

IOWA GOLD STAR MILITARY MUSEUM

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*****MEMORIAL DAY EVENT*****

FREE MILITARY BREAKFAST, EXHIBITS AND EVENTS AT IOWA GOLD STAR MILITARY MUSEUM

The Iowa Gold Star Military Museum will host a Memorial Day observance and open house on Monday, May 27, from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the museum on Camp Dodge Joint Maneuver Training Center, 7105 NW 70th Ave., Johnston.

A complimentary “S.O.S.” (“Stuff on a Shingle”) breakfast will be served from 6 to 9 a.m., or until supplies run out of the genuine military recipe of sausage gravy on biscuits. Fresh “Army” coffee and “Bug Juice” (orange drink) will also be served with breakfast. There will be vintage and modern military vehicles and equipment on display, re-enactors from the Civil War, World War I and II, Korean War, and Vietnam War, the firing of a 105 mm howitzer and Civil War cannon, and a vintage military aircraft flyover. As always, admission is free.

Visitors can enter Camp Dodge on Memorial Day through either the main gate at 7105 NW 70th Ave., Johnston or the historic East Gate at 7700 NW Beaver Drive, Johnston. Photo identification (a driver's license is acceptable) is required for admittance to Camp Dodge for individuals 16 years of age and older.

Note that ALL motorcyclists (drivers and passengers) on Camp Dodge are required by Dept. of Defense policy to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) consisting of helmet, eye protection (full-face shield or goggles or sunglasses), gloves, long pants, long-sleeved shirt or jacket, and over-the-ankle footwear while traveling on Camp Dodge. Motorcyclists without the required PPE may park their motorcycles at the NW Beaver Drive gate turnaround and walk to the museum (approximately three blocks).

Established in 1985, the Iowa Gold Star Military Museum is the only federally-recognized repository for military artifacts in the state of Iowa. The mission of the Iowa Gold Star Military Museum is twofold: to preserve Iowa’s military history and honor the military service of all Iowans.

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The Iowa Gold Star Military Museum's permanent exhibits tell the stories of Iowans who have served in defense of their state and nation, beginning in the early settlement of the state in the 1840s, through the Global War on Terror. An extensive exhibit honors the 34th Infantry Division ("Red Bull" Division), which holds the distinction of serving the most continuous days in combat of any division in the European Theater of Operation during World War II. The museum also contains one of the finest military small arms collections in the Midwest. Additionally, an exhibit detailing the history of the Iowa State Patrol is also on display.

The museum is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., except holidays. Group tours are welcome and available by appointment; contact the museum for scheduling. Admission to the Museum is always free. For additional information or questions about the Iowa Gold Star Military Museum, contact the Museum at 515-252-4531 or visit our website at <http://www.iowanationalguard.com/History/Museum/Pages/home.aspx> or join us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/HonoringIowaVeterans?fref=ts> .

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