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The Staten Island Children's Museum is a Blue Star Museum!

Active and reserve military personnel and their families will receive free admission from Armed Forces Day until Labor Day

May 14, 2019—The Staten Island Children's Museum will once again proudly participate in the Blue Star Museums program this year, offering free admission to active and reserve military personnel and their families from Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 18, until Labor Day, Monday, September 2.

Now in its tenth summer, Blue Star Museums is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in collaboration with Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and more than 2,000 museums nationwide, including fine art, science, history, and children's museums, as well as zoos, aquariums, gardens, and more. Military can find the list of participating museums at arts.gov/bluestarmuseums.

The free admission program is available for those currently serving in the United States Military—Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard as well as members of the Reserves, National Guard, U.S. Public Health Commissioned Corps, NOAA Commissioned Corps, and up to five family members. Qualified members must show a [Geneva Convention common access card](#) (CAC), [DD Form 1173 ID card \(dependent ID\)](#), or a [DD Form 1173-1 ID](#) card for entrance into a participating Blue Star Museum.

Special Military Appreciation Programs at the Children's Museum

Over Memorial Day weekend, the Staten Island Children's Museum will be honoring the service of Asian Americans in the military to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. During special art workshops, visitors will learn about the contributions of Maggie Gee and Hazel Ying Lee, the Asian American Members of the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP). The workshop will be open on Saturday, May 25 and Sunday, May 26 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm.

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New York State Assemblymember Michael Cusick said, “The Blue Star Museums program is an excellent way to honor active duty members of the United States Military and their families. A day at the Staten Island Children’s Museum makes for a fantastic family outing and I encourage active duty Staten Island residents to take advantage of this program.”

“The National Endowment for the Arts is proud to celebrate the tenth summer of collaborating with Blue Star Families, Department of Defense, and especially the more than 2,000 museums across our nation that make this program possible,” said Mary Anne Carter, acting chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts. “Organizations such as the Staten Island Children’s Museum are providing wonderful opportunities for military families to share a memorable experience together this summer.”

About the Staten Island Children’s Museum

The Staten Island Children’s Museum is located on the grounds of Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden, 1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, NY 10301. For more information, call 718-273-2060, email info@sichildrensmuseum.org or visit sichildrensmuseum.org.

The Staten Island Children’s Museum is housed in a building owned by the City of New York and its operation is made possible, in part, with public funds provided through the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs with support from the Staten Island delegation to the NYC Council. Significant operating support is also provided by the NYS Council on the Arts, Corporations, Foundations, the Trustees and Members.

About the National Endowment for the Arts

Established by Congress in 1965, the National Endowment for the Arts is the independent federal agency whose funding and support gives Americans the opportunity to participate in the arts, exercise their imaginations, and develop their creative capacities. Through partnerships with state arts agencies, local leaders, other federal agencies, and the philanthropic sector, the Arts Endowment supports arts learning, affirms and celebrates America’s rich and diverse cultural heritage, and extends its work to promote equal access to the arts in every community across America. Visit arts.gov to learn more.

About Blue Star Families

Blue Star Families builds communities that support military families by connecting research and data to programs and solutions, including career development tools, local community events for families, and caregiver support. Since its inception in 2009, Blue Star Families has engaged tens of thousands of volunteers and serves more than 1.5 million military family members. With Blue Star Families, military families can find answers to their challenges anywhere they are. For more information, visit bluestarfam.org.

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