



OREGON MILITARY MUSEUM



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Renovating the Oregon Military Museum

The Oregon Military Museum is **temporarily closed to the public for renovation**. The 2005-2011 Base Realignment (BRAC) process at Camp Withycombe gives the Museum a unique opportunity to expand and deepen its interpretive scope. Exciting plans are underway to reopen the Museum, which will honor the service, commitment, and history made by Oregon's service men and women.



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Oregon Military Museum Site Plan
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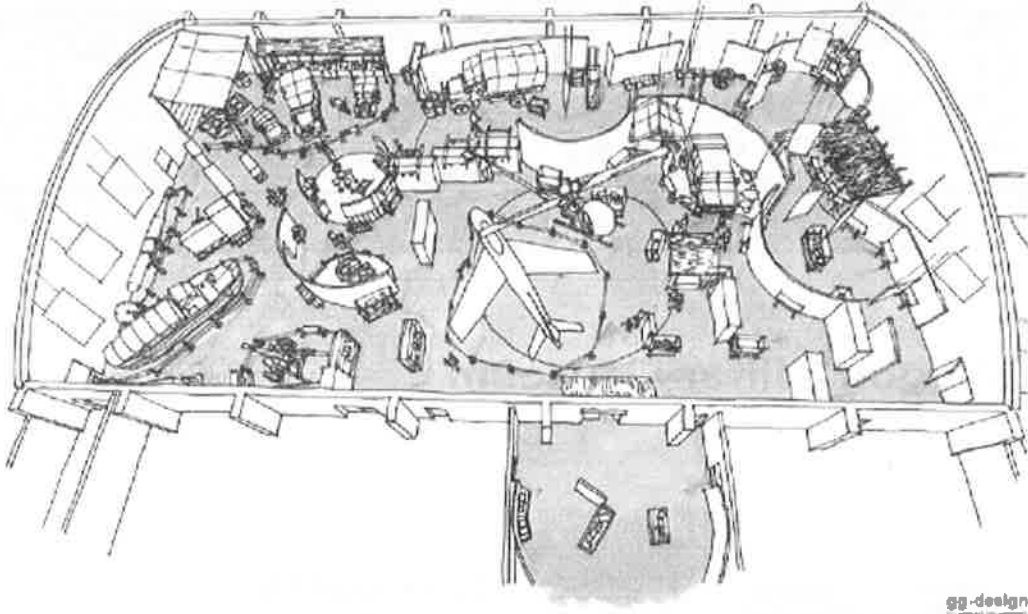


THA PLACE studios

Pathfinding: Future Plans for the Museum

Since 2009 the Museum's contents and artifacts have been stored in the Clackamas Armory, and the Oregon Military Museum has been closed to the public. The Museum will transform into a venue of high-quality visitor learning experiences. Expanded areas for education, administrative, and research functions will provide long-term benefits for the Museum and its audiences. To learn more about the project's status please visit the news

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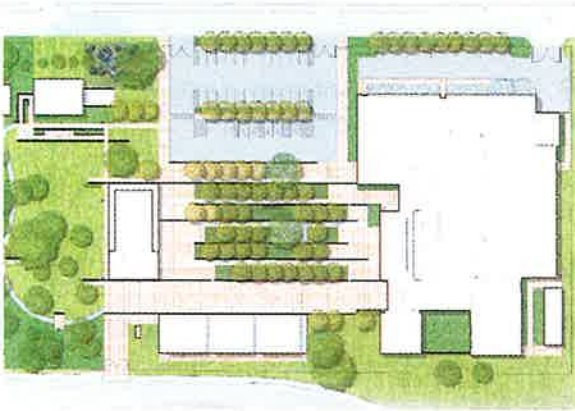


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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Oregon Military Museum's multi-million dollar capital campaign will renovate three key areas within the multi-acre site on Camp Withycombe: the Park, the Plaza, and the main Museum building.



The Museum's transformation into a regionally significant, state-of-the-art Museum will dramatically increase its ability and capacity to serve the people of Oregon, the Pacific Northwest, and beyond.

