



# MILITARY REUNIONS

The various military museums and collections located throughout the city along with the opening of the National Veterans Memorial and Museum make Columbus the perfect place to hold your next military reunion.

## DAY ONE

**Late Afternoon** | Check in for your stay at one of the city's many group-friendly hotels.

**Dinner** | Head out for a group dinner at **The Boat House at Confluence Park**, the only waterfront restaurant with a view of the downtown Columbus skyline.

## DAY TWO

**Morning** | Join **Columbus City Adventures** or **Capital City Tours** for a step-on guided tour of Columbus. Travel through downtown and the surrounding neighborhoods with the **Ohio Statehouse** as the historical centerpiece and listen to stories of national significance, international intrigue, local history and lore.

**Lunch** | Established in 1876, the **North Market** is Columbus' only remaining true public market. More than 30 merchants vend a wide variety of fresh, local, authentic food, along with several stands offering everything from cookware to flowers.

**Afternoon** | Visit **Camp Chase Cemetery**, a military staging and training camp established in Columbus in 1861 after the start of the Civil War. The camp was closed and dismantled after the war, and the site has been redeveloped, except for the Confederate cemetery containing 2,260 graves. The site and the cemetery is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

**Evening** | See new displays at the **Ohio History Center** featuring military collections from 20th- and 21st-century service members and highlighting stories of the objects and images of the individuals who used them. Then, enjoy dinner and a show at their dinner theatre experience of "A Red Herring Mystery."

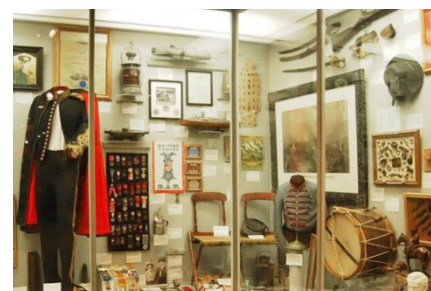
## DAY THREE

**Morning** | Visit the **Motts Military Museum**, dedicated to preserving the memory of all individuals that served in the United States military.

**Lunch** | Head out to lunch at **The 94th Aero Squadron**, a themed restaurant full of military memorabilia and aviation relics depicting the times of the WWI and WWII eras. The restaurant, which once was a French Farmhouse, is located between the runways of the John Glenn Columbus International Airport and offers a dramatic view of the arriving and departing traffic.

**Afternoon** | Take a personally-guided factory tour at **American Whistle Corporation**, the ONLY manufacturer of metal whistles in the United States. Everyone leaves with a shiny new "American Classic" whistle.

Spend the rest of the day in **Old Worthington**, a historic neighborhood founded in 1803 by New England settlers. Stroll the sidewalks of Worthington to see many of the original noteworthy buildings and churches still standing proudly. Then, pick from hundreds of fragrances before pouring your own custom-scented candle at **The Candle Lab**. Or make your own greeting card on an antique printing press at **Igloo Letterpress**.





## DAY THREE (CONT.)

**Dinner** | Located in the heart of Old Worthington, The **Worthington Inn** restaurant is a mainstay offering refined fare, Victorian-style decor plus a pub, all in a historic 1831 building. The restaurant has been rated a Columbus 'Top Ten' Restaurant since 2004 and believes strongly in featuring the freshest seasonal ingredients from local growers and producers.



**Seasonal Afternoon/Evening Options** | **Huntington Park** is the perfect place to spend a spring or summer afternoon or evening watching America's favorite pastime. Home of the **Columbus Clippers**, Triple-A affiliate of the Cleveland Indians and winner of a "Best of Ballparks", Huntington Park offers a variety of group seating options and local dining experience, all with great views and vantage points of the game.

Visiting in the fall or winter? Head to **Nationwide Arena** for a **Columbus Blue Jackets** game, the only National Hockey League franchise in Ohio.

## DAY FOUR

**Morning** | Herlich Willkommen! A hearty welcome to **German Village**, Columbus' premier downtown neighborhood and one of the preeminent historic districts in the United States. Stop at the Village's Meeting Haus for a quick video and to pick up your step on guide before taking a tour of this beautiful neighborhood.

After touring the district, take a little time to stretch your legs and explore the retail shops. **The Book Loft**, one of the largest independent book stores in the country, offers 32 rooms of bargain-priced books. Or visit **Helen Winnemore's**, the oldest store of its kind in the United States, which features usable, wearable art handcrafted in America.

**Lunch** | Located in a historic brick livery stable, **Schmidt's Restaurant und Sausage Haus** has offered award-winning, hand-crafted food by five generations of the Schmidt family since 1886. Meet and greet service, coach parking, gift shop, on-site restaurant and restrooms are all available for groups. Save room for dessert! The cream puffs are worth the trip itself!

**Afternoon** | Visit the **National Veterans Memorial & Museum (NVMM)**, the only place where the stories of our veterans, their families and the Fallen will be told together. The museum features dynamic exhibits, an outdoor memorial grove and a spiral processional that ascends to a rooftop sanctuary.

**Evening** | Finish out your reunion with a dinner reception and ceremony at the NVMM, your group-friendly hotel or another event venue in Columbus.

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## OTHER AREAS TO EXPLORE

Gahanna **Veterans Memorial**, honoring local veterans with 20,000 engraved bricks.

**First Responders Park** in Westerville where the centerpiece is part World Trade Center steel.

Hilliard, home to the second largest **First Responders Park** in the country.

