

HIGH DESERT MUSEUM

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HIGH DESERT MUSEUM PROUDLY PARTICIPATES IN BLUE STAR MUSEUMS

*Military personnel and their families are offered free admission
to the Museum throughout the summer*

BEND, OR — The High Desert Museum is participating again this summer in the Blue Star Museums program. A collaboration among the National Endowment of the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and more than 2,000 museums nationwide, this program offers free admission to the nation's active duty military personnel including National Guard and Reserve and their families through Labor Day.

"The Blue Star Museums program is a great opportunity for the High Desert Museum to support our service members and their families, connecting them with our exhibits and programs and offering them a chance to connect with one another, as well," said High Desert Museum Executive Director Dana Whitelaw, Ph.D. "Museums foster conversation and learning experiences across generations, and it is our pleasure to offer military families this opportunity to spend time together learning and creating lasting memories."

The free admission program is available for those currently serving in the United States Military - Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard as well as Active Duty and 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 entrance into a participating Blue Star Museum.

Visit the Museum's website for more information: www.highdesertmuseum.org/blue-star-museum.

ABOUT THE MUSEUM:

THE HIGH DESERT MUSEUM opened in 1982 and brings regional wildlife, culture, art and natural resources together to promote an understanding of the natural and cultural heritage of North America's high desert country. The Museum uses indoor and outdoor exhibits, wildlife in natural habitats, and living history demonstrations to help people discover and appreciate the high desert environment. The Museum is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and is a Smithsonian Affiliate.

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