- ✦ The space for professionally designed and dynamic educational exhibits will quadruple.
- ✦ Improvements will allow for expanded public hours to welcome greater numbers of visitors.
- ✦ A new displayable weapons area will securely house one of the largest military firearms and artillery collections west of the Mississippi.
- ✦ Artifacts will be preserved with modernized building systems such as climate control and fire suppression.
- ✦ The Library and Archives will be centrally located to significantly improve accessibility.
- ✦ Educational opportunities and events for people of all ages will be offered.
- ✦ The Museum's ability to serve the public well into the future will be ensured.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Brigadier General James B. Thayer Oregon Military Museum's mission is:

- To inspire and educate visitors about Oregon's military heritage and legacy to include the National Guard, the state's early militia, and all branches of the Armed Forces.
- To meet its professional stewardship obligations for the historical artifacts and archives entrusted to its care.

BE A PART OF HISTORY

THE OREGON MILITARY MUSEUM GREATLY APPRECIATES ALL FINANCIAL GIFTS, REGARDLESS OF THE AMOUNT. YOUR SUPPORT HELPS US REACH OUR GOALS!

The Oregon Military Museum Project (OMMP) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization supporting the fundraising efforts for the Oregon Military Museum.

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY & SUPPORT!**



Brigadier General James B. Thayer OREGON MILITARY MUSEUM

HONORING OREGON'S ARMED FORCES

"We are honored to be part of this extraordinary effort to preserve the history of the thousands of Oregon veterans who have served their state and nation so valiantly. The men and women who made Oregon's military history deserve a special place for future generations to come and learn about their sacrifices and triumphs."

-Victor Atiyeh, Governor of Oregon (1979-1987)

-Theodore Kulongoski, Governor of Oregon (2003-2011)



Oregon Military Museum Design Concept



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HISTORY OF THE MUSEUM



In 1975, the Oregon Military Department established the Oregon Military Museum as the official state repository for military weapons, documents, and artifacts relating to the military history of the citizens of

Oregon. Its collection of irreplaceable treasures defines Oregon's military legacy and preserves it for future generations.

Until 2009, the Museum was located in several buildings at the Oregon National Guard's Camp Withycombe. As the result of a massive base realignment project, the Museum relocated to the 1954 Clackamas Armory building. The move provides the Museum with unique opportunities to expand operations and better fulfill its mission. It also presents some challenges. Major renovations are required to reconfigure and retrofit the Museum buildings and grounds.



MUSEUM'S NEW NAME In 2012, the Museum was named in honor of Brigadier General James B. Thayer, (ORSDF, Ret.), one of Oregon's finest military and civic leaders. Thayer joined the U.S. Army in 1942, earning the prestigious Silver and Bronze Star medals for his combat service. More than 15,000 Hungarian-Jewish refugees were saved the day his anti-tank mine platoon liberated the Nazi death camp Gunsirchen Lager, near Wels, Austria.

VISITOR EXPERIENCE

THE MUSEUM WILL TRANSFORM INTO A VENUE OF HIGH-QUALITY VISITOR LEARNING EXPERIENCES THAT HONORS THE SERVICE, COMMITMENT, AND HISTORY MADE BY OREGON'S SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN.

Hands-on family activities and educational exhibits will engage visitors intellectually, emotionally, and physically, as they explore and learn that the military is an enduring part of Oregon's past, present, and future.

Visitors will experience a renewed respect for the values associated with military service: duty, honor, selfless service, endurance, and valor. They will gain insight into the meaning of "freedom isn't free." Many will share and express connections to the past, including their own family's history.

THE COLLECTIONS

The Oregon Military Museum has built significant and unique collections that extensively document the role of Oregonians' military contributions to state, national, and world history. From rare weapons to prisoner-of-war relics, mustard gas warnings to flags, from tracked vehicles to ribbon-laden uniforms, the outstanding multi-million dollar collection contains more than 14,500 artifacts. Some are one-of-a-kind and cannot be seen elsewhere. Each artifact tells its own historically significant story. The library collection houses more than 30,000 library volumes and 750 cubic feet of archives dating back to the 1860s.



TRANSFORMATION GOALS

- ★ Become a regionally significant museum with an expanded audience and better defined character.
- ★ Create new educational exhibits and enhance the public's access to meaningful learning experiences.
- ★ Prepare, protect, and preserve military artifacts and library material.
- ★ Enhance visitor experience and visitor services.
- ★ Support historic military research and study.
- ★ Upgrade and modernize building systems.

