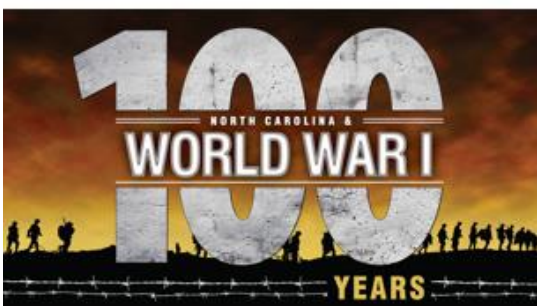


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MEMORIAL DAY AT THE NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF HISTORY
New exhibit opening; Two popular exhibits open through May 27



May 14, 2019 (RALEIGH, N.C.) — Where will *you* be for Memorial Day? Get your kids off that couch and into the museum! Galleries are open all weekend with an array of fascinating, and **free**, hands-on exhibits.

Check out our newest military exhibit, [*Remembering D-Day, 75 Years Later*](#). Open May 24 through July 12, this small lobby case exhibit explores North Carolina's role in the D-Day attacks of June 6, 1944—the largest amphibious landing in military history, supported by one of the largest airborne operations—that ultimately led to Germany's surrender and brought a close to WWII. Visitors can see images, uniforms, maps, and other personal items belonging to the brave soldiers who helped defeat the Nazis and ensure global freedom 75 years ago.

While you're here, make sure to visit two of our most popular exhibits that close for good at 5 p.m. On May 27: [*North Carolina and World War I*](#) and [*The North Carolina Roots of Artist Ernie Barnes*](#).

Don't miss your last chance to see our record-breaking, award-winning [*North Carolina and World War I*](#) exhibit. Extended due to popular demand and closing for good on Monday, May 27, This long-running exhibition has commemorated the centennial of US entry into "the war to end all wars." Its focus on the western front in France and Belgium enabled the museum to tell part of the story of North Carolinians and Europeans who took part in the conflict with hundreds of artifacts and period photographs, a re-created trench environment, historical film footage, educational interactive components, and video reenactments. Major supporters of *North Carolina and World War I* are the NC Museum of History Foundation and MOHA, the Museum of History Associates.

[*The North Carolina Roots of Artist Ernie Barnes*](#), a colorful and amazing exhibition of artwork and football memorabilia, also closes at the day's end. Do not miss your chance to become familiar with this Durham native. Come and see these amazing paintings for yourself before they are gone!

Memorial Day weekend also kicks off the museum's annual association with [**Blue Star Museums**](#). As a member of this national collaboration (which runs promotions and specials annually from Memorial Day through Labor Day), we offer active and retired military personnel (with ID) discounted memberships, along with an occasional 20 percent discount in the Museum Shop. Sign up for the museum e-newsletter or follow our social media outlets for notifications.

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

About the NC Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate

The NC Museum of History 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 NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

The NC 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 nature 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, 39 state parks and recreation areas, the NC Zoo, the nation's first state-supported Symphony Orchestra, the State Library, the State Archives, the NC Arts Council, State Preservation Office, and the Office of State Archaeology, along with the Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, please call 919-814-6800 or visit www.ncdcr.gov.

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