

Seven Sacramento area museums are participating in Blue Star Museums, a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and more than 2,000 museums across America by offering free admission to all active duty military personnel and their families now through Labor Day (September 2), 2019. The seven local museums participating in Blue Star Museums include the following: **Aerospace Museum of California, California Automobile Museum, California Museum, Crocker Art Museum, Fairytale Town, Powerhouse Science Center** and the **Sacramento History Museum**.

First Lady of the United States Melania Trump and Second Lady of the United States Karen Pence are honorary co-chairs of Blue Star Museums 2019. This year's participating organizations include fine art, science, history, and children's museums, as well as zoos, aquariums, gardens, and more.

The free admission program is available for those currently serving in the United States Military –

Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard as well as 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** card for entrance into a participating Blue Star Museum

Before planning a visit, guests are encouraged to contact the individual museums for hours of operation and note some are normally closed on Mondays and in observance of holidays such as Memorial Day and Labor Day.\* For more information or a complete list of participating Blue Star museums, please visit <https://www.arts.gov/national/blue-star-museums>. For more information about upcoming activities offered by Sacramento area museums, "like" them on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/SacMuseums](http://www.Facebook.com/SacMuseums), follow them on Instagram and Twitter @SacMuseums or visit the user-friendly website at [www.SacMuseums.org](http://www.SacMuseums.org).

### **About Blue Star Families**

*Blue Star Families builds communities that support military families by connecting research and data to programs and solutions, including career development tools, local community events for families, and caregiver support. Since its inception in 2009, Blue Star Families has engaged tens of thousands of volunteers and serves more than 1.5 million military family members. With Blue Star Families, military families can find answers to their challenges anywhere they are. For more information, visit [bluestarfam.org](http://bluestarfam.org). Follow Blue Star Museums on Twitter @NEAarts and @BlueStarFamily, #bluestarmuseums.*

### **About the Sacramento Area Museums (SAM)**

*Comprised of 30 greater Sacramento area museums working in partnership with Visit Sacramento, SAM's mission is to raise awareness of local museums by giving the community the opportunity to discover California's fine art, history, science and wildlife treasures. SAM achieves its mission through implementing cooperative promotions and developing strategic marketing alliances, by encouraging sharing of knowledge and resources among its partner institutions. For more information, visit [www.SacMuseums.org](http://www.SacMuseums.org).*

*\*Some museums closed on Memorial Day (Mon., May 27, 2019) and Labor Day (Mon., Sept. 2, 2019); please check participating venues for holidays and hours.*