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Free Money Museum Admission for Active Military & Families

Blue Star Museum program starts May 18

Active-duty military personnel and their families, including National Guard and Reserve can visit the Money Museum in Colorado Springs free of charge. Operated by the nonprofit American Numismatic Association, the Money Museum is designated as a "Blue Star Museum." The Blue Star Museum Program is a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and museums across America.

Free admission through the Blue Star Program starts on Tuesday, May 18, and ends on Labor Day – Monday, September 6. *In order to receive the free museum admission rate, military members and their family must present their valid military ID at the front desk.*

Located at 818 N. Cascade Avenue directly adjacent to the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College, the Money Museum is America's largest museum dedicated to numismatics. The museum explores art, history, science and much more through coins, tokens, medals, paper money and other related items.

Current museum hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Regular admission is \$8 (\$6 for seniors and students). Kids 12 and under are always free. For more information, call (719) 632-2646 or visit money.org/money-museum.

Three main exhibits are on display at the museum:

- **Money of Empire: Elizabeth to Elizabeth** – This exhibit uses money and medals to illustrate the development of the British Empire from its beginnings under Elizabeth I (1558-1603) to the present day.
- **Harry W. Bass Jr. Gallery** – One of the most complete U.S. gold coin collections ever assembled, including many one-of-a-kind specimens. Of paramount importance in the collection is a set of virtually all known die varieties of early (1795-1834) U.S. gold coin denominations, in the finest condition.
- **History of Money** – Money has been evolving for the last 10,000 years. This exhibit displays those changes for all types of money – coins, tokens, paper money, emergency notes and more.

"With a strong military presence in our community, we are pleased to offer active military and their families the opportunity to visit our museum and learn about history through numismatics," said Money Museum Curator Douglas Mudd.

The Money Museum is operated by the nonprofit American Numismatic Association, which is dedicated to encouraging the study and collection of coins and related items. The ANA helps its 28,000-plus members and the public discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of educational programs including its museum, library, publications, conventions and webinars. For more information, call (719) 632-2646 or visit money.org.