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OLD CAHAWBA OFFERS FREE ADMISSION TO ACTIVE MILITARY THIS SUMMER

Old Cahawba is offering free admission to active duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2011.

As a Blue Star Museum, Cahawba is one of more than 1,300 museums across America to offer free admission to military personnel and their families this summer. Blue Star Museums is a partnership between the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, and participating museums.

“The Alabama Historical Commission encourages all active military personnel and their families to visit our historic sites and museums at no cost,” said Mark Driscoll, AHC historic sites division director.

From 1819 to 1826, Cahawba served as Alabama's first capital. Today, visitors come to explore Cahawba's ruins, hike or bike on the nature trail, or hunt ghosts of Cahawba's past. The picturesque park lies at the confluence of the Alabama and Cahaba Rivers at 9518 Cahaba Road in Orrville. It is owned by the Alabama Historical Commission.

About Blue Star Museums

The Blue Star Museums initiative runs from Memorial Day, May 30 through Labor Day, September 5, 2011. The free admission program is available to active duty military and their immediate family members (military ID holder and five immediate family members). Active duty military include Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, and active duty National Guard and active duty Reserve members.

Leadership support has been provided by MetLife Foundation through Blue Star Families. The complete list of participating museums is available at www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums.

*To protect, preserve, and interpret Alabama's historic places is the mission of the **Alabama Historical Commission, the State Historic Preservation Office.***