



The Discovery Joins Blue Star Museums

RENO, Nev. (May 14, 2026) – The Discovery has joined Blue Star Museums, a national program offering free admission to active-duty U.S. military personnel and their families throughout the summer.

The program officially begins on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 16, and runs through Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7.

Blue Star Museums is a partnership between the National Endowment for the Arts and Blue Star Families, in collaboration with the Department of War and participating museums nationwide.

Free admission is available to those currently serving in the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard, as well as members of the Reserves, National Guard, U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and NOAA Commissioned Corps, plus up to five family members per household.

To receive complimentary admission, qualifying individuals must present one of the following: a Geneva Convention common access card, or CAC; a DD Form 1173 dependent ID card; a DD Form 1173-1 ID card; or the Next Generation Uniformed Services Real ID card.

The Discovery is one of thousands of participating institutions nationwide including history, art, science and children's museums; historical sites; botanical gardens; zoos; and aquariums. Participating venues span all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. A map of locations is available at [arts.gov](https://www.arts.gov).

The Discovery's participation in Blue Star Museums is supported by the Nevada National Guard Association. Visit [nvdm.org](https://www.nvdm.org) for more information.

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About The Discovery

The Discovery inspires by being the place to experience science. Through unique, hands-on exhibitions, programs and events, The Discovery creates learning experiences that range from simple curiosity to deep understanding, empowering a community of critical thinkers. The Discovery is a locally founded nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. To learn more about The Discovery and how you can help support the museum's mission, visit www.nvdm.org.

About the National Endowment for the Arts

Established by Congress, the National Endowment for the Arts is an independent federal agency that is the largest funder of the arts and arts education in communities nationwide and a

catalyst of public and private support for the arts. By advancing opportunities for arts participation and practice, the NEA fosters and sustains an environment in which the arts benefit everyone in the United States. To learn more, visit [arts.gov](https://www.arts.gov) or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, X, and YouTube.

About Blue Star Families

[Blue Star Families](#) (BSF) is the nation's largest military and veteran family support organization. Its research-driven approach builds strong communities with a focus on human-centered design and innovative solutions. A "blue star family" is the family of a currently serving military member, including active duty, National Guard, reserve forces, and those transitioning out of service. Since its founding in 2009, BSF has delivered more than \$336 million in benefits and impacts more than 1.5 million people annually through an expansive network of chapters and outposts. For more information, click [here](#).