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**National Museum of the United States Army to host
Memorial Day Weekend Activities and Observances**

Fort Belvoir, Va. — The National Museum of the United States Army is inviting the public to observe Memorial Day during a special weekend of activities reflecting on the sacrifices made by the American Soldier. The special observances and events will run from Friday, May 26 through Monday, May 29. The Museum will be open to the public, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., with advance tickets available at theNMUSA.org. Museum admission, parking, and events will be free of charge.

Friday, May 26 – Monday, May 29

- **Outdoor Flag Display- 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**
The outdoor flag display will be set along the Path of Remembrance and Unit Tribute Wall leading to the Museum’s main entrance for visitors to view and reflect on Soldiers’ sacrifices and service.
- **Poppy Paper Flower Craft- 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**
Create a paper poppy in the Experiential Learning Center as part of a special Museum Memorial Day display. The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars.
- **Hands-On History – 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.**
Explore equipment and uniforms like American Soldiers have used in U.S. Army history. This program will take place in the Museum lobby.

Events only on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29

- **Memorial Day Remembrance and Moment of Silence – 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.**
Museum staff, volunteers and visitors will join in the Museum lobby for the playing of Taps and a moment of silence to remember Soldiers’ lives, courage, legacy, and service.

At the 3:00 p.m. observance, during the national moment of silence, visitors and staff throughout the Museum will be asked to pause for one minute to honor and respect those who died for our freedom.

- **Documentary Screening – “Dear Sirs: A Personal Journey Through World War II 75 Years Later”- 10:30 a.m.**

After discovering an archive detailing the horrifying journey of his grandfather as an American POW during World War II, a young man from Wyoming sets out 75 years later to retrace his footsteps across Germany on bicycle, piecing together an untold story in an effort to understand the man who helped raise him. [Registration is required.](#)

Media interested in touring the Museum or attending Memorial Day weekend events may contact public affairs officer Susan Smullen, susan.l.fazakerley-smullen.civ@army.mil.

The Museum is open every day of the year except December 25. Free, timed-entry tickets are available by request through the Museum's website at theNMUSA.org.

More details about the Museum can be found in the [Museum's media kit](#). A collection of high-resolution photos is available <https://www.flickr.com/photos/usarmymuseum/>.

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About the National Museum of the United States Army

The National Museum of the United States Army provides the only comprehensive portrayal of Army history and traditions through the eyes of the American Soldier. By preserving, interpreting, and exhibiting invaluable artifacts, the National Army Museum creates learning opportunities for all visitors and bonds the American people to their oldest military service. We are America's Army Museum.

The U.S. Army owns and operates the Museum. The Army Historical Foundation continues its fundraising role in support of the Museum and manages all retail, catering and special events.

For more information on the National Museum of the United States Army visit www.theNMUSA.org.