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SHELDON JACKSON MUSEUM

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

SITKA – This summer, the Alaska State Museums (the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka and the Alaska State Museum in Juneau) 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 Sheldon Jackson Museum and the Alaska State Museum have participated in Blue Star Museums since its inception.

“This is 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.

Summer hours at the Sheldon Jackson Museum are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Summer admission is \$5 with a \$1 discount for seniors. Visitors 18 and under are admitted free of charge. An annual pass that allows unlimited visits to the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka and the Alaska State Museum in Juneau 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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