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Portraits For Soldiers at Plimoth Plantation

WW II Veteran Gives Back To Serving Troops

Plimoth Plantation, Plymouth, MA—October 1, 2009—As thousands of troops are serving far from home this holiday season, the gift of a portrait of their loved ones could be just the tangible connection to home needed to put a smile on their face and keep them working on their very important goals. For the month of October, Plimoth Plantation along with museum-volunteer and professional freelance photographer, Al Solomon, will be offering families of serving soldiers a FREE opportunity to capture a moment in time for their loved ones to enjoy a world away, as we introduce the “Portraits for Soldiers” family portrait program.

“Al is a great friend of Plimoth Plantation and an amazing photographer. We are so fortunate to have him and his enthusiasm at the museum,” said, Executive Deputy Director, Richard Pickering. ‘Portraits for Soldiers’ was Al’s brainchild and we were proud and thrilled to be the sponsor and host of this unique and thoughtful program.”

“Portraits of Soldiers” invites the loved ones of active duty troops to schedule a FREE modern, portrait session on the grounds of Plimoth Plantation, with photographer Al Solomon, during the month of October. Each family will have a variety of pictures taken during a pre-scheduled, designated time-frame. Within a week of the photo session, participants will receive by mail, a photo-cd containing each of the high-resolution images from their portrait session, making it easy to send digital prints, or to have holiday cards and portraits suitable for framing created at their convenience. The “Portraits for Soldiers” program will provide families of active duty soldiers priceless memories for their loved ones overseas and a fun and rewarding experience to remember for years to come.

Solomon, a Boston native, and current Plymouth resident, knows first hand the importance of having a picture of loved ones, during wartime. Having served with the Coast Guard during World War II, Al spent a great deal of his active duty time transporting troops back



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and forth from the United States to Europe and the South Pacific.

“I know what it is like to be a soldier away from home during war times,” says Solomon. “Portraits for Soldiers is a way for me to give back, while helping my fellow soldiers who are thousands of miles away from their families, not just during the holiday season, but every day. They are there for us and I wanted to be there for them.”

Solomon has been a part of the Plimoth Plantation Volunteer family for the past five years. He has helped the museum photographically capture numerous activities and events during his time with the Museum. Prior to Plimoth Plantation, Solomon worked as a freelance photographer for the New York Mets during their Spring Training Camp seasons in Florida and as freelance photographer for the Port St. Lucy, Florida Police Department. In 1979 Solomon was the first person to open a one-hour photo lab on Cape Cod.

All “Portraits for Soldiers” sessions are by appointment only. Please RSVP to schedule a portrait session, by contacting Al Solomon directly at (781)-361-3560 or email photogramp@comcast.net

With every shutter's flutter a memory is forever stamped in time and for those serving overseas this holiday season, the hope is that “Portraits for Soldiers” will remind them they are loved and appreciated every day.

Plimoth Plantation is a 17th-century living history museum located an hour south of Boston in Plymouth, (Exit 4, Route 3 south) and 20 minutes north of Cape Cod. The museum is a private, non-profit educational institution supported by admission fees, contributions, memberships, function sales and revenue from our dining programs/services and museum shops. Plimoth Plantation is a Smithsonian Institution Affiliate and receives support from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, The Federal Institute of Museums and Library Services, The National Endowment for the Humanities, private foundations, corporations, and local businesses. For more information visit: www.plimoth.org.

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