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Support	\$250

I pledge to support the Price of Freedom display with a financial gift of \$ _____.

Your gift qualifies for tax-deductibility as allowed by law.

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PAYMENT INFORMATION

If sending a donation please denote payment information below.

Check Enclosed (Payable to *Nebraska National Guard Historical Society, Inc.*)

Invoice

Check will be sent separately

Please send completed form to:
Nebraska Funeral Directors Association
521 First Street, PO Box 10
Milford, NE 68405

If you have questions, please contact Kathi Schildt at 402-761-2217 or staff@nefda.org.

“The Price of Freedom”

Nebraska National Guard Museum Seward, Nebraska

“The Price of Freedom” is a cornerstone exhibit that features a wall of Western Union Telegrams from World War II for every Nebraska National Guard soldier that was killed, a Wall of Faces of all that have sacrificed while serving in the Nebraska National Guard on an interactive exhibit, and a large shroud covering featuring the Nebraska National Guard Funeral Honor detachment at a military funeral. The Museum staff and volunteers have completed presentations to the Nebraska Funeral Directors Association during 2015. Many of the directors have expressed a desire to sponsor this wonderful exhibit to honor our fallen heroes.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAMS

Nothing was more dreaded during World War II than the sight of a Western Union telegram dispatcher coming to your door to deliver news about your loved one's fate. The simple telegram would start off, “The War Department regrets to inform you....,” which permanently changed a family on the homefront. The Blue Star banner would be changed to a Gold Star. The Museum has collected information on 109 soldiers of the 134th Infantry Regiment, Nebraska National Guard that fought in Europe in World War II and gave the ultimate sacrifice. Each telegram is re-created to the exact detail of the original and will also include a graphic for the Purple Heart and other awards and details on where they are buried (54 are buried over in cemeteries in Europe).

THE WALL OF FACES

The interactive exhibit features the faces of those who have served, and died, while serving with the Nebraska National Guard (1854 to present). This is just across from the Western Union Telegrams and some of those on the telegrams are faces on the interactive screen. The kiosk will provide the patron with a chance to focus in on one person and have that person come alive in front of them to learn about who they were and where they lived and what happened to them.

“THE PRICE OF FREEDOM” SHROUD

The Nebraska National Guard Funeral Honors team was photographed performing burial rights at military funerals. We've selected the award winning photographs to be displayed on a large shroud that overlooks the main display area in the Museum.

TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION: The Museum will have a dedication for the exhibit once enough funds are received and the project is completed.