

Press Release

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MARYLAND MILITARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AWARDED CONSERVATION REFERENCE LIBRARY

BALTIMORE, Feb. 22 – Treasured objects and artifacts held by the Maryland Military Historical Society will be preserved for future generations with help from the *IMLS Connecting to Collections Bookshelf*, a core set of conservation books, DVDs, and online resources donated by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. IMLS and its cooperator, the American Association for State and Local History, will award a total of 2,000 free sets of the IMLS Bookshelf by the end of 2008.

“We are extremely grateful for this crucial support,” said I. John Vaccarino, president of the Maryland Military Historical Society. “This grant will go a long way towards helping us preserve the artifacts for which the Society is responsible.”

“We are pleased to announce the first group of IMLS *Bookshelf* recipients. These small libraries and museums are taking up the charge to care for America’s heritage,” said Dr. Anne-Imelda M. Radice, IMLS Director. “A recent national study tells a sobering story about the state of America’s library and museum collections. Without immediate action we stand to lose important collections that are at the heart of the American story.”

The Maryland Military Historical Society is among the first to receive this essential set of resources based on an application describing the needs and plans for care of its collections. The IMLS Bookshelf focuses on collections typically found in art or history museums and in libraries’ special collections. It addresses such topics as the philosophy and ethics of collecting, collections management and planning, emergency preparedness, and culturally specific conservation issues.

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