

The Washington National Guard Museum

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Washington National Guard
State Historical Society*



*The museum is located
on historic Camp Murray in the
THE ARSENAL
Built in 1916*

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*Preserving
Washington National Guard History*

Museum Hours:
Wednesdays 9 am to 3: pm and by Appointment
(253) 512-7834
Admission: FREE

In 1898/99 Washington National Guard members called into Federal Service and saw action during the Philippine Insurrection, and in 1916 Washington National Guard members were involved in Mexican Border dispute.

In 1917 and 1918 Washington National Guard members saw Federal service again for World War I. Between 1919 and 1940 Washington National Guard members were involved in civil disturbance, labor conflicts, flooding assistance and fire fighting. In 1941 nearly 12,000 Washington National Guard members were inducted into Federal Service in preparation for World War II.

In May of 1980 Washington National Guard members were involved in support and recovery of the Mt St Helens Eruption. Dozen of lives were saved by the heroic efforts from Washington Guard pilots and crew.

Between 1981 and 1990 Washington National Guard members were again involved in local domestic assistance to Law Enforcement, Search and Rescue, Emergency recovery, and flood assistance. In 1990 and 1991 Washington National Guard members were activated into federal service in support of Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm (Gulf War One)

Between 2001 and the present, Washington Air and Army Guard units and individuals have mobilized and deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism. And the 2005, over 700 Washington Guardsmen assisted in relief efforts in the aftermath of hurricanes Rita and Katrina.

Today, Washington's Citizen Soldiers and Airmen continue to serve, living our motto of "*Citizens Serving Citizens with Pride and Tradition*".

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"Welcome to the Washington National Guard Museum highlighting the Heritage and History of the Washington Army and Air National Guard skillfully displayed the in our Museum. The Museum is proudly sponsored and operated by the Washington National Guard State Historical Society."



**Washington National Guard State
Historical Society Mission:**
*Collect, preserve, display and interpret the
historic properties and institutional heri-
tage of the Militia and National Guard of
Washington, so that departed comrades
may be honored, present and future
Guard members instructed and inspired
and all citizens educated.*

Centennial Plaza - Front Gate Camp Murray

Air National Guard F-101 Voodoo



M 47 Tank



Major General George M. Haskett Plaza

AH-1 Cobra



Washington National Guard A Brief History

Native Americans tribes lived in the Puget Sound region thousands of years before the Lewis and Clark Expedition enter the present state of Washington in 1805. In the years after the Expedition, whites began establishing trading posts and settlements that included Fort Okanogan in 1811 and Fort Spokane in 1812. The Hudson's Bay Company established Fort Vancouver in 1825 and Fort Nisqually, first non-Indian settlement on Puget Sound, in April 1833. Other milestones followed: American settlers in Oregon declare a provisional government on May 2, 1843. The Provisional government then in 1845, created Clark County, covering all of present-day Washington. Later in 1845, Oregon creates new Lewis County for Western Washington. In 1846 Britain cedes claims to the Pacific Northwest by signing the Treaty of Oregon. Washington's first newspaper, the Columbian, begins publication at Olympia on September 11, 1852. In 1853, U.S. President Millard Fillmore establishes Washington Territory. And so began the history of the Washington National Guard. Major Isaac Stevens was appointed first governor and commander-in-chief of the Territorial Militia. Between 1855-1858 Washington Territorial Militia members informally mustered in support of the Territorial government. From 1862 to 1865, Washington Territorial Militia members formed into the "1st Washington Territory Infantry" and were brought into service for the Civil War. In 1885 Washington Territory Militia "officially" formed and was recognized as the Washington National Guard in the Legislative Assembly of Washington Territory.

Washington earned her Statehood on November 11, 1889.

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MUSEUM - Main Gallery



Model 1890 Gatling Gun

Main Gallery exhibits span the history of the Washington National Guard from pre-statehood to Gulf War One. Weaponry includes our original Model 1890 Colt 45 Cal. Gatling Gun, Model 1902 3-inch Field Piece, and a 12lb. Mountain Howitzer. Uniforms and unique equipment, photos and other artifacts all help tell the story of the Washington National Guard. New displays are being created and established exhibits are continually being updated.

