

# TACOMA ART MUSEUM

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## Free Year-Round Tacoma Art Museum Admission for Active Duty Military, Reservists, Veterans, and their Families



Tacoma Art Museum (TAM) has long been part of the Blue Star Museums program, a nationwide initiative which offers free admission into museums across the country for active duty military and up to five family members, from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

As a heartfelt thank you to our service members, TAM is proud to announce that it will expand its offering starting this Veterans Day, November 11. TAM, with the support of over 70 generous members and donors, will now offer year-round free admission to active duty military, reservists, veterans, and their families. We warmly welcome the thousands of service members in our community, and from afar, to TAM.

This Veterans Day, visit TAM to honor our service members and enjoy a day at the museum. Highlights include card making in TAM Studio for visitors to send to deployed military, temporary patriotic tattoos for the kids, and display of a blown glass mixed media sculpture on loan from the Museum of Glass (MOG) until November 29. This artwork was created by participants in MOG's Hot Shop Heroes program (in partnership with the Warrior Transition Battalion at Joint Base Lewis-McChord), which serves soldiers, many of whom are coping with traumatic events and injuries suffered during combat.

Also visit Museum of Glass to see Hot Shop Heroes participants in action, blowing glass poppies for a commissioned Veterans of Foreign War piece. Since 1921, poppies have had historical significance as a flower of remembrance for military personnel lost during war. Admission at MOG will be free to veterans and their families on Veterans Day. In addition, veterans will receive a 50% discount on the fusing glass studio workshop.



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Hot Shop Heroes Team

*The Final Goodbye, 2015.*

Sculpted glass, casings, boots, helmet, and dog tag, 37 x 15 x 15 inches

Collection of Museum of Glass, Tacoma, Washington with special thanks to Ben Dennis

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### **About Tacoma Art Museum**

Celebrating 80 years, Tacoma Art Museum is an anchor in the city's downtown and a gathering space for connecting people through art. TAM's collection contains nearly 5,000 works, with an emphasis on the art and artists of the Northwest and broader western region. The collection includes the largest retrospective museum collection of glass art by Tacoma native Dale Chihuly on continuous view; the most significant museum collection of jewelry by Northwest artists; key holdings in 19th century European and 20th century American art; and one of the finest collections of Japanese woodblock prints on the West Coast. In 2014, TAM welcomed a gift of 295 works of western American art in the Haub Family Collection, one of the premier collections in the nation and the first major western American art museum collection in the Northwest. The Haub gift included \$20 million for new galleries and endowed funds. The Haub Family Galleries opened in 2014. In January 2016, TAM announced the gift of the Benaroya Collection, including 225 works of art. The donation also includes nearly \$14 million in funding for new gallery space to showcase the collection and an endowment for a dedicated curator and care for the collection. The Benaroya wing is expected to open next year.

**HOURS** – Tuesdays–Sundays 10 am–5 pm, Third Thursdays 10 am–8 pm; Third Thursdays free from 5-8 pm.

**ADMISSION** – Adult \$15, Student/Senior (65+) \$13, Family \$40 (2 adults and up to 4 children under 18). Children 5 and under free. Active duty military, reservists, veterans, and their families always free. Members always free.

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