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The Sam Noble Museum and Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art
Offer Free Admission to Active Duty Military and Families
Museums participate in Blue Star Museums program

NORMAN – The Sam Noble Museum and Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art will kickoff this summer season with a collaboration among the National Endowment of the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and more than 1,500 museums across America to offer free admission to all active duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2012.

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.

“We're happy to participate in Blue Star Museums program again this year,” says Sam Noble Museum Director, Dr. Michael Mares. “It’s an opportunity for our museums to connect with our nation's service members and their families and share our exceptional exhibits, programs and events.”

Visit the museums during their summer exhibit season and experience Chinasaurus, huge and exotic dinosaurs from China at the Sam Noble Museum from June 2 through September 16 and exhibitions of animation cels from The Walt Disney Studio, as well as Frankoma Pottery and more at the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art through Sept. 2.

Blue Star Museums runs from Memorial Day, May 28, through Labor Day, Sept. 3. The free admission program is available to active duty military and their immediate family members (military ID holder and five immediate family members). In addition to active duty members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard, the program also targets active duty National Guard and Reserve members.

Leadership support has been provided by MetLife Foundation through Blue Star Families. The complete list of participating museums is available at www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums.

The Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History is located on the OU Norman campus at Timberdell Road and Chautauqua Avenue. Accommodations on the basis of disability are available by calling (405) 325-4712 or at www.snomnh.ou.edu.

The Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art is located at Elm Avenue and Boyd Street. Additional information is available by calling (405) 325-3272 or on the Web at www.ou.edu/fjjma.
Regular admission to both museums is $5 for adults, $4 for seniors 65 and up, and $3 for youth ages 6 to 17. Children ages 5 and under are admitted free.

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