



## Hours

Open year-round  
Sunday through Thursday  
10 am to 3 pm  
Closed on Federal Holidays  
**FREE ADMISSION**

## Directions

Watervliet Arsenal Museum is located in Watervliet, NY, alongside the Hudson River, across from Troy, and six miles north of Albany, New York's capital.

- Take I-787 (north or south) to Exit 8.
- Follow Route 32 south (Broadway).
- There are directional signs on poles.
- You will go right past the Main Gate.
- One more right turn and you are at the South Gate.
- Stop and register with the guards.



## Watervliet Arsenal Museum

1 Buffington Street  
Watervliet, NY 12189-4000  
(518) 266.5805 or (518) 266.4772

Reservations are recommended for group tours and archival research.



# Watervliet Arsenal Museum



155mm M2 Cannon "Long Tom"

### Make Sure to Bring:

- Your camera to capture the many indoor photo opportunities
- Photo ID (Drivers License or Passport) for all adults to show the guards at the gate

War of 1812 — Mexican American War — Spanish-American War — World War I — World War II —  
Korean War — Vietnam War — Persian Gulf War — Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom

Museum Highlights



- Cannon from it's earliest beginnings to the present day
- A functional recreation of an early 20th century machine shop
- Examples of cannon manufacturing process
- A "Bunker Buster" manufactured during Operation Desert Storm in 1991
- The inside of a Self-Propelled Howitzer

History of the Watervliet Arsenal

The nation's oldest continuously operating arsenal, the Watervliet Arsenal, was founded on July 14, 1813. The Arsenal provided powder horns, cartridge boxes, and other equipment needed during the War of 1812. Throughout the Civil War, it manufactured gun carriages, saddles, knapsacks, shot, and shells.

In 1887, the Arsenal was designated as America's "cannon factory". Since then, it has produced the artillery needed for America's Armed Forces.

Housed in the old iron building, the Museum continues to collect and preserve the weapons used both during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Afghanistan War.



Today's Arsenal



Although the Arsenal manufactures such items as mortar systems, tank cooling kits, and gun protection kits, its core mission remains the manufacturing of cannons.



In addition to the core mission of manufacturing large caliber tubes for tank and artillery systems, the Arsenal's growth industry for several years has been in mortar production.



Marines fire a lightweight 155mm towed howitzer in Kuwait prior to their deployment into Iraq in 2009.