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**INDEPENDENCE DAY AT THE NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF HISTORY**

*Fun, free and open all weekend*

**July 2, 2019 (RALEIGH, N.C.)** — Looking for Independence Day festivities? Round up your pals and join us at the museum for July 4! Galleries are open all day with an array of fascinating, and free, hands-on exhibits.

Start your celebration with two small lobby cases of patriotic interest that are closing soon: [North Carolina's original copy of the Bill of Rights](#), on display through Sunday, July 7, and [Remembering D-Day, 75 Years Later](#), open through Sunday, July 14.

Then, enjoy our latest exhibits, each one examining different aspects of freedom: [QuiltSpeak: Uncovering Women's Voices Through Quilts](#), [One Giant Leap: North Carolina and the Space Race](#) and [Freedom! A Promise Disrupted: North Carolina, 1862–1901](#). And, of course, you can wander the permanent exhibits, the [North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame](#) and [The Story of North Carolina](#), for more thoughts on freedom's gifts.

In addition, we are honored to continue our affiliation with the Blue Star Museum program, which offers active and retired military personnel (with ID) [discounted memberships](#), along with a **10 percent discount** in the Museum Shop (**20 percent on July 4, only**). Sign up for the [museum e-newsletter](#) or follow our social media outlets for other information.

*Please note that Summer Storytime will NOT take place on Thursday, July 4.*

**For information about the NC Museum of History**, a Smithsonian Affiliate museum, call 919-814-7000 or access [ncmuseumofhistory.org](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org) or follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), or [YouTube](#).

**About the NC Museum of History**

The North Carolina Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate, is located at 5 E. Edenton Street in downtown Raleigh. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. The museum collects and preserves artifacts of North Carolina history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. Each year more than 400,000 people visit the museum to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

### **About the Smithsonian Affiliations Network**

Since 2006, the North Carolina Museum of History has been a Smithsonian Affiliate, part of a select group of museums, cultural, educational, and arts organizations that share Smithsonian resources with the nation. The Smithsonian Affiliations network is a national outreach program that develops long-term collaborative partnerships with museums, educational, and cultural organizations to enrich communities with Smithsonian resources. More information is available at [affiliations.si.edu](http://affiliations.si.edu).

### **About the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources**

The North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR) is the state agency with a vision to be the leader in using the state's natural and cultural resources to build the social, cultural, educational, and economic future of North Carolina. NCDNCR's mission is to improve the quality of life in our state by creating opportunities to experience excellence in the arts, history, libraries, and natural assets in North Carolina by stimulating learning, inspiring creativity, preserving the state's history, conserving the state's natural heritage, encouraging recreation and cultural tourism, and promoting economic development.

NCDNCR includes 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, two science museums, three aquariums, and Jennette's Pier, as well as 39 state parks and recreation areas, the North Carolina Zoo, the nation's first state-supported symphonic orchestra, the State Library of North Carolina, the State Archives of North Carolina, the North Carolina Arts Council, the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office and the North Carolina Office of State Archaeology, along with the state Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, call 919-814-6800 or visit [DNCR.nc.gov](http://DNCR.nc.gov).

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