



## SACRAMENTO AREA MUSEUMS

### Six Local “Blue Star Museums” Offer Free Admission to Military Personnel and Their Families this Summer

**SACRAMENTO, Calif. (May 15, 2023)** – Six Sacramento area museums are participating in Blue Star Museums – a partnership between the National Endowment for the Arts and Blue Star Families, in collaboration with the Department of Defense and museums across America – to offer free admission to the nation’s active-duty military personnel and their families, including National Guard and Reserve, from Armed Forces Day on May 20 through Labor Day on September 4, 2023. The six local museums participating in the 2023 Blue Star Museums program include the following: **Aerospace Museum of California, California Automobile Museum, California Museum, Crocker Art Museum, Fairytale Town, and the Sacramento History Museum.**

The free admission program is available for those currently serving in the United States Military—Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, including Reservists, National Guardsman (regardless of status), U.S. Public Health Commissioned Corps, NOAA Commissioned Corps, and up to five family members. Qualified members must show a [Geneva Convention common access card](#) (CAC), [DD Form 1173 ID card \(dependent ID\)](#), or a [DD Form 1173-1 ID](#) card for complimentary entrance into a participating Blue Star Museum.

Before planning a visit, guests are encouraged to contact the individual museums for hours of operation and note some are normally closed on Mondays and in observance of holidays such as Memorial Day and Labor Day. For more information or a complete list of participating Blue Star museums, please visit <https://www.arts.gov/initiatives/blue-star-museums>. For more information about upcoming activities offered by Sacramento area museums, “like” them on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/SacMuseums](http://www.Facebook.com/SacMuseums), follow them on Instagram and Twitter @SacMuseums or visit the user-friendly website at [www.SacMuseums.org](http://www.SacMuseums.org). Those interested can also sign up for emails to learn more about your Sacramento Area Museums via the website at [www.sacmuseums.org](http://www.sacmuseums.org).

#### **About Blue Star Families**

*Blue Star Families builds communities that support military families by connecting research and data to programs and solutions, including career development tools, local community events for families, and caregiver support. Since its inception in 2009, Blue Star Families has engaged tens of thousands of volunteers and serves more than 1.5 million military family members. With Blue Star Families, military families can find answers to their challenges anywhere they are. For more information, visit [bluestarfam.org](http://bluestarfam.org). Follow Blue Star Museums on Twitter @NEAarts and @BlueStarFamily, #bluestarmuseums.*

#### **About Sacramento Area Museums (SAM)**

*Comprised of approximately 25 greater Sacramento area museums, SAM’s mission is to raise awareness of local museums by giving the community the opportunity to discover the region’s fine & contemporary arts, history, and science treasures. SAM achieves its mission through implementing cooperative promotions and developing strategic marketing alliances, by encouraging sharing of knowledge and resources among its partner institutions. For more information, visit [www.SacMuseums.org](http://www.SacMuseums.org).*

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