

Iowa Gold Star Museum

❖ Established in 1985 ❖



Let your patriotism soar when you enter the Iowa Gold Star Museum, located on an active Iowa National Guard post. Experience the pride of our great nation, from the soaring size of aircraft and tanks to the personal and profound artifacts of faithful Iowans who served in both war and peace. Iowa's military heritage began before the Civil War and continues today as Iowa troops are deployed around the world to maintain peace. The museum is recognized by the U.S. Army Center for Military History. 🇺🇸

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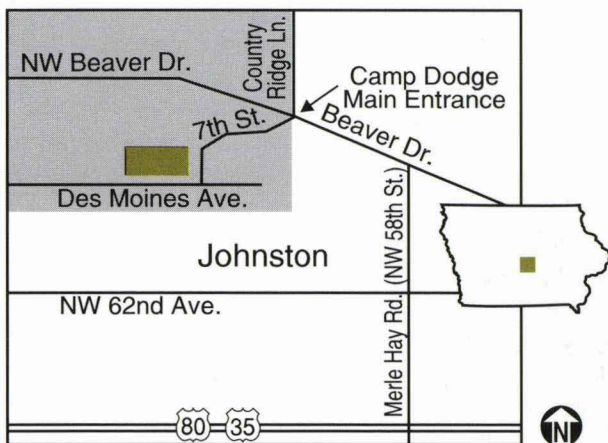
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Camp Dodge,
Johnston, Iowa

The Iowa Gold Star Museum honors Iowa's military men and women as well as those who've served in the Iowa State Patrol. You can see the memorabilia from all wars in which Iowa sent troops and learn the history of the Iowa Army and Air National Guard as well as the 34th Infantry Division. The concept of service rings out as you witness the items from seven conflicts in various galleries and the Prisoner Of War room. While here, also investigate the outdoor displays of military vehicles and the research library.

Learn about Iowans' contributions to their state and to their nation as you view artifacts such as uniforms, flags, trench art, medals and insignia, scale models, howitzers and cannons, a rebuilt Jeep, a jet engine, antitank weapons and a UH-1 "Huey" helicopter.

Located just minutes north of Des Moines, you will find a full range of cultural attractions, lodging and restaurants.



Iowa Gold Star Museum — Located 4 miles north of Interstate 35-80 at exit 131, Johnston.

Hours: Open 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tues.-Fri. year round, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 pm, first & third Saturdays of the month, May through Sept. Closed state and federal holidays. Research library open 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays. Free Admission.

Address: For more information or to schedule a group tour, contact the Iowa Gold Star Museum, Camp Dodge, 7700 NW Beaver Drive, Johnston, Iowa 50131-1902. Call (515) 252-4531.



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