

# Bullock Museum to offer free admission for military families all summer

The Museum will take part in the tenth year of the Blue Star Museums program

**MAY 9, 2019 (AUSTIN, TX)** — The Bullock Texas State History Museum is proud to join museums nationwide in participating in the tenth year of Blue Star Museums, a program that provides free admission to the nation's active duty military personnel and their families during the summer. This year's program will begin on Armed Forces Day, May 18, and conclude on Labor Day, September 2.

"One of the things we love most about our summer months is being able to give back to the men and women of our military and their families by providing a wonderful place for them to explore Texas history," said Bullock Museum Director Margaret Koch. "It is an honor to treat them to an intergenerational experience that helps shape long-lasting memories and inspires learning."

Military families are invited to explore three floors of Texas history galleries and multiple special exhibitions. The Museum is currently hosting the traveling exhibition *WWI America* through August 11, marking its last stop nationwide. Visitors will also enjoy the aerial photography exhibition *Texas From Above: The Photographs of Jay B Saucedo* through June 16 and *Cowboys in Space & Fantastic Worlds*, a family-friendly history of science fiction westerns, opening on July 13. Many opportunities throughout the Museum invite visitors of all ages to take part in hands-on activities each week, such as the drop-in programs Make It Tuesdays and Sense-sational Thursdays, included with exhibition admission.

The Blue Star Museums program is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in collaboration with Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and more than 2,000 museums nationwide. Free admission is available for those currently serving in the United States Military, including Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, members of the Reserves, National Guard, U.S. Public Health Commissioned Corps, NOAA Commissioned Corps, and up to five family members.

To receive free admission, qualified members



Throughout the summer, military families can enjoy free access to exhibitions at the Bullock Museum, including the special exhibition *WWI America*.

must show a Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), DD Form 1173 ID card (dependent ID), or a DD Form 1173-1 ID.

For more information about the Bullock Museum, visit [www.TheStoryofTexas.com](http://www.TheStoryofTexas.com). For details about free admission eligibility, visit the [Blue Star Museums website](#).

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*WWI America* was produced by the Minnesota Historical Society in partnership with the National Constitution Center, the National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial, the Oakland Museum of California, and the Bullock Texas State History Museum.

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#### **ABOUT THE BULLOCK MUSEUM**

The Bullock Texas State History Museum includes three floors of exhibitions, IMAX® and special-effects theaters, a café and museum store. The Museum collaborates with more than 700 museums, libraries, archives and individuals to display original historical artifacts and host exhibitions that illuminate and celebrate Texas history and culture. For more, visit [TheStoryofTexas.com](http://TheStoryofTexas.com) or call (512) 936-8746.

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