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Annual Memorial Brick Campaign Honoring World War II Veterans Now Open for Limited Time

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – January 6, 2011 – The annual sale of memorial bricks to be placed at the Veterans Plaza of the Solomons “On Watch” memorial statue in honor of World War II veterans is open now through April 1, 2011.

Unveiled in August 2007, “On Watch” is an eight-foot-tall bronze statue by Maryland artist and sculptor Antonio Tobias Mendez commemorating the people and work done at the Solomons Amphibious Training Base. The base was the first of its kind in the U.S. and operated from 1942 to 1945.

The bricks of Veterans Plaza surrounding the statue bear the names of veterans who served during the World War II. At the beginning of each year, the Calvert County Department of General Services conducts a limited sale of bricks for those who wish to memorialize someone important to them. The cost of each memorial brick is \$100 and all contributions are tax deductible.

Bricks will be installed in the fall of 2011 and purchasers will be notified when they are available for viewing.

The memorial brick application is available online at www.co.cal.md.us/News/OnWatch.asp. For more information, contact Melinda Wood at 410-535-1600, ext. 2565.

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Calvert County is Maryland’s smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to approximately 92,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. There are more than 5,000 businesses in the County and a labor force of at least 1.8 million resides within a one-hour drive. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, utilities, light manufacturing and administrative services.