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Veterans Patio World War II Memorial Brick Campaign Is Now Underway *Public Can Purchase Bricks Memorializing World War II Service Members Now through April 1*

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Feb. 1, 2012 – The Calvert County Department of General Services is coordinating the annual Veterans Patio Memorial Brick Campaign taking place now through April 1. For a limited time, the public may purchase memorial bricks to be placed at the Veterans Patio, located at the WWII “On Watch” Memorial Statue in Solomons.

The commemorative bricks are available to memorialize those who served the country during World War II. The cost of each memorial brick is \$100 and all contributions are tax deductible. Bricks will be installed in the fall of 2012 and purchasers will be notified when they are available for viewing.

Information on the program and an application are available online at www.co.cal.md.us/News/OnWatch.asp. To learn more, contact Melinda Wood at 410-535-1600, ext. 2565.

The World War II “On Watch” memorial statue is an 8-foot-tall bronze statue by Maryland artist Antonio Tobias Mendez commemorating the people and work done at the Solomons Amphibious Training Base during World War II. This, the nation’s first amphibious training facility, was active from 1942 to 1945 and its effect on the area continues to be felt today. The statue was unveiled in August 2007.

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Calvert County is Maryland’s smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to approximately 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, utilities, light manufacturing and administrative services.