



## Sacramento History Museum Offers Free Admission to Military Personnel and Their Families This Summer

History Museum in Old Sacramento is One of More Than 1,800 Museums Across
America to Participate in Blue Star Museums Program
Memorial Day Through Labor Day 2012

**OLD SACRAMENTO, Calif. (May 21, 2013)** – Today, the Sacramento History Museum announced its participation in Blue Star Museums, a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and more than 1,800 museums across America to offer free admission to all active duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2013.

"We are proud to once again participate in the worthwhile Blue Star Museums program this summer," said Historic Old Sacramento Foundation Deputy Director Kristina Swanson. "We are happy provide an opportunity for our nation's service members and their families to connect with our national treasures. It is our way of giving back to dedicated military families who sacrifice so much."

This year, more than 1,800 (and counting) museums in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and American Samoa are taking part in the initiative, including more than 450 new museums this year. The free admission program is available to any bearer of a Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), a DD Form 1173 ID card, or a DD Form 1173-1 ID card, which includes active duty military (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard), National Guard and Reserve members and up to five immediate family members.

## About the Sacramento History Museum

Supported by the Historic Old Sacramento Foundation, the Sacramento History Museum is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (except on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day) and is located at 101 I Street in Old Sacramento. Admission is \$6 for adults; \$4 for youths ages 6-17 and free for children five and under. For more information, call (916) 808-7059 or visit <a href="www.historicoldsac.org">www.historicoldsac.org</a>.

## About Blue Star Museums

Blue Star Museums runs from Memorial Day, May 27, 2013 through to Labor Day, September 2, 2013. The free admission program is available to **any** bearer of a Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), a DD Form 1173 ID card, or a DD Form 1173-1 ID card, which includes active duty U.S. military - Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, as well as members of the National Guard and Reserve, U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, NOAA Commissioned Corps - and up to five family members. Please see the chart of the acceptable IDs (PDF). Some special or limited-time museum exhibits may not be included in this free admission program. For questions on particular exhibits or museums, please contact the museum directly. To find out which museums are participating, visit www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums. The site includes a list of participating museums and a map to help with visit planning.

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