

An American Town: 101



Columbus's House Of Flags Museum

This unique educational museum was opened on September 8th 2001 in response to local citizen's desire to instill respect and etiquette for the flag of the United States of America. As the flag collection grew to over 300 different flags the history education role of the Museum also grew. All flags are full-size faithful reproductions accompanied with detailed descriptions of their story. And, every flag has a story to tell. Self-guided tours or narrated tours are available in this fully handicap accessible facility in downtown Columbus, North Carolina.

The tour begins with the "**Defenders of Freedom**" collection of military service and religious flags. Note the Braille-tactile flags displayed here and in the other rooms. Next the "**Birth of a Nation**" collection displays flags of our founding countries and the Revolutionary War era. See "how our flag got its stripes" here. The third room represents "**The Price of Liberty**" with flags from the War of 1812, Texas Republic, Civil War, WWII, Korea, Viet Nam, Gulf Wars, Iraq & Afghanistan wars. Flags commemorating the 9-11 Terrorist Attacks are also on display here. A special display of the "Liberty Cap Flags" shows our earliest symbol of freedom. Last is the "**United States of America**" room complete with all 27 official U.S. flags, from 13 to 50 stars, and the accompanying state and territory flags.



The mission of the House of Flags Museum is to provide a unique tourist destination in North Carolina dedicated to nurturing and promoting patriotism, flag etiquette, and historical understanding of the evolution of our Nation's flag through flag displays and a variety of educational programs and activities for all visitors.

The purpose of the House of Flags Museum is to properly display a unique and

comprehensive historical collection of over 300 United States. military, state, and international flags cluding all 27 full-size official U.S. flags from 1776 to 1960, and to provide educational experiences to elementary school children, high school students, and adults of all ages. $\int h t t p : //w w w$. houseofflags.org/]

