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

The Museum will participate in the Blue Star Museums program from Armed Forces Day to Labor Day

**MAY 17, 2022 (AUSTIN, TX)** — The Bullock Texas State History Museum is proud to join museums nationwide in participating in Blue Star Museums, a program that provides free admission to the nation's active-duty military personnel and their families during the summer. Free exhibition admission for military families will be available from Armed Forces Day on Saturday, May 21 to Labor Day, September 5, 2022.

"It is always an honor to be able to give back to our active military personnel and their families, who sacrifice so much in service to our state and country," said Bullock Museum Director Margaret Koch. "By participating in the national Blue Star program, sponsored at the Bullock by Lisa and Clay Cooley, we ensure that our military families have opportunities to learn and grow together at the Museum throughout the summer with fewer economic barriers."

Military families are invited to explore three floors of Texas History Galleries and two special exhibitions. *Mental Health: Mind Matters*, on view through July 31, uses immersive experiences and multimedia activities to raise awareness and provide a safe space for conversations about mental health. *The Fourth Grade Project*, on view June 25 through December 11, showcases portraits and personal stories of fourth grade students from around the world, captured by acclaimed artist Judy Gelles.

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. 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.

In addition to free exhibition admission, Blue Star children will also receive a special gift in the Bullock Museum Store, courtesy of Lisa and Clay Cooley.

The Bullock Museum's exhibition galleries are open



Active duty military personnel and their families can explore the special exhibition *Mental Health: Mind Matters* and three floors of galleries for free from May 21 to September 5.

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Wednesday through Sunday, from 10 am to 5 pm. For more information, visit [TheStoryofTexas.com](http://TheStoryofTexas.com). For details about free admission eligibility, visit the [Blue Star Museums website](#).

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Blue Star Museums at the Bullock Museum is sponsored by Lisa and Clay Cooley.

*Mental Health: Mind Matters* was produced for North America by the Science Museum of Minnesota in collaboration with Heureka: The Finnish Science Centre.

Sponsored by The Albert and Ethel Herzstein Hall Fund.

*The Fourth Grade Project* is a program of ExhibitsUSA, a national division of Mid-America Arts Alliance with Texas Commission on the Arts and The National Endowment for the Arts.

The Bullock Museum, a division of the Texas State Preservation Board, is funded by Museum members, donors, and patrons, the Texas State History Museum Foundation, and the State of Texas.

### **ABOUT THE BULLOCK MUSEUM**

The Bullock Texas State History Museum, a division of the State Preservation Board and an accredited institution of the American Alliance of Museums, illuminates and celebrates Texas history, people, and culture. With dynamic, award-winning exhibitions, educational programming for all ages, and an IMAX® theater with the largest screen in Texas, the Museum collaborates with more than 700 museums, libraries, archives and individuals across the world to bring the Story of Texas to life.

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