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National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial Fact Sheet

Hours of Operation

The Museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Museum is closed Mondays, except for Memorial Day. The Museum is also closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Last tickets for the Liberty Memorial 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 to kids under 6. Active Duty and Retired Military are free 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 to kids under 6. Active Duty and Retired Military are free with ID or uniform.

Combo Ticket

\$10 for adults (ages 12-64)
\$5 for juniors (ages 6-11)
\$8 for seniors (ages 65 and older)
Free to kids under 6. Active Duty and Retired Military are free with ID or uniform.

Group rates are available. School groups and teachers call 816-784-1926. All other groups call 816-784-1917.

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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 Walk of Honor, located on the grounds of the Museum, includes sections for World War I veterans, veterans of other conflicts and civilian individuals or organizations. Three sizes of bricks are available and come with a personalized inscription. Walk of Honor patrons also receive a certificate suitable for framing, featuring the inscription on the brick.

Education and Events

A variety of educational programs exist at the National World War I 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. - 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. Children will find an array of toys including everything from patriotic teddy bears to plastic model kits. Snacks and soft drinks are available.

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.

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Facts

- The 30,000-square-foot Museum, which opened December 2, 2006, is built beneath the existing Liberty Memorial, a national historic landmark that sits on a hill overlooking historic Union Station and 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 by many the preeminent museum designer in the world today.
- The Museum houses a collection of more than 50,000 objects – most of which have never before been displayed. It uses the latest in interactive technology, integrated with a world-class collection to tell the story of the war through the eyes and voices of those who lived it.
- The Liberty Memorial's 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.
- Featuring a 217-foot tower the iconic Liberty Memorial 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 at Liberty Memorial.
- The National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial is managed by the Liberty Memorial Association under agreement with the Kansas City, Missouri Board of Parks & Recreation Commission.