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“CONQUEST OF DARKNESS” EXHIBIT OPENS AT FORT DISCOVERY

Augusta, GA -- “CONQUEST OF DARKNESS,” the newest traveling exhibit for the National Science Center’s Fort Discovery, will be on display June 28 – December 31, 1999, in the Knox Gallery.

Visitors will see how technologically sophisticated the modern infantryman is equipped . . . and how those technologies help ground troops and aviators alike accomplish their defensive missions.

Many of these technologies are being adapted for civilian and commercial purposes. For instance, scientists study nocturnal animals with night cameras. These sights are also used to find heat leakage in house insulation and fires behind walls. A thermal helmet is now commercially available for firefighters to see through smoke to find victims. Thermal imagers are being developed as driving aids in

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automobiles. Aviation cameras are used by police and news helicopters. Police use night cameras to locate lost children or suspects hiding in woods or buildings.

“CONQUEST OF DARKNESS” was developed by the Night Vision Labs of the U.S. Army to educate visitors about the science and math principles used in night vision, thermal imaging technology and land mine detection. Blair, Inc., designed and produced the exhibit.

“CONQUEST OF DARKNESS” will be open during regular operating hours for Fort Discovery – Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, Noon – 5:00 p.m.

“CONQUEST OF DARKNESS” – state-of-the-art technology in a hands-on setting. One more reason why Fort Discovery is the smart place to have fun!

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