

# The Inaugural Issue

*The National Museum of Military Vehicles E-Newsletter*



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## Did You Know?

We officially opened August 7th, 2020!  
Since we opened, we have already had  
over 10,000 guests visit the museum.

The building itself is 140,000 square feet  
and houses the largest private collection  
of military vehicles (more than 450 of  
them!) in the U.S.

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# In Memoriam - Karl Smith of Tooele, Utah

Dan Starks- Owner/Founder, NMMV

Many of you who have visited the museum knew of Karl Smith – one of the greatest collectors of WWII military vehicles of all time. During tours, many of you ask me if certain vehicles came from Karl. Others would tell me you recognize vehicles that belonged to Karl.

Karl Smith died suddenly and unexpectedly October 30, 2020. He was a character. He also was a friend and a passionate supporter of the National Museum of Military Vehicles. He loved veterans and he loved the U.S. I never met a person more knowledgeable or more passionate about WWII military vehicles than Karl. He educated me more about my own vehicles every time we visited or walked through the museum together.

The best thing about Karl was what he was like as a human being. He was kind, compassionate, and generous. He was humble. He valued true friendship and was himself, an invaluable friend. He had a rare sense of humor and knew what was important in life. He was a family man and a patriot. Everyone who knew him misses him.

Here is a link to Karl's obituary:

<https://obittree.com/obituary/us/utah/provo/nelson-family-mortuary/karl-smith/4378374/>



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# Plans for Expansion - Korean and Vietnam Wars

Beginning Summer 2021, guests can enjoy the brand new 55,000 square foot, immersive experience into the history of the U.S. involvement in the Korean and Vietnam wars. Anyone looking for an excuse to return to the museum next year can look forward to this highly anticipated addition. This General Lewis "Chesty" Puller Gallery will start with a corridor lined with quotes and information about demobilization following the end of WWII and the change in our military's structure. Consequences of WWII will also be highlighted in a short introductory film at the end of this corridor.

From there, guests will begin the Korean War experience with an introduction into the War, eventually leading to the Pusan Perimeter, the landing at Inchon, the retreat from Chosin Reservoir, and Stalemate. Once guests transition to the Vietnam War exhibits, they will immediately be faced with a Huey helicopter taking off for flight. Guests will also find themselves immersed in scenes ranging from a Vietnam Fire Base to the city of Hue during the 1968 Tet Offensive to the Brown Water Navy in the Mekong Delta. Although the war abroad will be a large part of the gallery, we will also showcase the perception of the war at home with a Living Room War exhibit.

While still complimentary to the established galleries, Puller will be a truly elevated experience with immersive displays where guests can be hands-on with interactives. During one of these interactives, guests will have opportunities to make decisions from the eyes of a period wartime leader and see the way the geography changed throughout the war. We look forward to providing updates as construction progresses.

## *VISIT OUR ONLINE STORE*

By popular request, we have added some of our gift shop items to the online store! Over 80 items to shop from. We are currently selling select apparel, hats, kids toys, vehicle models, glassware, etc. Questions? Contact our guest services staff at (307) 455-3802 for assistance. Access the online store at [nmmv.org](http://nmmv.org)



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## WE NEED YOUR VOTES!!

The National Museum of Military Vehicles has been nominated for USA Today's Best New Attraction of 2020! This is a huge honor that has our entire NMMV team so excited. "Wouldn't it be something to win this," stated Owner/Founder Dan Starks. You can help us by visiting the link below and by sharing on your social media.

Voting closes on 12/21 at Noon EST. You can vote for us up to once per DAY!

