"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." attributed to John Quincy Adams

Honoring American Freedom
Welcome to the National Museum of Military Vehicles

The National Museum of Military Vehicles is a world-class military history museum which opened southeast of Dubois, WY in August of 2020. Inside the 140,000 sq. foot museum, visitors will find nearly 500 fully restored military vehicles, artillery pieces, naval vessels and aircraft dating from 1897 to the present with a current emphasis on the American experience in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. The focus of the museum is to tell the stories of how these vehicles were used and to remember the valor of servicemembers who fought, and sometimes died, in them.

The privately funded $100M museum was founded by Dan and Cynthia Starks. The Museum contains the largest private collection of military vehicles in the world. More than that, the museum houses other displays of military technology developed through the eras. Personal stories are also shared in displays where you can see historical artifacts worn or used by individual servicemembers.

Throughout the museum’s galleries are immersive, interactive, exhibits waiting for the guest to enjoy and experience. Our staff is excited to share the lessons of history with you. Together we can learn and consider the commitment, dedication, choices and sacrifices of our nation from the American Revolution to present day.

Coming Soon: An administration building opening Fall of 2022, that will house a kitchen, snack bar, and a conference room for up to 500 guests.

Our Mission

- To honor the service and sacrifice of our veterans and their families
- To educate next generations on the history of American freedom
- To preserve and share historic military vehicles
**Educational Outreach**

One of our goals at the Museum is to provide a unique environment where discovery and learning can occur. Through our educational outreach programs, the National Museum of Military Vehicles can offer a resource to supplement your student’s curriculum to learn about and honor the history of American freedom.

Taking a field trip to the National Museum of Military Vehicles provides students and teachers an opportunity to interact with real artifacts. Our Museum will make history come alive for you and your students.

We have unique facilities that can help you with your field trip experience:

- The Museum has classroom space for up to 75 students. Our classroom space is fully capable of providing multipurpose class delivery, including the use of an LCD projector with a screen, microphones, and a Blu-ray player.
- The Museum has 140,000 sq ft of exhibition space,
- In addition to the over 500 vehicles on display, the Museum has over 200 historically significant firearms, including the musket that fired the first shot at the Battle of Bunker Hill.
- The Museum has three main galleries including the George C. Marshall Gallery which focuses on the American Experience during World War II; the Lewis “Chesty” Puller Gallery which focuses on Korea and Vietnam Wars and the George S. Patton Gallery which houses our rotating small artifacts and World War I display.
- A tour through the Museum will focus on the personal stories of the soldiers who operated vehicles in the exhibits.

**Planning Your Visit to the National Museum of Military Vehicles**

The National Museum of Military Vehicles is located about 8 miles southeast of Dubois, Wy, about an hour from Yellowstone National Park and 90 minutes east of Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

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Scheduling Your School Program

If possible, tours should be scheduled at least two weeks before the desired visit. Identify the date you wish to bring your students and contact the Museum by filling out and submitting the Field Trip Request Form on our website at www.nmmv.org. Since we take reservations on a first-come-first-serve basis, the earlier you book, the more likely you are to get your requested date.

Field trip programs are available Wednesday-Friday with sessions beginning at 10 a.m. If you need an alternate date or time, please contact the Museum at 307-455-3802.

After your program date and time has been requested, a Museum staff member will be in touch with you to confirm details for your visit. A confirmation email will be sent to you. **Your field trip is not confirmed until you have received a confirmation email.**

If after your confirmation you need to make any changes or if you have any questions, please email our tour services group at tours@nmmv.org or call us at 307-455-3802.

**Before Your Visit**

Please review the Museum etiquette rules with your students and the chaperone roles with your parent volunteers. Both of those can be found at the end of this packet. Understanding the responsibility and important role of visitors helps ensure a wonderful visit.

Let the Museum staff know one week in advance if there are changes to your number of attendees, or accommodations that need to be made to help your students learn from and enjoy their Museum experience.

Students should be divided into groups or classes with chaperones before their visit. We generally recommend 1 chaperone for every 10 students. Chaperones will need to help students move through the Museum, follow Museum rules, and complete Museum activities. It is essential that students stay in their supervised groups for their safety, the safety of the artifacts, and the safety of all other Museum patrons.
Arriving For Your Visit

- Arrive on time for your reservation. If you are running behind or need to reschedule, please contact our Museum team at (307) 455-3802.
- Advise the bus driver(s) to drop off students in front of the Museum. Buses can park behind the Wall of Reflection (the monument in front of the Museum with the flags).
- The Museum staff will greet you at the front and get you started with your program visit. If you are doing a self-guided tour, a Museum staff member or volunteer will give you an orientation before sending your students in chaperoned groups to explore. If you have planned a guided tour, wait for instructions from a Museum tour guide.
- Students may only bring a notebook and pencil through the Museum with them. No pens, markers, etc. are allowed to protect our exhibits. Backpacks should be left on the bus or in the classroom.
- No food, drinks, or gum are allowed in the Museum.

Paying For Your Visit

There is no charge for any member of your school field trip group. One of our missions is “To educate next generations on the history of American freedom”.

Lunch

The National Museum of Military Vehicles offers limited inside eating in our classroom.

- We do not have a dedicated cafeteria space and we do not currently sell food or meals at the Museum.
- You will have 45 minutes to eat your school lunches, unless arranged otherwise.
- Lunch space is only available by pre-booking through the Assistant Director.
- Outside eating space at picnic tables is also available on a first-come, first-served basis.

After Your Visit

The National Museum of Military Vehicles is dedicated to providing a great, world-class experience for you and your group. After your visit, an email will be sent to you with a feedback and evaluation form. We would be grateful for your response in order to help us continue to provide quality school programs.
Program Offerings at the National Museum of Military Vehicles

Self-Guided Tours
Explore the National Museum of Military Vehicles as a class - use activities from your own curriculum. We recommend 1.5 hours for Pre-K-5th grades, and 2 hours for grades 6-12. Chaperone supervision is required; we recommend 1 chaperone per 10 students for the best experience. Self-guided tours can accommodate a maximum of 100 students per time slot.

Guided Tours
Bring your students to the National Museum of Military Vehicles and immerse yourself in military history, exploring the relationship between manufacturing needs and the military. Museum guides will guide you through the exhibits, answer questions, and assist with hands-on activities. Tours last approximately 90 minutes and groups are welcome to explore the Museum in small groups under chaperone supervision afterward. Tours can accommodate a maximum of 50 students.

Chaperone Roles
Thank you for volunteering as a chaperone at the National Museum of Military Vehicles! You play a fun and important role in your student’s visit.

- Ensure students are supervised at all times – your group must stay together!
- Help students interact with exhibits and other people gently and respectfully.
- No food, drink, gum, or backpacks are allowed in the galleries.
- If you or your students have questions or need help, ask a member of our guest services team.

Museum Etiquette for Students

- Walk (don’t run!) and stop to enjoy the exhibits.
- Treat the Museum and visitors with respect, play gently, and don’t touch the exhibits.
- Only a pencil and paper can be taken through the Museum. Be careful not to make any marks!
- Ask for help when you need it or have questions!

Thank you for taking the time to review the field trip packet. We look forward to you and your students learning at the National Museum of Military Vehicles!