

LEWIS ARMY MUSEUM

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Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington



FREE ADMISSION

Hours: Wednesday – Sunday 10 am to 5 pm
Closed Federal Holidays

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www.fortlewismuseum.com/flm/

Museum Information:
(253) 967-7206

Public Website:
<http://www.lewisarmymuseum.com>

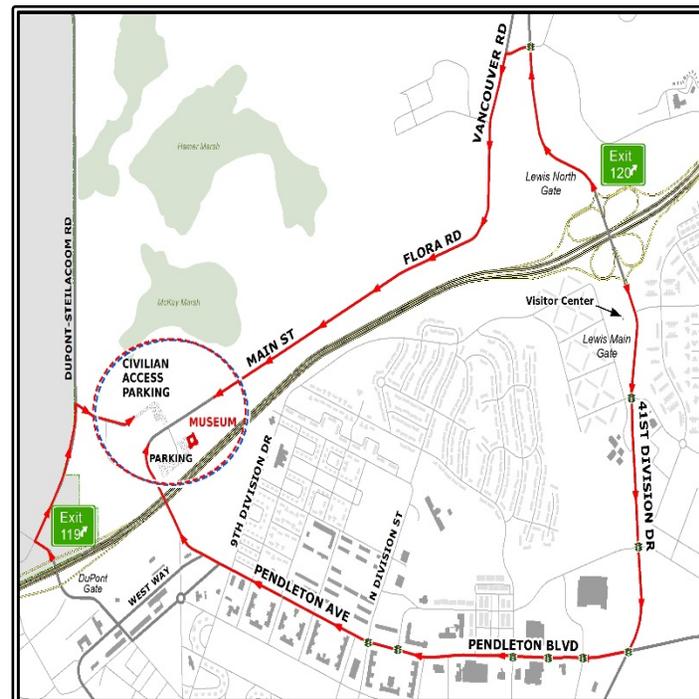
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The Lewis Army Museum is located south of Seattle, between Tacoma and Olympia, off I-5 between Exits 120 and 119.

Visitors without military ID can take I-5 exit 119, turn into DuPont over the railroad tracks, then make a right onto the DuPont-Steilacoom Rd. Then take another right at the Pendleton Ave Access road after the corner shops and proceed up the hill on the left into the fenced parking lot. Once there call the museum desk at 253-967-7206 for access.

Visitors without military ID that need to park closer to the building, must first obtain a Visitor Pass at the Visitor Center off exit 120 by presenting an ID or passport for each person in your vehicle, as well as vehicle insurance and registration.

For additional information on base access control procedures, please visit our website:
www.lewisarmymuseum.com



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The Story of the Red Shield Inn

The Lewis Army Museum on JBLM is fortunate to occupy one of a few existing historic buildings that date back to the establishment of Camp Lewis, during the WWI era. It is the only known structure which remains from the recreational area known as Greene Park.

In 1918, the Salvation Army hired the Pratt and Watson Construction Company of Spokane to build the 150-room Western Stick style Red Shield Inn at a cost of \$107,000 to accommodate the needs of Soldiers and their families serving at Camp Lewis during WWI.

After the draw-down of WWI, the Salvation Army sold the Inn to the U.S. Army for only \$1 on July 1, 1921. It became known as the Camp Lewis Apartments, then shortly afterward, the Camp Lewis Inn. When the Camp became a Fort in 1927, it was renamed the Fort Lewis Inn and continued to serve the needs of the Fort Lewis community for years to come.

In 1972, the Fort Lewis Inn was saved to become home to the Fort Lewis Military Museum, when the new Fort Lewis Lodge was built near the Lewis Main Headquarters. In 1979, the building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places, therefore preserving a historically significant post landmark. With the merger of Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) in 2010, the Museum continues to serve in its role as an Army Museum.

The Lewis Army Museum is the only certified U.S. Army Museum on the West Coast. It is an irreplaceable link to the base's proud and historic past and will continue to preserve the heritage of the Army in the Pacific Northwest.





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The Lewis Army Museum collects, preserves, displays and interprets artifacts relevant to the history of Camp Lewis, Fort Lewis, the Army component of Joint Base Lewis-McChord, and the units which have served here. The Museum also explores the role that the U.S. Army played in the development and defense of the Pacific Northwest.

The Museum features an outstanding collection of uniforms, weapons, military art and memorabilia associated with the United States Army.

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Our Galleries: The Army in the Pacific Northwest, the Lewis Gallery, Hall of Valor and rotating exhibits.

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The Vehicle Park displays Army Tanks, Artillery, Missiles, Jeeps, Trucks, and associated equipment.

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