<https://www.10best.com/awards/travel/best-new-attraction-2020/>

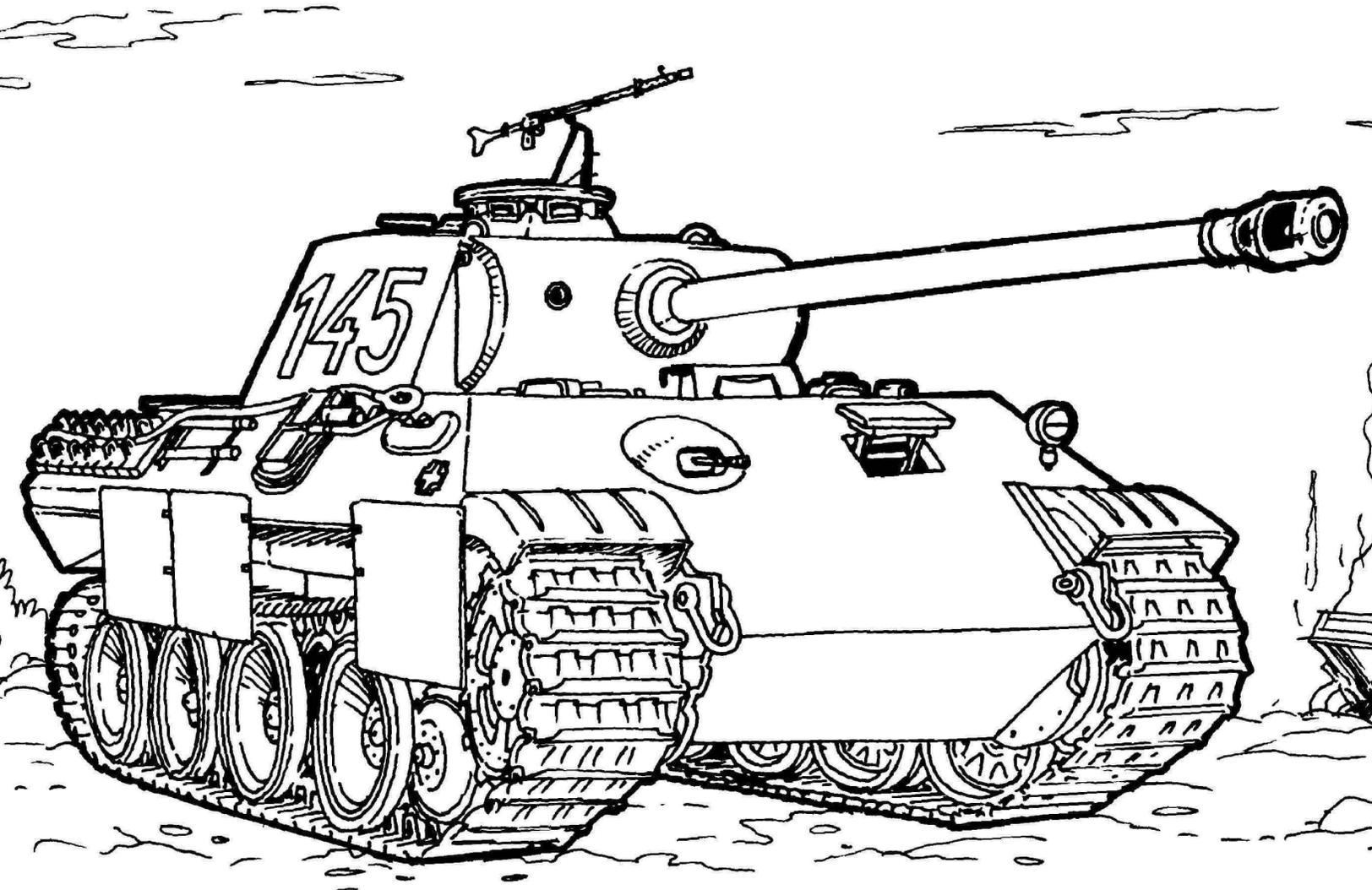
Current Winter Hours:  
Wednesday - Sunday  
10am-5pm

### **School Groups Wanted**

In case you haven't heard, educating future generations is the second part of our museum's three-part mission. Whether your group is looking for a guided, informational tour or a self-guided tour, we can help. Ask about reserving our meeting room for lunch too! For more information on our school group program and how we fit into your curriculum, contact our Assistant Director Ryan Landmann at [ryan@nmmv.org](mailto:ryan@nmmv.org)



# KIDS PAGE



## Fun History Fact

**Did you know dogs can be soldiers too? Even back during World War II, the U.S. military had a special training program for military dogs. They performed various tasks both on and off the battlefield. They served as guards, messengers, sled dogs, and more. In fact, there is a book titled *Major: A Soldier Dog* that tells the real life story of a canine hero during WWII. Next time you visit, you can find the book in our gift shop!**

# Santa is coming to the National Museum of Military Vehicles



**December 5, 2020**

**1-4pm**

**Free Event**

Fees for museum still apply

Picture with Santa 🎄 Activities 🎄 Candy Canes

**Masks and social distancing enforced**

**Looking for the perfect gift?**

***Annual Memberships Available!***

10% off in our gift shop

Unlimited admission for a year

2 free adult guest passes

2 free youth guest passes

Invitations to special events

COST

\$55 individual

\$80 dual