. Army Military History Institute. During this period, he led the planning for the development of the Army Heritage and Education Center.</p> <p>In 2002, Perry joined the Library of Congress Veteran History Project as an expert consultant and in 2003, accepted as contract with Northrop Grumman as Senior Analyst and conducted specialized studies. He returned to the Army Heritage and Education Center Project in 2004, where he has acted as the Executive Director of the Army Heritage Center Foundation.</p> <p>Perry is a graduate of the Infantry Officers Basic and Advanced Course, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and a 1997 graduate of the U.S. Army War College. He received his Master of Arts in History from Rice University in Houston, Texas. His military awards and decorations are numerous.</p> <p>The parent organization of the Army Heritage Center Foundation, the Military Heritage Foundation, was incorporated in 1999 with the mission to bring the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center (“USAHEC”) to life. Since that time, it has been the catalyst in forging the unique public-private partnership that has advanced the Center.</p> <p>In October 2001, the Army officially designated the facility at Carlisle as the “United States Army Heritage and Education Center” and gave it the mission to serve as the Army’s premier historical research facility with the purpose of providing educational outreach on Army history to the American People. The Foundation adopted the “doing business as” name of the Army Heritage Center Foundation in November 2002.</p> <p>With the mission of helping the Army to bring the Center to life, the Foundation has several critical areas of responsibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide the mechanism for generating funds for construction of the Education Center and Army Heritage Museum portion of the USAHEC. • To create and sustain an endowment to fund educational programs, acquisitions and selected unprogrammed expenses of the USAHEC. • To manage business operations and selected visitor services. <p>The USAHEC is a 56-acre military history, education and cultural campus being created in</p>	<p>Army Heritage Center Foundation</p>	<p>Carlisle, PA</p>

Carlisle, Pennsylvania. When fully developed, the Center will include five components:

- Military History Institute – a research library and archives for personal papers of Soldiers and their families
- Visitor and Education Center – the visitors’ “front door” to the complex, the locus of educational activities and the first gallery for the Army Heritage Museum
- Army Heritage Museum – a museum that will tell the Army’s story one soldier at a time
- Army Heritage Trail – an outdoor venue to support education, living history and interpretive programs
- Conservation Laboratory – a facility to meet the Army’s obligation to preserve items entrusted to its care

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