

SOLDIERS MEMORIAL MILITARY MUSEUM



HOURS: 9 AM-4:30 PM, MONDAY-FRIDAY
10 AM-3 PM, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

CLOSED: THANKSGIVING DAY,
CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEARS DAY

ADMISSION IS FREE
ANY CONTRIBUTIONS WILL GO TO SUPPORT THE
MUSEUM AND ITS PROGRAMS. THANK YOU!

**MUSEUM PARKING ON CHESTNUT
WITH HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY
ON PINE STREET**

City of Saint Louis
Soldiers Memorial Military Museum
1315 Chestnut Street
Saint Louis, Missouri 63103
(314) 622-4550

www.stlsoldiersmemorial.org

*"Visit this monument clothed in reverence; in
quiet and in dignity. Let not your voice, your
actions, pollute the sanctity of an edifice
dedicated to those who gave their lives that
others might live; that the cause of liberty and
justice shall prevail."*

*Mayor Bernard F. Dickmann
May 30, 1938*



City of St. Louis
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Board of Public Service

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SOLDIERS MEMORIAL MILITARY MUSEUM
ATTN: ANIKA ROY- VISITOR SERVICES AND OPERATIONS
1315 CHESTNUT ST.
ST. LOUIS, MO 63103

HISTORY

The initiative to construct a memorial plaza and memorial building to honor the “gallant sons and daughters of Missouri and of our City, who made The Supreme Sacrifice in the World War” began in 1923. Over the course of several years, the City of St. Louis and its citizens raised money for the project. Under the leadership of Mayor Bernard F. Dickmann and with some funds coming from the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works (Project No. 5098), construction of the building, development of the memorial plaza, and improvements to the parks began on October 21, 1935. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt traveled to St. Louis to dedicate the site on October 14, 1936, and the memorial and museum officially opened on Memorial Day, May 30, 1938.

“This magnificent edifice, erected as a perpetual reminder of the valor and sacrifice that has enabled America to live, will spur us on as a people to make America greater. We, who live, because others have died, should make of this shrine a place of love and a monument of peace.”

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MUSEUM

Two museum galleries contain a collection of military-related objects of both local and national historical significance, such as photographs,

posters and printed materials, uniforms, flags, medals, firearms, edged weapons, and a range of war-time memorabilia from both the battlefield and the homefront. Current exhibits include: *Montford Point Marines: Black Marines of WWII*, *American Superheroes: Popular Culture and the St. Louis War Experience*, and *Hometown Heroes: Honoring local Veterans who made it home to tell us their story*. Watch for special programs, events, and regularly-changing exhibits. To schedule a group tour, call (314) 622-4550.

SPACE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR EVENT

Soldiers Memorial has a number of areas in the building and around the grounds that are available for use/rent. These include the front/back steps of the Memorial, as well as the atrium area around the Cenotaph. On the 2nd floor, there are two spacious rooms (both are air-conditioned), as well as an auditorium that seats 270 people. Tables, chairs, and audio/visual equipment are also available for use. Nice-sized restrooms are located on both the 2nd floor and in the basement area. Veterans’ organizations and schools are strongly encouraged to use the facilities for meetings and/or events. Call (314)622-4550 for more information.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are always welcomed and appreciated here at the museum. Contact us or fill out the form attached and return it to Visitor Services and Operations. We will then contact you to set up a time to meet and discuss what opportunities the museum has for you!

I’m interested in the following areas:

- Volunteering
- To be placed on the mailing list for notification of special exhibits, programs and events
- Donating items/artifacts to Soldiers Memorial Military Museum
- Donating monetarily to Soldiers Memorial Military Museum

How did you hear about us? _____

Please PRINT your name and address on the back of this form and mail to the address indicated.

Thank you