The Award Winning Jimmy Carter Library & Museum

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## Jimmy Carter Presidential Museum Is A Blue Star Museum Active Duty Military Get Free Admission Memorial Day Thru Labor Day

**Atlanta, GA.** – The Jimmy Carter Presidential Museum is one of more than 1,500 museums across America to offer free admission to military personnel and their families this summer in collaboration with the National Endowment of the Arts, Blue Star Families, and the Department of Defense.

The program runs from Memorial Day, May 28, 2012 through Labor Day, September 3, 2012. The free admission program is available to active-duty military and their family members (military ID holder and up to five family members). Active duty military include Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, and active duty National Guard and active duty Reserve members. To find out which museums are participating, visit <u>www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums</u>.

"We are pleased to participate in Blue Star Museums again this year," Carter Library Director Jay Hakes said. "As a former Commander in Chief and Navy officer, President Carter is a strong supporter of the military, as is Mrs. Carter. We hope active duty military families will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity not only to see our museum, but other participating museums as well."

This year's Blue Star Museums represent not just fine arts museums, but also science museums, history museums, nature centers, and 70 children's museums. Among this year's new participants are the American Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar in Richmond, Virginia, the New Mexico Museum of Space History in Alamogordo, NM, the Cleveland Botanical Garden in Cleveland, Ohio, the Children's Creativity Museum in San Francisco, California, the Menil Collection in Houston, Texas, and the World Figure Skating Museum & Hall of Fame in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

"Through Blue Star Museums, the arts community is extending a special invitation to military families to enjoy over 1,500 museums this summer," said NEA Chairman Rocco Landesman. "This is both an opportunity to thank military families for their service and sacrifice, as well as a chance to create connections between museums and these families that will continue throughout the year. Especially for families with limited time together, those on a limited budget, and ones that have to relocate frequently, Blue Star Museums offers an opportunity to enjoy one another and become more fully integrated into a community."

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