



The American Heritage Museum

Wednesday, February 26

8:45 am – Arrive at the Museums’ State Street parking lot located directly across the street from the Springfield City Library, 220 State Street. Park in the lot and board the bus at the curbside. Departure at 9 am sharp.

10:30 am – Estimated arrival with a rest stop. Located in Hudson, MA, the American Heritage Museum is designed to fully engage people in understanding our turbulent past. Through educational interpretation, and a chronologically arranged series of dioramas and exhibits, the American Heritage Museum brings our history to life. Through more than 20 interpretive exhibits, we will explore America’s conflicts, beginning with the Revolutionary War to our most current events. Here are a few highlights:

Several significant artifacts are displayed alongside detailed dioramas in each exhibit. A Ford Model T Ambulance and a M1917 6-Ton Tank are featured in the *WWI Trench Experience*. *The Arsenal of Democracy* exhibit highlights the phenomenal American industrial effort throughout WWII featuring a M4A1 Sherman (Grizzly) tank, Sherman Turret Trainer and a 1942 Buick Super automobile. Code-named *Operation Overlord*, the Battle for Western Europe began on D-Day (June 6th, 1944). *The D Day* exhibit features a LCVP “Higgins Boat, a” Churchill Crocodile UK Flame Thrower tank, a QF 6-pounder, UK Anti-Tank gun and Bren Gun Carrier UK (Light personnel carrier). In the more recent event, a piece of the World Trade Center artifact is featured in the *9/11 & War on Terror* exhibit.

The concept of the American Heritage Museum began when the Foundation was selected to receive the historically important and extensive collection of tanks, armored vehicles and military artifacts from the family of Jacques M. Littlefield in 2013. Jacques Littlefield’s fascination with military vehicles began in childhood. From his earliest days, he studied and created intricate models of tanks and military machines. Over his lifetime, Littlefield amassed the world’s largest privately held collection of tanks and military vehicles. Among the staggering variety of rare relics, the American Heritage Museum features over fifteen tanks and artifacts that are the only ones on public display in North America.

1 pm – Depart for a group lunch at a nearby restaurant – menu and location TBA.

2:30 pm – Meet the bus and depart for Springfield with an estimated return by 4 pm.

What to bring: Dress in layers for variable temperatures on the bus and the museum. Water is provided for the ride home.

Cost: \$125, Members, \$148, nonmembers; includes admissions, lunch, bus travel and driver tip.