



## National World War I Museum

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### **National World War I Museum Fact Sheet**

#### **Hours of Operation**

The National World War I Museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Museum is closed Mondays, except for Memorial Day, and is also closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Last tickets for the Tower are sold at 4:15 p.m.

#### **Ticket Prices**

##### *National World War I Museum*

\$8 for adults (ages 12–64)

\$4 for juniors (ages 6–11)

\$7 for seniors (ages 65 and older)

Free: kids under 6, active duty and career military (20+ years) with ID or uniform.

##### *Liberty Memorial Tower*

\$4 for adults (ages 12–64)

\$3 for juniors (ages 6–11)

\$3 for seniors (ages 65 and older)

Free: kids under 6, active duty and career military (20+ years) with ID or uniform.

##### *Combination Museum/Tower Ticket*

\$10 for adults (ages 12–64)

\$5 for juniors (ages 6–11)

\$8 for seniors (ages 65 and older)

Free: kids under 6, active duty and career military (20+ years) with ID or uniform.

Group rates are available. School groups and teachers call 816-784-1926. All other groups call 816-784-1908.

## **Membership**

Friends of the National World War I Museum demonstrate their support year-round. With levels from \$30 to \$250, there is a membership package for everyone. Membership includes free admission to the Museum and Tower for one year, guest passes based on the level of membership, a 10% discount on all Museum Store merchandise and a members-only newsletter. Memberships are tax deductible.

## **Walk of Honor**

The National World War I Museum's Walk of Honor offers a lasting remembrance, carved in granite, of those who must not be forgotten. Several sections of the Walk of Honor are reserved for military service. Bricks are also placed in honor of individuals who have positively impacted their family, friends or community.

## **Education and Events**

A variety of educational programs exist at the Museum. From preeminent guest lecturers and authors to films set during the war's era, patrons can acquire a better understanding of the Great War. For information on upcoming events, please check the Museum's website.

## **Research Center**

A 20,000-square-foot Research Center houses a comprehensive historical collection of World War I materials. The library and archives of the Research Center are open to the public Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is no charge for admission to the Research Center which is located on the lower level of the Museum.

## **Museum Store**

Visitors can browse a wide variety of World War I related items from logo souvenirs to a comprehensive selection of books ranging from personal accounts to battle histories. For collectors there are museum quality airplane replicas and period poster reproductions.

## **Over There Café**

With its delicious food and distinctive ambiance, the recent opening of the Buffalo Fund's *Over There* Café is an exciting addition to the Museum experience. Menu items are named for people and places of the Great War. The café's World War I décor includes flags representing participant countries, a poppy mural and glass etchings of songs from the era. Those songs and others can be heard throughout the dining area.

## **J. C. Nichols Auditorium**

This state-of-the-art auditorium seats 230 with overflow capacity in the auditorium lobby. The auditorium is utilized for many of the Museum's educational programs and is also available for rental. The auditorium lobby provides ample space for meetings and catered meals.

## **R. A. Long Education Center**

The R.A. Long Education Center houses a classroom, multi-purpose room and conference room which can be used to host school and corporate on-site learning experiences. The rooms are available for

rental. School curricula based on the Museum's comprehensive collections are offered for area educators.

### **Donating World War I Objects and Documents**

The Museum actively collects objects and documents from all the world's countries involved in World War I. If you have a potential donation or questions about preserving these items for future generations, please contact the Museum.

### **Contact Information**

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### **Facts**

- The 30,000-square-foot National World War I Museum opened December 2, 2006 and is built beneath the Liberty Memorial's Tower, a national historic landmark that sits on a hill overlooking Kansas City's downtown skyline.
- The National World War I Museum is the first and only American museum solely dedicated to preserving the objects, history and personal experiences of a war whose impact still echoes in our world today. The Museum is designed to foster an understanding of the Great War and America's emergence as a world power and to provide global perspectives to our citizenry.
- The National World War I Museum was designed by Ralph Appelbaum Associates, considered one of the preeminent museum designers in the world today.
- The Museum houses a collection of more than 52,000 objects – most of which have never before been displayed. The Museum uses its world-class collection, along with the latest in interactive technology, to tell the story of the war through the eyes of those who lived it.
- The site was dedicated in 1921 by the wartime leaders of five allied nations – Marshal Ferdinand Foch of France, Admiral David Beatty of Great Britain, General Armando Diaz of Italy, Lieutenant General Alfonse Jacques of Belgium and General John J. Pershing of the United States. This was the only time in history that these leaders were together in one place.
- Measuring 217 feet tall, the iconic Liberty Memorial Tower was built by the citizens of Kansas City and dedicated in 1926 by President Calvin Coolidge to honor those who served in the defense of liberty.
- In 1998 the people of Kansas City voted overwhelmingly to pass a half-cent sales tax to fund a major restoration of the historic landmark. In 2004 Kansas Citizens approved a bond issue to construct a world-class museum. The total cost for the project was \$102 million.
- The National World War I Museum is managed under agreement with the Kansas City, Missouri Board of Parks & Recreation Commission.

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