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

The Museum will participate in the Blue Star Museums program Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day

**MAY 26, 2021 (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. This year's Blue Star Museums program at the Bullock Museum is sponsored by Lisa and Clay Cooley. Free exhibition admission for military families will be available Saturday, May 29 through Sunday, September 5.

"We understand that military families need time and opportunities to explore and have fun in a relaxed atmosphere that encourages learning together. The Bullock Museum is the perfect place to experience Texas' past, and we are grateful for a chance to give back to those who are serving our nation," said Bullock Museum Director Margaret Koch.

Military families are invited to explore three floors of Texas History Galleries, including a newly renovated section exploring equal rights in Texas, and two special exhibitions. *GUITAR: The Instrument That Rocked the World*, on view through August 15, takes visitors on a fascinating journey through 5,000 years of the science, sound, history and pop culture of the iconic instrument. *Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow*, on view June 19 through November 28, explores the struggle for full citizenship and racial equality that unfolded in the 50 years after the Civil War, centering on African Americans who persevered in the face of a developing legal system of Jim Crow laws and policies.

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.

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



Military families can explore the new exhibition *GUITAR: The Instrument That Rocked the World* for free from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day.

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

*GUITAR: The Instrument That Rocked The World* is a Touring Exhibition of The National GUITAR Museum and locally sponsored by The Albert and Ethel Herzstein Hall Fund.

*Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow* was organized by the New-York Historical Society. Lead support for the exhibition provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities: Exploring the human endeavor. Major support provided by the Ford Foundation and Crystal McCrary and Raymond J. McGuire. Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in these programs do not necessarily represent those of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Additional support of exhibitions and programs is provided by the Texas State History Museum Foundation.

### **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.

### **ABOUT BLUE STAR MUSEUMS**

Blue Star Museums is a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and participating museums across America. For a list of participating museums, visit [arts.gov/bluestarmuseums](https://arts.gov/bluestarmuseums).

