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National WWI Museum and Memorial announces Local Discount for Summer 2025

Residents in a six-county radius will receive a \$10 all-access ticket from June 1-Sept. 1.

KANSAS CITY, MO. – The National WWI Museum and Memorial announced a new summer special exclusively for locals. From June 1 - Sept. 1, 2025, local residents in the six counties surrounding Kansas City can save on admission with a <u>special \$10 ticket</u> and discover everything that's changed in the Museum and Memorial since the start of the Gallery Refresh project.

The Gallery Refresh concluded on Memorial Day weekend with the completion of <u>Encounters</u>, a multimedia presentation where guests come face-to-face with 16 individuals and their real stories crafted from diaries, letters and photos. Other projects over the three-year journey to reinvigorate the Museum and Memorial, include the new Lower Level and <u>Open Storage Center</u> and updates to the Main Gallery, like 14 new interactive screens, three new films, new lighting and special effects, updated <u>trenches</u>, an authentic replica <u>field hospital</u> and much more. Additionally, the exterior grounds and buildings have undergone extensive cleaning and preservation work (including replacing over 520,000 pounds of limestone) to maintain this national museum and memorial for generations to come.

"Kansas Citians have been stewarding the Museum and Memorial for almost 100 years and should be first in line to see the extensive upgrades that their support has made possible," said Matthew Naylor, President and CEO of the National WWI Museum and Memorial.

The \$10 all-access ticket is available for residents of Johnson, Wyandotte and Leavenworth counties in Kansas and Jackson, Clay and Platte counties in Missouri. Residents must present proof of residency with valid ID: one ticket per ID with the exception of children and youth. This offer is available in-person at the Ticketing Counter only.

Media interested in visiting should reach out to Karis Erwin, Vice President of Marketing and Guest Services, at <u>kerwin@theworldwar.org</u> or 816.888.8122.

About the National WWI Museum and Memorial

The National WWI Museum and Memorial is America's leading institution dedicated to remembering, interpreting and understanding the Great War and its enduring impact on the global community. The

Museum and Memorial holds the most comprehensive collection of World War I objects and documents in the world and is the second-oldest public museum dedicated to preserving the objects, history and experiences of the war. The Museum and Memorial takes visitors of all ages on an epic journey through a transformative period and shares deeply personal stories of courage, honor, patriotism and sacrifice. Designated by Congress as America's official World War I Museum and Memorial and located in downtown Kansas City, Mo., the National WWI Museum and Memorial inspires thought, dialogue and learning to make the experiences of the Great War era meaningful and relevant for present and future generations. To learn more, visit <u>theworldwar.org</u>.

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