

Army Museum Enterprise



The Army Museum Enterprise comprises more than forty museums, historical collections, heritage displays, soldier training support facilities, and storage facilities in twenty-two states, the Republic of Korea, and the Federal Republic of Germany. Some of the installations shown on the map above host more than one AME museum or other activity.

The first Army museum was established at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, in 1854, and was broad in scope, including not only American military history but also exhibits on warfare since ancient times. Modern Army museums are narrower in focus and pertain to a branch, such as the Quartermaster Corps; a unit, such as the 82d Airborne Division; an installation, such as Fort Lewis, Washington; or are special, such as the U.S. Army Women's Museum. Exhibits at Army museums draw on the Army's Historical Artifact and Art Collection that numbers some 600,000 items.

The National Museum of the United States Army is the capstone of the Army Museum Enterprise and provides a comprehensive portrayal of Army history and traditions. The museum honors our nation's Soldiers—past, present, future—active Army, Reserve, and National Guard. The museum also provides an interactive educational experience for visitors of all ages, illustrating the Army's role in creating and defending our nation, and highlighting the Army's social initiatives and contributions for more than 240 years.

Located on Fort Belvoir, Virginia, less than thirty minutes from our nation's capital, the 185,000 square-foot museum also offers visitors the Army Theater, Experiential Learning Center, Art Gallery, Veterans' Hall, and Medal of Honor Experience.

The U.S. Army owns and operates the National Army Museum and has designated the Army Historical Foundation as the official fundraiser and manager of revenue generating operations, such as the Museum store and café. www.theNMUSA.org



The U.S. Army Women's Museum

The museum opened on 14 May 1955 at Fort McClellan, Alabama, as the Women's Army Corps (WAC) Museum. First located in one room of the WAC headquarters building, soon it was relocated to a wing of the WAC Training Battalion headquarters at the WAC Center. In 1977 the museum moved to a purpose-built facility on the installation. Fort McClellan closed on 30 September 1999 and Fort Lee, Virginia, was chosen as the new home for the museum. When it opened in May 2001 it had a new name—the U.S. Army Women's Museum—and a new mission—the history of women's contributions to the Army from 1775 to the present. There are more than 10,000 square feet of exhibits and interactive experiences and a vast archive of original documents dating to World War I available to researchers. The museum conducts educational programs for Soldiers, civilians and school-aged children. It also has a state-of-the-art broadcast studio from which programming can be delivered worldwide.