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**The Pearl S. Buck House National Historic Landmark is a 2021 Blue Star Museum
Will Offer Free Admission This Summer to Military Personnel and Their Families**



Pearl S. Buck International is proud to announce that the Pearl S. Buck House National Historic Landmark, the former home of Pulitzer and Nobel Prize-winning author, humanitarian, and social justice activist Pearl S. Buck, will once again be a Blue Star Museum. It will join museums nationwide in the Blue Star Museums initiative, a program that provides free admission this summer to currently serving U.S. military personnel and their families. The 2021 program will begin next week on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 15, 2021, and end on Labor Day, Monday, September 6, 2021. Blue Star Museums is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in collaboration with Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and participating museums nationwide.

“Like the resilience that military families demonstrate time and again, the Pearl S. Buck House and Pearl S. Buck International are examples of resiliency in the arts sector over the past year,” said Ann Eilers, acting chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts. “We are grateful to them for their leadership in strengthening the community through their participation in the Blue Star Museums program this summer.” Blue Star Museums include children’s museums, art, science, and history museums, zoos, gardens, lighthouses, and more, and hail from all 50 states, as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The free admission program is available for those currently serving in the United States Military—Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard as well as members of the Reserves, National Guard, U.S. Public Health Commissioned Corps, NOAA Commissioned Corps, and up to five family members.

The Pearl S. Buck House is open to the public for tours Tuesday–Sunday—the two offerings are the traditional Life & Legacy historic house tour and the interactive and dialogic Taking Action tour about Pearl Buck’s forward-thinking human rights advocacy. During Covid-19 restrictions, tour sizes are limited to 5 people and reservations are encouraged. All appropriate safety and health protocols are being followed to protect the well-being of guests, volunteers, and staff. Masks are required at this time. For tour times, prices, and more information, go to: <https://pearlsbuck.org/takeatour/> or call 215-249-0100.

About the National Endowment for the Arts

Established by Congress in 1965, the National Endowment for the Arts is the independent federal agency whose funding and support gives Americans the opportunity to participate in the arts, exercise their imaginations, and develop their creative capacities. Through partnerships with state arts agencies, local leaders, other federal agencies, and the philanthropic sector, the Arts Endowment supports arts learning, affirms and celebrates America’s rich and diverse cultural heritage, and extends its work to promote equal access to the arts in every community across America.

About Blue Star Families

Blue Star Families is the nation’s largest grass-roots military family support organization, with a mission to support military families to improve military readiness.

Find the list of all participating museums at www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums.

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Pearl S. Buck International® provides opportunities to explore and appreciate other cultures, builds better lives for children around the globe and promotes the legacy of our founder by preserving and interpreting her National Historic Landmark Home.

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