



Wild Wonderful King Vintage Museum
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Calling all active military personnel to learn more about history at the Wild Wonderful King Vintage Museum. The museum is one of the more than 1300 museums nationwide which offer free admission to active duty military and their families between Memorial Day and Labor Day 2011 as part of the **Blue Star Museum** program. The free admission program is available to active duty family members (with valid military id holder and five immediate family members). Active duty military include Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and active duty National Guard and active duty Reserve members.

The **Blue Star Museums** is a partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star families, and more than 1300 museums across America who are participating in the program in an effort to thank our military families for their service and share with them America's cultural treasures. To find all the participating museums visit www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums. The site includes a list of participating museums and a map to help with visit planning.

Step back in time at the **Wild Wonderful King Vintage Museum** with the vintage clothing and accessories exhibits for men, women and children and war memorabilia dating from the 1790's through the 1990's. The special exhibit "**Ladies of the Lincoln's Era Exhibit**" that runs through July 17 tells the stories of mischief-making, trend setting and pistol wielding gals who made a difference in American history. During their times these ladies faced unprecedented challenges as abolitionists, spies, humanitarians, and agents of change. Learn the virtues that each one of them embodied—independence, wit, charm, intelligence, determination, courage, determination, compassion, self reliance, and more while accomplishing unfathomable tasks. From the feminine wiles of "Wild" Rose Greenhow to the first First Lady of California, Jessie Benton Fremont to Clara Barton, the founder of the American Red Cross to Dr. Mary Edwards Walker, the winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor to Mary Todd Lincoln's seamstress,, Elizabeth Keckly and more.

If you want to learn more about one of the featured ladies in the "**Ladies of Lincoln's era**" exhibit, come to the Wild Wonderful King Vintage Museum on Saturday, June 4 at 1 p.m. and hear a special lecture **Jessie--The Immortal Wife!** Jessie Benton Fremont is one of the featured ladies in the exhibit and was the first First Lady of California and lived in Mariposa. Bill Atwood, Ed.D, and principal of Jessie Benton Fremont School will share the story of the life of Jessie Benton Fremont and the influence she had on our region and Yosemite. Bill earned his Doctorate from University of Southern California, is a Distinguished Toastmaster History Teacher, and is a columnist for the Sierra Star and former radio host on KAAT and KTNS and author of "Cute as a Button.

The museum is located at 40680 Highway 41 Oakhurst and is open Wednesday through Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Special tours can be arranged at other times by calling the museum 559-658-6999, The normal cost for the museum is \$4.00 for adults, \$3.00 for seniors over 60 and \$2.00 for children under 16. The final event connected with the exhibit will be the "**Civil**

War Living History Encampment sponsored by Sierra Telephone” at the Oakhurst Community Park on June 24, 25, and 26.

At the living history encampment get a taste life in the past. See the young, active men with proven marksmanship, intelligence and unfaltering courage acting as scouts, spies and long range marksmen, Observe nurses and doctors as they tend to the sick and wounded. Ask the surgeons and nurses about surgical equipment and medical care of the 1860s. Come by for the latest in Mourning attire and items. Speak with Mrs. Ashby and learn about mourning customs and lots more. Watch for more information or call the museum for more details at 559-658-6999 or visit the website www.kingvintagemuseum.org .