We send our warm wishes and appreciation to the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and the more than 2,000 museums participating in the Blue Star Museums initiative. By carrying on the timeless traditions of duty and honor, our brave men and women in uniform have secured America’s place in history as a beacon of freedom and hope.

For the past few years, museums across our Nation have offered free admission to our service members and their families as a way to honor and thank them for their service. Museums expand our horizons and broaden our imaginations. They enrich and enlighten us as we innovate for the future and honor our past. This summer, we encourage military families and all Americans to explore museums and engage in the wondrous history they impart.

As military families create meaningful memories enjoying the many benefits that museums offer, may they know of our country’s everlasting gratitude for their extraordinary commitment and sacrifice. Thank you to all who commemorate our Blue Star Families and contribute to the success of this important initiative. We send our best wishes for a wonderful summer.