

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

The National Museum of the United States Army is committed to the safety of our visitors and protection of the Museum. When you arrive at the Museum you will proceed through a security screening similar to airport passenger screenings. Please be ready for this screening process when you enter the Museum by having your bags open and ready for inspection and emptying your pockets before going through the screening station.

Items Not Permitted in the Museum

- Firearms and ammunition; real or replicas—federal law enforcement officers are authorized to carry at all times; local law enforcement may only carry while on official business.
- Knives, razors, box cutters or any other sort of blade or pointed object.
- Weapons: clubs, brass knuckles, hammers, martial arts weapons, stun guns, or other types of weapons.
- Illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia—to include marijuana.
- Alcoholic beverages brought from outside are prohibited on the Museum Campus and are subject to confiscation.
- Mace, pepper spray or any other type of disabling chemical.
- Explosives and fireworks; real or replica.
- Spray paint, spray cans or aerosols—medical devices exempted.
- Monopods, tripods and selfie sticks.
- Signs, posters, placards or banners larger than 11 × 13 in.—unless prior approval is obtained.
- Noisemaking or amplification devices—except those required for legitimate medical purposes.
- Bags larger than 22 × 14 × 9 in. (standard backpack).
- Food and drink to include gum, candy, and water bottles.
- Glass containers.
- Coolers.
- Balloons.
- Flowers and/or live plants.
- Sporting equipment.
- Cremated remains.

- Canvas, easels, paint and other art supplies for painting or creating artwork in the Museum are prohibited—hand-carried sketch books and pencils are authorized.
- Laser pointers.
- Hover boards, Segways, skateboards, castor boards, bicycles, or powered or manual scooters or equivalents.
- Wagons or carts—strollers, walkers, wheelchairs and equivalents are authorized.
- Animals—service animals are authorized. Emotional Support Animals, Dogs only, are authorized during specific Museum accessibility programming.
- Flags on poles or sticks that do not fit into a backpack.
- Flowers and live plants.
- Anything else deemed hazardous or suspicious by security.

Items Permitted in the Museum

- Backpacks smaller than 22 × 14 × 9 in.
- Baby milk and formula
- Strollers
- Medication
- Service animals
- Cameras
- Hand-carried sketchbooks and pencils

Visitor Policies

- No food, drinks, or chewing gum in the exhibit galleries.
- Visitors under 16 must be accompanied by an adult
- No flash photography in exhibit galleries

Photography Consent

By entering the Museum or Campus, visitors consent to be photographed or included in video content for use by the Museum or the Army Historical Foundation for official purposes.

Smoking and Vaping Policy

Tobacco-Free and Smoke-Free Campus

Smoking and tobacco use of any kind -- but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, vaping devices and smokeless tobacco products -- are strictly prohibited inside the Museum and on the entire Museum Campus.