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**MORVEN PARK IS A 2019 BLUE STAR MUSEUM!**

*Morven Park will offer FREE admission to military personnel and their families this summer*

[Leesburg, VA] – The last inhabitants of Morven Park, former Virginia Governor Westmoreland Davis and his wife Marguerite Davis, were well known for their support of the troops during World War I, which coincided with his time in office. Today, Morven Park upholds their legacy of patriotism and generosity by participating in the Blue Star Museum program. As an official Blue Star Museum, the Park will offer free admission to our nation’s active-duty military personnel and their families this summer.

“It is an honor to share Morven Park’s mansion and museums with our service men and women and their families this summer,” said Sheryl Williams, Morven Park’s Executive Director. “We encourage our visitors to make a day of it and bring a picnic lunch to enjoy in the gardens, hike through our two miles of woodland trails, or take a leisurely stroll through the picturesque grounds of the Park.”

Visitors to the Davis Mansion hear stories of the civic and social lives of the Davises during the first half of the 20th century. After the mansion tour, visitors can discover the unique collection of horse-drawn vehicles housed in the Winmill Carriage Museum, plus the art, artifacts, and memorabilia of foxhunting found in the Museum of Hounds & Hunting. For tour information—including days, hours, and parking—visit [MorvenPark.org/Tours](http://MorvenPark.org/Tours).

The free admission program is available for those currently serving in the United States Military—Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard—as well as members of the Reserves, National Guard, U.S. Public Health Commissioned Corps, and NOAA Commissioned Corps. Qualified members must show a [Geneva Convention common access card](#) (CAC), [DD Form 1173 ID card \(dependent ID\)](#), or a [DD Form 1173-1 ID](#) card for entrance into a participating Blue Star Museum.

“We’ve seen the tremendous impact the Blue Star Museums program brings to our military families,” said Kathy Roth-Douquet, chief executive officer of Blue Star Families. “Not only are museums fun to explore but they are also great for making memories and strengthening military families as a whole.”

Morven Park’s free admission for military families begins on Armed Forces Day (Saturday, May 18, 2019) and ends on Labor Day weekend (Sunday, September 1, 2019). A list of participating museums can be found at [arts.gov/bluestarmuseums](http://arts.gov/bluestarmuseums).

**About Morven Park**

Morven Park is a 1,000-acre nonprofit park in Leesburg, Virginia. Known as the “Central Park” of Loudoun County, Morven Park welcomes over 250,000 visitors each year who come to enjoy exquisite scenery, formal boxwood gardens, the Morven Park International Equestrian Center, the Athletic Field Complex, the iconic Greek Revival mansion, museums, and hiking trails. For more information, or to support the Park, visit [MorvenPark.org](http://MorvenPark.org).

**About Blue Star Families**

Blue Star Families builds communities that support military families by connecting research and data to programs and solutions, including career development tools, local community events for families, and caregiver support. Since its inception in 2009, Blue Star Families has engaged tens of thousands of volunteers and serves more than 1.5 million military family members. With Blue Star Families, military families can find answers to their challenges anywhere they are. For more information, visit [bluestarfam.org](http://bluestarfam.org).

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