

# MARCHING THROUGH MILITARY HISTORY IN LITTLE ROCK



## MORNING MOMENTS:

- Get a sense of the beginning and ending of World War II at the Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum. Here, you can board the tugboat USS Hoga, best known for her actions during Pearl Harbor, and the USS Razorback, a WW II-era Balao-class submarine present at the peace treaty signing ceremony that ended the war.
- Learn about the Little Rock Campaign from a marker in Little Rock's Riverfront Park. Just steps away is La Petit Roche Plaza, where you can view the actual little rock that gave us our name as well as historical panels that detail the history of the city.
- History comes alive at the Arkansas National Guard Museum located at Camp Robinson. Be prepared to examine artifacts from the past that tell the stories behind World War I and World War II.
- The Little Rock Air Force Base is the largest C-130 base in the world. Just outside its gates, the Jacksonville Museum of Military History houses one of the largest collections of WWII patriotic and propaganda posters in the region as well as a Titan II missile launch console and a T37 cockpit trainer.
- The Old State House Museum is where Arkansans voted to secede from the Union. It also served as the Confederate state capitol of Arkansas until 1863. As you approach the museum, check out "Lady Baxter" on your left, a heavy artillery cannon cast in New Orleans in 1861 and used by the Confederate Army.

## AFTERNOON ADVENTURES:

- Walk in the footsteps of our 42nd president as you explore the William J. Clinton Presidential Center and Park and learn about U.S. military involvement around the world during his presidency. Enjoy Lunch at 42 bar and table featuring some of the former President's favorite dishes.
- The Tower Building of the Little Rock Arsenal was constructed in 1840 to protect the frontier state from attack by Native Americans. It witnessed pivotal exchanges between Federal and Confederate forces during the Civil War and was later the birthplace of General Douglas MacArthur. Today, the MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History ensures that "old soldiers never die" through its exhibits and programming.
- MacArthur Park is also home to the Arkansas Korean War Veterans Memorial, a moving sculpture dedicated to the 461 Arkansans who lost their lives in that conflict.
- Little Rock National Cemetery is the final resting place of both Union and Confederate soldiers. At nearby Mount Holly Cemetery, Arkansas governors, state Supreme Court Justices, United States senators, Confederate generals, mayors, and Pulitzer Prize winners share the peaceful grounds with slaves, businessmen, farmers, artists, children, doctors, church leaders and suffragettes.

## EVENING EXCURSIONS:

- Take a moment to visit the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial dedicated to Arkansans who served in Vietnam and inscribed with the names of those who lost their lives.
- Enjoy a famous steak at Doe's Eat Place for dinner. The Little Rock location became famous as a political hangout during Clinton's 1992 presidential campaign.
- Enjoy a stroll on the banks of the Arkansas River and catch the Main Street, Junction and Clinton Presidential Park bridges illuminated in dazzling displays of color.

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