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Hotel de Paris Museum to Participate in Blue Star Museums

Georgetown, Colo., May 25, 2017- Today Hotel de Paris Museum, a Site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, announced its participation with Blue Star Museums, a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and museums across America. Each summer since 2010, Blue Star Museums have offered free admission to the nation's active-duty military personnel and their families, including National Guard and Reserve, from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The program provides families an opportunity to enjoy the nation's cultural heritage and learn more about their communities after a military move. The complete list of participating museums is available at <https://www.arts.gov/national/blue-star-museums>

"James Edward 'Ned' Burkholder grew up at Hotel de Paris and served in the United States Army. He enlisted during World War I and was in the Twelfth U.S. Infantry. He played clarinet and was a Musician-Third Class," reveals Kevin Kuharic, Executive Director. "Hotel de Paris Museum participates in the Blue Star Museums program out of respect for Ned Burkholder and his military service," says Kuharic.

"Famous the wide world over," Hotel de Paris began in 1875 and is older than the State of Colorado. Dating from the state's silver mining boom, the property offered a first-class French restaurant, showrooms for traveling salesmen, and luxurious lodging. The idealized French inn catered to wealthy businessmen, railroad tycoons, mining investors, and outdoor adventure seekers during the Gilded Age. After the Silver Panic of 1893, Hotel de Paris steadily declined; in 1954, the hotel was purchased and opened as a museum. Restored period rooms showcase the building's original furnishings, which are faithfully arranged. The site's authenticity provides a fascinating window into the lives of the hotel's proprietors, workers, builders, and guests. Open daily May 27-September 30, and weekends October 1-December 10. General admission is \$7; discounts are available for youths, seniors, active military and their families, AAA, and members of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Hotel de Paris Museum is situated at 409 6th Street, Georgetown, CO 80444. ADA accessible. Gift shop. Free parking.

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About Hotel de Paris Museum

Hotel de Paris Museum, a Site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, is owned and operated by The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in the State of Colorado. Hotel de Paris Museum collects, preserves, and shares history and culture associated with Louis Dupuy's Hotel de Paris, and serves as a catalyst for heritage tourism. For more information, visit <http://www.hoteldeparismuseum.org>

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