Welcome to the Jacksonville Museum of Military History

Local men and women – both civilians and military – have made important contributions to the defense of our country since the 1700s. Our exhibits explore significant war and home front activities, including the historic Civil War Battle of Reed's Bridge, both World Wars, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the 308th Titan II Missile Era and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Each display will help you better understand how the conflicts affected not only the world, but the local area as well.

No flash photography is allowed.

Mission Statement

Our goal is to educate the public and foster an appreciation for the sacrifices made by local men and women defending our country, both on and off the battlefield. Just as important is our mission to preserve artifacts for future generations' enjoyment and enlightenment.



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Battle of Reed's Bridge (Civil War)

Relive one of Arkansas' last stands before the Union Army captured Little Rock. In this exhibit, you'll see actual weapons used in the Battle of Reed's Bridge, including guns, bullets, shrapnel, cannonballs and more. New artifacts are still being discovered, so you never know what you'll find.

Once you hear the stories and see the artifacts of Reed's Bridge in the museum, be sure to travel five minutes down the road to visit the actual battleground.

Arkansas Ordnance Plant (WWII)

The Arkansas Ordnance Plant is one of the most influential chapters in Jacksonville's military history. It was the largest producer of detonators and relays for artillery shells during World War II.

Our exhibit features stories about local men and women and their war efforts on the home front, including those who worked at the plant. There's also a rotating gallery of 350 original WWII posters. Be sure to check back regularly to see which ones are on display.

Little Rock Air Force Base

Thanks in large part to the Arkansas Ordnance Plant, the Little Rock Air Force Base calls Jacksonville home. Since its completion, the base has become the worldwide training center for all C-130s. Inside the museum, children can explore the cockpit of a virtual C-130 with the same software used to train pilots. Plus, they can experience the simulated launch of a Titan II, the largest missile ever deployed.

Current Conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan

In this constantly evolving exhibit, you'll see Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom up close with life-size models of desert outposts. Experience history while it's happening.

Programs and Special Events

The Jacksonville Museum of Military History hosts a monthly War Stories Lecture Series at the museum. Check our website for topics and times. We also offer various outreach educational programs for schools, churches and other civic groups. Call the museum at 501-241-1943 to schedule a program for your organization.

Facilities

Our gift shop, located near the museum entrance, offers a unique selection of military souvenirs, armed forces paraphernalia, t-shirts, children's books and toys.

Rental facilities are available for business meetings, reunions, military retirement parties, welcome home receptions and holiday parties. Contact the museum for rental rates and scheduling.

Open strictly to historical researchers and historians, our on-site research library contains books, documents and records from the American Revolution to the present.

Museum Hours

Monday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Closed Sundays and most major holidays

Admission

Adults \$3
Senior Citizens: \$2
Military: \$2
Students (18 and under) \$1
Children 5 and under get in free

All areas are handicap accessible.

Because we are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, most of our funding comes from donations. You can help support us by signing up for one of our various membership levels. See our website for more details.

