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OBERLIN HERITAGE CENTER PARTICIPATES IN BLUE STAR MUSEUM PROGRAM

Oberlin Heritage Center one of more than 2,000 museums to offer free admission to military personnel and their families this summer

The Oberlin Heritage Center has partnered with the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, and more than 2,000 museums across America to offer free admission to all active duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2014. Guided tours of the Monroe House (1866), the Jewett House (1884) and the Little Red Schoolhouse (1836) are offered every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., or at other times by appointment. Walk-ins are welcome, although larger parties are requested to make a reservation (by calling (440) 774-1700 or sending an e-mail to tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org).

“The Oberlin Heritage Center is pleased to take part in this initiative from the National Endowment for the Arts,” said Patricia Murphy, the Heritage Center’s Executive Director. “Oberlin’s nationally significant history is filled with powerful stories where everyday people have done extraordinary things ever since the college and town were founded in 1833. This recurring theme is likely a message that many military families will appreciate and find uplifting as they experience a challenging time in their own lives.”

This year, museums in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and American Samoa are taking part in the initiative, which includes fine arts museums, science museums, history museums, nature centers, and dozens of children’s museums. Some museums, such as the Oberlin Heritage Center, offer free admission year-round to active duty military and their family members. For a complete list of participating museums, visit www.arts.gov/national/blue-star-museums.

The Oberlin Heritage Center is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and is widely recognized as a model small museum, historical society and historic preservation organization. In addition to guided tours, the Heritage Center offers educational programs and special events both at its complex of historic sites and throughout the community, often in collaboration with other organizations. Its on-site tour is family-friendly and accommodates up to 15 people on a guided 75-minute visit of three beautifully preserved historic buildings that serve as backdrop for engaging stories of people and events from Oberlin’s first century (1833-1933). For more, visit www.oberlinheritagecenter.org.

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