



MILITARY REUNIONS

The various military museums and collections located throughout the city along with the opening of the National Veterans Memorial and Museum make Columbus the perfect place to hold your next military reunion.

DAY ONE

Morning | Join **Columbus City Adventures** or **Capital City Tours** for a step-on guided tour of Columbus. Travel through downtown and the surrounding neighborhoods with the **Ohio Statehouse** as the historical centerpiece and listen to stories of national significance, international intrigue, local history and lore.

Lunch | Established in 1876, the **North Market** is Columbus' only remaining true public market. More than 30 merchants vend a wide variety of fresh, local, authentic food, along with several stands offering everything from cookware to flowers.

Afternoon | Visit **Camp Chase Cemetery**, a military staging and training camp established in Columbus in 1861 after the start of the Civil War. The site and the cemetery is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Evening | Enjoy dinner at **The Boat House at Confluence Park**, the only waterfront restaurant with a view of the downtown Columbus skyline.

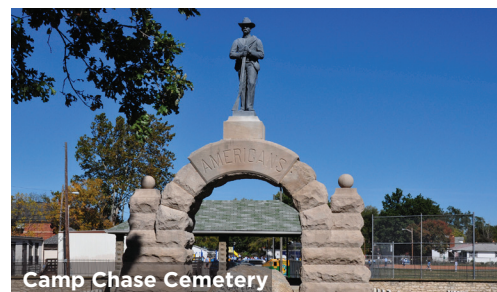
DAY TWO

Morning | Visit the **Motts Military Museum**, dedicated to preserving the memory of all individuals that served in the United States military.

Lunch | Head out to lunch at **The 94th Aero Squadron**, a themed restaurant full of military memorabilia and aviation relics depicting the times of the WWI and WWII eras. Enjoy a dramatic view of the arriving and departing traffic at John Glenn Columbus International Airport.

Afternoon | Experience the "Great War" in a new way, through a special display commemorating the centennial of the United States entering World War I at the **Ohio History Center**.

Spend the rest of the day in **Old Worthington**, a historic neighborhood founded in 1803 by New England settlers. Stroll the sidewalks of Worthington, then pick from hundreds of fragrances before pouring your own custom-scented candle at **The Candle Lab**. Or make your own greeting card on an antique printing press at **Igloo Letterpress**. Enjoy dinner at restaurants such as **The Whitney House**, **Le Chatelain** or **Mozart's**.



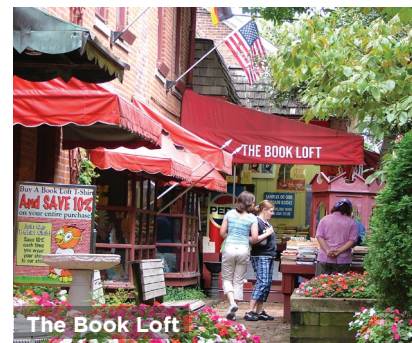


Ohio Statehouse

Seasonal Afternoon/Evening Options **Huntington Park** is the perfect place to spend a spring or summer evening watching America's favorite pastime. Home of the **Columbus Clippers**, Triple-A affiliate of the Cleveland Indians and winner of a "Best of Ballparks". Or catch an MLS game with the **Colmbus Crew SC** at **MAPFRE Stadium**, the first soccer-specific stadium in the U.S. Visiting in the fall or winter? Head to **Nationwide Arena** for a **Columbus Blue Jackets** game, the only National Hockey League franchise in Ohio.



Huntington Park



The Book Loft

DAY THREE

Morning | Herlich Willkommen! A hearty welcome to **German Village**, Columbus' premier downtown neighborhood and one of the preeminent historic districts in the United States. After touring the district, take a little time to stretch your legs and explore the retail shops. **The Book Loft**, one of the largest independent book stores in the country, offers 32 rooms of bargain-priced books. Or visit **Helen Winnemore's**, the oldest store of its kind in the United States, which features usable, wearable art handcrafted in America.

Lunch | Located in a historic brick livery stable, **Schmidt's Restaurant und Sausage Haus** has offered award-winning, hand-crafted food by five generations of the Schmidt family since 1886. Save room for dessert! The cream puffs are worth the trip itself!

Afternoon/Evening | Visit the **National Veterans Memorial and Museum**, a 7-acre historical landmark along downtown's Scioto Mile. The museum is the only place where the stories of our veterans, their families and the Fallen – across all branches of service and all eras of conflict – will be told together. At more than 50,000 sq. ft., the facility offers space for gatherings, ceremonies, celebrations and public events; opportunities for reflection in the Memorial Grove and Memorial Room; and exhibition galleries, both rotating and permanent, to learn more about the experiences of the brave men and women who serve and have served. The rooftop sanctuary is the perfect place to host your reception at the end of a great week in Columbus.

OTHER AREAS TO EXPLORE

- Gahanna **Veterans Memorial**, honoring local veterans with 20,000 engraved bricks.
- **First Responders Park** in Westerville where the centerpiece is part World Trade Center steel.
- Hilliard, home to the second largest **First Responders Park** in the country.

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