



NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE US AIR FORCE™



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The National Museum of the United States Air Force is the oldest and largest military aviation museum in the world and is located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, near Dayton, Ohio.

Museum Mission

The Museum collects, researches, conserves, interprets and presents the Air Force's history, heritage and traditions, as well as today's mission to fly, fight and win in air, space and cyberspace to a global audience through engaging exhibits, educational outreach, special programs, and the stewardship of the national historic collection. These statutory duties delegated by the Secretary of the Air Force are accomplished on behalf of the American people.

Exhibits/Galleries

The Museum's galleries present military aviation history, boasting more than 360 aerospace vehicles and missiles on display -- many rare and one-of-a-kind -- along with thousands of historical items and powerful sensory exhibits that bring history to life and connect the Wright brothers' legacy with today's stealth and precision technology. A list of the galleries and exhibits is shown below.

Early Years Gallery
WWII Gallery
Korean War Gallery
SEA War Gallery
Cold War Gallery
Missile Gallery

Space Gallery
R&D Gallery
Global Reach Gallery
Presidential Gallery
Air Park
Memorial Garden

Handicapped Access

The facility offers exterior access ramps. The majority of museum exhibits are located on the ground floor, and access to the cafe and Air Force Museum Theatre is provided via elevators. Closed captioning is available on museum audiovisual exhibits.

Note: The museum's floor is concrete, and visitors are advised to wear comfortable shoes. Chairs and benches are located throughout the museum galleries.

Wheelchair and Motorized Cart Availability

There is a limited supply of wheelchairs and motorized carts available free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis (weight limit is 350 pounds). Because our group is arriving early for a special look-in at the B-24 on exhibit, we should have first chance for the chairs and carts. If desired, you can bring your own wheelchair.

Special Needs Programs

The museum offers several programs designed specifically for special needs visitors, including touch tours and guided tours for the hearing impaired. Arrangements must be made at least three weeks in advance: Call the museum's Education Division at (937) 255-4666, (937) 255-4652 or (937) 255-4646.

Touch tours are offered for blind or visually impaired students and adults of all ages. Participants will be allowed to touch, while wearing white museum gloves, a number of aircraft on exhibit.

Aids for the Hearing Impaired

Amplified neckloop headsets are available at the information desk for visitors using T-Coil Hearing Aids. Note: You must have a telecoil hearing aid to use the neckloop system, and you must switch your hearing aid to the "T" setting when using the system.

Photography

Individuals are permitted to take their own photographs or videos while they are at the museum.

The Museum is not accepting requests for professional photography or filming until further notice.

Tips for taking photographs at the museum

The museum's theatrical lighting may pose a challenge to some photographers. Here are a few hints that may help:

- 1) Bring a tripod, if possible.
- 2) Turn off the flash on your camera, especially if you're taking pictures of artifacts behind Plexiglass.
- 3) If you are buying a disposable camera, choose one with 800 ASA or higher film.
- 4) The Early Years, World War II and Cold War Galleries are lit mostly with incandescent lighting.
- 5) The Korean War and Southeast Asia War Galleries use mercury vapor lighting, so visitors with digital cameras should adjust the white balance for fluorescent lights. Film users may want to try Tungsten film or an 80-b filter.

The lighting seems brighter in the fourth building than the rest of the museum. Why is there such a difference? The museum's exhibit lighting is made up of three major subsets: theatrical overhead lighting, artifact case lighting and wall lights for illumination of exhibit text panels. Previously the museum relied on lighting fixtures that gave off ultraviolet radiation and were harmful to many of the artifacts. Therefore, the Museum began looking for lighting alternatives that would preserve the museum's collection, adequately light their artifacts and provide energy savings. LED technology was identified as the best solution, and they began using LED lighting in all new exhibits.

The fourth building features 100 percent LED lighting and they plan to convert all of their exhibit lighting to LED technology as funding and manpower allow.

Food Options at the National Museum of the Air Force

Valkyrie Café



Named after the legendary XB-70, the Valkyrie Café is located on second floor above the far end of the Air Force Museum Store.

Walk through the Air Force Museum Store and use the stair well directly in front of you (behind the uniform display) or the elevator to the right.

Valkyrie Café Hours: 7 days a week: 10:00am - 4:30pm

Refueling Café

Located on the mezzanine between the Cold War Gallery and the fourth building. We offer quick snacks, salads, wraps, drinks and our three new **Signature Dogs**. 100% beef, 1/4 pound hot dogs nestled in a warm pretzel bun and topped with either gooey mac and cheese (the *MAC - Military Airlift Command - Dog*), creamy cole slaw (the *Col Cole Slaw Dog*) or meaty chili with cheese, peppers and onions (the *Afterburner Dog*).

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CAFE MENU

Sandwiches

Hamburger	\$3.75
Cheeseburger	\$4.00
Cold Wraps	\$4.85
Hot Dog	\$2.70
Coney Dog	\$3.05
Grilled Cheese	\$1.45
Grilled Chicken Sandwich	\$5.30
Chicken Tenders	\$4.55
Pulled Pork Sandwich	\$4.95

Pizza & Sides

Cheese Pizza	\$4.00
Pepperoni Pizza	\$5.20
French Fries	\$1.90
Nachos with Cheese	\$2.00

Snacks

Assorted Chips	\$1.15
Hummus	\$4.00
Assorted Candy Bars	\$1.50
Cakes/Pies	\$2.65
Yogurts	\$2.10
Grandma Cookies	\$0.80
Ice Cream Cups	\$1.35
Jello/Pudding Cups	\$1.20
Small Snack Items	\$1.30
Novelty Ice Cream	\$2.00
Fruit Cup	\$1.70
Cracker Jacks	\$3.50

Soup & Salad

Soup/Chili	\$2.95
Garden Salad	\$3.25
Chicken Tender/Chef Salad	\$6.00

Beverages

16oz. Cup	\$1.40
Naked Juice	\$4.00
Bottled Soda	\$2.50
Gatorade	\$2.80
Orange/Apple Juice	\$2.50
Bottled Water	\$2.00
Starbucks	\$3.75
Milk/Chocolate Milk	\$2.00

Breakfast

Assorted Muffins	\$2.70
Assorted Danish	\$2.00
Oatmeal	\$2.25