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BURLESQUE HALL OF FAME TO PARTICIPATE IN BLUE STAR MUSEUMS
Museum offering free admission to active military and their family members this summer

[Las Vegas, NV – May 9, 2019] The Burlesque Hall of Fame will join museums nationwide in participating in the tenth summer of Blue Star Museums, a program which provides free admission to our nation’s active-duty military personnel and their families this summer. The 2019 program will begin Saturday, May 18, 2019, Armed Forces Day, and end on Monday, September 2, 2019, Labor Day. More information about Blue Star Museums and a list of participating museums can be found at arts.gov/bluestarmuseums.

Blue Star Museums is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in collaboration with Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and more than 2,000 museums nationwide. First Lady of the United States Melania Trump and Second Lady of the United States Karen Pence are honorary co-chairs of Blue Star Museums 2019.



“The burlesque world has always had a special relationship with the US military,” says Executive Director Dustin M. Wax. “Burlesque performers like Gypsy Rose Lee, Ann Corio, Mae West, and Sherry Britton travelled the world with the USO, posed for pinups, led book drives for overseas service members, and of course entertained troops in theaters and clubs around the country. We are proud to continue that special relationship and to share that history with today’s generation of men and women serving in the armed forces.”

“The Defense Department congratulates Blue Star Families and the National Endowment for the Arts on reaching an incredible milestone: ten years of service to the military community through Blue Star Museums,” said A.T. Johnston, deputy assistant secretary of defense for Military Community and Family Policy. “We offer our sincere gratitude to the more than 2,000 museums across the country who open their doors through this wonderful program. Your patriotism and generosity have enriched the lives and experiences of our military families.”

The free admission program is available for those currently serving in the United States Military—Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard as well as members of the Reserves, National Guard, U.S. Public Health Commissioned Corps, NOAA Commissioned Corps, and up to five family members. Qualified members must show a Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), DD Form 1173 ID card (dependent ID), or a DD Form 1173-1 ID card for entrance into a participating Blue Star Museum.

The Burlesque Hall of Fame is located at 1027 S Main St, #110, Las Vegas, NV 89101. We are open Tuesday – Saturday, 10am-6pm, and Sunday 12pm-4pm. Admission \$15 (\$12 with Nevada ID; \$10 for students, military, and seniors). Due to the adult nature of the topics we cover, minors must be accompanied by a legal guardian. For further information, please contact the museum at press@burlesquehall.com or call (888) 661-6465 during open hours.

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The Burlesque Hall of Fame and the world's only museum dedicated to preserving, celebrating and inspiring the art of burlesque. BHoF is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The Burlesque Hall of Fame is a member of the Nevada Museums Association, Western Museums Association, American Alliance of Museums, and the American Association of State and Local History.

BHoF is featured as a top Las Vegas destination:

- *Best of Las Vegas 2018 - Best Museum (Bronze), Las Vegas Review-Journal*
- *Time Out Magazine "Best Museums in Las Vegas" (2017)*