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## **Local Museums and Attractions Salute Nation's Serving Families by Offering Free Admission from May 15 to September 6**

*Blue Star Museums program held across America each summer*

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FL – Joining more than 2,000 museums and attractions across America this summer, local museums and attractions are offering free admission to active-duty military personnel and their families as part of this summer's Blue Star Museums initiative. The Blue Star Museums program begins on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> and runs through Labor Day, Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Blue Star Museums is a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and museums across the United States. Free admission is available for those currently serving as Active Duty in the United States Military (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard) as well as Reservists, as National Guardsmen regardless of status, and in the U.S. Public Health Commissioned Corps and NOAA Commissioned Corps. Up to five family members may also receive free admission ([check with each museum and attraction for specific details, as offers vary](#)). Qualified persons 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. Retirees or veterans should reach out to the museum or attraction to inquire about reduced or special rates.

For a complete list of participating museums across the United States and locally, visit [arts.gov/bluestarmuseums](http://arts.gov/bluestarmuseums)

### **BOCA RATON MUSEUM OF ART, 501 Plaza Real, Mizner Park, Boca Raton, FL 33432**

As the "Official Art Museum" for the City of Boca Raton, and kicking off its eighth decade in 2021, the Boca Raton Museum of Art encompasses a creative campus that includes the Museum in Mizner Park and the Art School. As one of South Florida's cultural landmarks, the Museum has provided cultural and artistic service to the community, and to many visitors from around the world, since it was founded in 1950. Currently on view: *Glasstress Boca Raton 2021, An Irresistible Urge to Create: The Monroe Family Collection of Florida Outsider Art, and Paul Gervais: Faces & Forms*. Also, enjoy the recently renovated Ohnell Sculpture Garden during your next visit. [bocamuseum.org](http://bocamuseum.org) / (561) 392-2500

*Blue Star Museum passes are available by showing your military ID at the front desk.*

### **HENRY MORRISON FLAGLER MUSEUM, One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach, FL 33480**

When it was completed in 1902, Whitehall, Henry Flagler's Gilded Age estate in Palm Beach, was hailed by the *New York Herald* as "more wonderful than any palace in Europe, grander and more magnificent than any other private dwelling in the world." Today, Whitehall is a National

Historic Landmark and is open to the public as the Flagler Museum, featuring changing exhibitions and special programs. [flagermuseum.us](http://flagermuseum.us) / (561) 655-2833

*Blue Star Museum passes (limit of 4) must be reserved in advance by calling (561) 655-2833 ext. 10.*

**JUPITER INLET LIGHTHOUSE & MUSEUM, 500 Captain Armour's Way, Jupiter, FL 33469**

The Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum offers a variety of experiences including climbing tours of the landmark 1860 Lighthouse and History Museum in the restored WWII building featuring the exhibit *5,000 Years on the Loxahatchee*. Explore our pathways to discover the 1892 Tindall Pioneer Homestead & Gardens, Seminole Chickee & Native American Kiosks and Keeper's Workshop Interactive Exhibit *Keeping the Light at Jupiter Inlet*. Enjoy the waterfront interpretive nature trails also located at the national heritage site. Operated by the Loxahatchee River Historical Society, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. The historical society also interprets and preserves historic structures and over 5,000 years of unique local history through exhibits, educational programs, events, historical society collections and publications. [jupiterlighthouse.org](http://jupiterlighthouse.org) / (561) 747-8380

*Blue Star Museum admission passes must be redeemed at admission counter with Military ID (limit 6.)*

**NORTON MUSEUM OF ART, 1450 S. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach, FL 33401**

The Norton Museum of Art is home to the leading and most far-ranging collection of art in Florida and the region, with distinguished holdings in American, European, Contemporary, and Chinese art and Photography. In 2019, the Norton unveiled an expansion by Foster + Partners, featuring the new 59,000-square-foot Kenneth C. Griffin Building, which greatly enhanced the Museum's facilities and was accompanied by the complete reinstallation of the museum's renowned collections in state-of-the-art galleries. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, the Norton will offer an array of activities, tours, and performances for all ages in the Museum and the Sculpture Garden. The summer exhibition "For the Record: Celebrating Art by Women" opens June 11 and looks at the breadth of contributions by women to the visual arts through the lens of the Museum's collection. [norton.org](http://norton.org) / (561) 832-5196

*Blue Star Museum passes (limit of 4) may be reserved online with the code BlueStar2021.*

**PALM BEACH ZOO & CONSERVATION SOCIETY, 1301 Summit Boulevard, West Palm Beach, FL 33409**

For more than 50 years, Palm Beach Zoo & Conservation Society has provided visitors with up-close and personal animal encounters connecting visitors with wildlife. Palm Beach Zoo guests explore a WILD ecosystem thriving on 23 lush, tropical acres while discovering hundreds of exotic animals, art-lined, shaded pathways, a play fountain, gourmet restaurant, gift shops and more. Palm Beach Zoo participates in AZA Species Survival Plan® programs, ensuring a genetically healthy animal population for the future. The impact of a visit to Palm Beach Zoo extends beyond the gates, inspiring people to take action and save wildlife in wild places. Open

daily from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM except for Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. [palmbeachzoo.org](http://palmbeachzoo.org) / (561) 547-WILD

*Blue Star Museum passes (limit of 6) are available by showing your military ID at the ticket booth.*

**SOUTH FLORIDA SCIENCE CENTER AND AQUARIUM, 4801 Dreher Trail North, West Palm Beach, FL 33405**

The mission of the South Florida Science Center and Aquarium is to “open every mind to science” and the indoor/outdoor venue features more than 100 hands-on educational exhibits, a 10,000 gallon fresh and salt water aquarium, digital planetarium, Pre-K focused “Discovery Center,” 18-hole conservation-themed Mini Golf Course and quarter mile long outdoor science trail. The 2021 summer exhibition is “Dinosaur Revolution” featuring a giant maze with prehistoric activities around every corner. [sfsciencecenter.org](http://sfsciencecenter.org) / (561) 832-1988

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