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LEGLER BARN MUSEUM & FRISCO TRAIN DEPOT TO PARTICIPATE IN BLUE STAR MUSEUMS

The *Legler Barn Museum & Frisco Train Depot* (Lenexa Historical Society) is one of more than 1,300 museums across America to offer free admission to military personnel and their families this summer.

Lenexa, Kansas May 23, 2011 – Today the *Legler Barn Museum & Frisco Train Depot* has announced its participation in the launch of Blue Star Museums, a partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, and more than 1,300 museums across America to offer free admission to all active duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2011. Leadership support has been provided by MetLife Foundation through Blue Star Families.

In conjunction with this event, the *Legler Barn Museum & Frisco Train Depot* will be host to [Barn Yesterday: Remembering Kansas Barns](#) a traveling exhibit produced by the Kansas Humanities Council.

Kansas barns grew out of the Kansas landscape, culture, and climate. This exhibit explores the development of the Kansas barn from its roots as an agricultural out building to its multiple present-day uses.

Part of the Kansas Interpretive Traveling Exhibits Service. This exhibit traces the lineage of Kansas barn architecture back to the Eastern United States and Europe, and explains how the style of the barn reflects changing technology, including a section on the innovative round barn. The conclusion of the exhibit focuses on the reuse and restoration of many Kansas barns.

Visit or call The *Legler Barn Museum & Frisco Train Depot* for details. [Barn Yesterday: Remembering Kansas Barns](#) will be open for viewing thru the end of June.

The Lenexa Historical Society will also host an educational program on Thursday, May 26th: *Overland Park and Lenexa after the Great War: The 1920's through WWII* By Florent Wagner, President-Overland Park Historical Society.

This program will be held at the Lenexa United Methodist Church located at: 9138 Caenen Lake Road in Lenexa. There will be a Potluck Dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by Program at 7:15 p.m. There is no charge to attend this event. Please check the website for further details.

About Blue Star Museums:

Blue Star Museums run from Memorial Day, May 30, 2011 through to Labor Day, September 5, 2011. The free admission program is available to active-duty military and their immediate family members (military ID holder and five immediate family members). Active duty military include Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, and active duty National Guard and active duty Reserve members. To find a list of participating museums, visit www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums.

This is the latest NEA program to bring quality arts programs to the military, veterans, and their families. Other NEA programs for the military have included Operation Homecoming: Writing the Wartime Experience; Great American Voices Military Base Tour; and Shakespeare in American Communities Military Base Tour.

About the Lenexa Historical Society-Legler Barn Museum & Frisco Train Depot:

The Lenexa Historical Society is a non-profit organization created to promote community involvement and to help preserve the heritage of Lenexa by sponsoring festivals and events. Our main objectives include the collection and preservation of Lenexa's historical artifacts.

About The Kansas Humanities Council:

The Kansas Humanities Council is the only organization in Kansas solely dedicated to promoting the humanities as a public resource for all Kansans.

About the National Endowment for the Arts:

The National Endowment for the Arts was established by Congress in 1965 as an independent agency of the federal government. To date, the NEA has awarded more than \$4 billion to support artistic excellence, creativity, and innovation for the benefit of individuals and communities. The NEA extends its work through partnerships with state arts agencies, local leaders, other federal agencies, and the philanthropic sector. To join the discussion on how art works, visit the NEA at arts.gov.

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