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FOR MEMORIAL DAY: A THANK YOU TO MILITARY FAMILIES Alaska State Museum and Sheldon Jackson Museum to Offer Free Admission to Military Personnel and Families

JUNEAU – This summer, the Alaska State Museums (Alaska State Museum in Juneau and the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka) are two of more 1500 museums across America—including eight in Alaska—to offer free admission for all active duty military personnel and their families (military ID holder and up to five family members). “Blue Star Museums” is collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and museums throughout the United States. Active duty military include Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, and active duty National Guard and active duty Reserve members. For a complete list of participating museums, visit www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums.

The program begins the day after Memorial Day (Tuesday, May 29, 2012) and runs until Labor Day (through Sunday, September 2, 2012). Now in its third year, both the Alaska State Museum and Sheldon Jackson Museum have participated in Blue Star Museums since its inception.

“Not only is it an opportunity for the Museum—and, by extension, the state of Alaska—to thank military families for their service and sacrifice,” said ASM Chief Curator Robert Banghart. “But it also fits with this summer’s exhibit about World War II in the Aleutian Islands, beginning, as it does, on Memorial Day.”

Summer hours at the Alaska State Museum are 8:30 to 5:30 daily. Summer admission is \$7 with a \$1 discount for seniors. Visitors 18 and under are admitted free of charge. An annual pass that allows unlimited visits to the Alaska State Museum and the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka is available for \$15. Assistance is available for visitors with special needs. Please contact Visitor Services at 465-2901 before the visit.

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