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PRESS RELEASE

MUSEUM FOUNDER RECEIVES RUSSIAN AWARD

MOSCOW - Eldred World War II Museum founder, Tim Roudebush, was honored with the St. Alexander Nevsky Order "For Labor and Fatherland," first class on November 21, 2006. The Award ceremony was held in the hall of Christ the Saviour Cathedral and was attended by 1,500 persons.

The Award is the highest public award given in the Russian Federation. It is given to distinguished figures in manufacturing, trade, science, medicine, education, culture, church, sports, politics, and statesmen who have made a contribution to Russia's development.

Mr. Roudebush is the only American to receive the Award in 2006. He was honored because he has been instrumental in promoting an atmosphere of education and friendship between Russia and America in the Eldred WWII Museum. His efforts have provided displays and exchange opportunities between veterans and museums in both countries.

U. S. Defense Attaché, Captain Michael Morgan, who accepted the award on behalf of Mr. Roudebush said, "Mr. Roudebush pays tribute to the brave Russian and American veterans who fought so bravely during the Great Patriotic War. The friendships that developed during that fight have endured the test of time and are immortalized today in Mr. Roudebush's Museum."

The St. Alexander Nevsky Order is currently on display in the Eldred WWII Museum's Gallery of Valor. The Museum is located in Eldred, PA. For additional information call (814)225-2220 or email ww2museum@penn.com.

Additional informational pages are attached.

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Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.
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UNDERSTANDING THE ST. ALEXANDER NEVSKY ORDER

Brief History

- 1725 The Order of St. Alexander Nevsky is introduced by Catherine I.
It was given in memory of the deeds of Alexander Nevsky.
It was awarded to high ranking military or civilian officials.
The Order was abolished in 1917 with the end of the monarchy.
- 1942 The Soviet Union introduced the Order of Alexander Nevsky as an award for military bravery during the Great Patriotic War.
It was awarded to 42,000 brave Soviet servicemen.
- 2002 The Order is restored by the state agencies, mayor of Moscow and with the blessing of Patriarch Alexsy II as an award for contributing to the development of Moscow and Russia.

The following websites show how the awarding of the Order of St. Alexander Nevsky is reported in the Russian Federation. The articles also give a sense of the history of the award.

http://www.mariinsky.ru/en/massmedia/press/november_17-1

http://www.gov.karelia.ru/News/2005/11/1125_09_e.html

http://eng.minsvyaz.ru/news.shtml?id=1&news_id=569



St. Alexander Nevsky Order
"For Labor and Fatherland"