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late evening showtime!

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EXHIBITS ON DISPLAY



D-DAY: FROM NORMANDY TO BERLIN
ON DISPLAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

Nearly 227,000 Iowans served in WWII and almost 8,400 died. In commemoration of that struggle for liberty, the exhibit showcases the D-Day landings and the year-long struggle through northern Europe.



BLACK STORIES COLLECTIVE
ON THE BALLOT: CEDAR VALLEY AFRICAN AMERICANS IN POLITICS
ON DISPLAY THROUGH OCTOBER 18, 2025

Learn about local African American politicians throughout the history of the Cedar Valley and their impact on the political landscape. This installment includes artifacts, newspaper clippings, *Voices of Iowa* Black Stories Collective interviews, and more.



WHO WE ARE: CELEBRATIONS
ON DISPLAY THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2026

Learn about traditional Bosnian clothing such as Dimije/Shalvari, food like Bosanska Kafa (Bosnian Coffee), and local organizations like the Krajisnik Soccer Club and the K.U.D Kolo



FEATURED EXHIBIT

I SEE LONDON, I SEE FRANCE...THE GROUT HAS LOTS OF UNDERPANTS!

OPENS NOVEMBER 18, 2025 | GROUT MUSEUM

Whatcha got under there? Under where? I just made you say underwear! That's exactly what the Grout will have on display beginning November 18, 2025. Come see the Museum's collection of undergarments, ranging from crinoline to socks and learn about the style changes to our most intimate items from the nineteenth century to today.

This lighthearted exhibit: *"I see London, I see France... The Grout has Lots of Underpants!"* will be on display for a "brief" time (you see what we did there?), so make sure you stop in and check it out!

Pictured: 1897 Corset from the Grout Museum's permanent collection, object ID 1997.055.006

**HONORING
WATERLOO'S
WWII HERITAGE**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 | 10AM-5PM
at the GROUT MUSEUM and VETERANS MEMORIAL HALL
FULL SCHEDULE: [GMDISTRICT.ORG/WWIIHERITAGE](https://gmdistrict.org/wwiiheritage)

Join us for a special day of programming commemorating the end of WWII and explore Waterloo's WWII Heritage City Designation.



SIPPING ON HISTORY with Margaret

I'd first like to thank everyone who joined us for the annual membership meeting and potluck on June 30! I appreciated the chance to share last year's successes and what lies ahead this fiscal year. Jeremy Glazier's documentary *From Iowa & Back: The Vietnam Era* was moving and honors Iowa's Vietnam veterans. It was wonderful to see so many of our regular vets coffee attendees view the film and enjoy camaraderie. I look forward to holding similar meetings at least twice a year. If anyone has ideas for programs they'd like to experience, feel free to reach out.

The topic for this newsletter: **Technology**. I'm tech savvy enough to function in today's digital age, though I remain "old-school" in many ways. Still, we're implementing exciting tools to improve our work.

In the coming months, you'll see updates about our partnership with *FreeWill*, which helps nonprofits with tax-smart charitable giving and estate planning. We'll use their tools to tell our story, invite others to join our Legacy Society, and build our endowment for long-term sustainability.

We're also upgrading the system we use to track memberships and donations. *Bloomerang*, a trusted donor relationship tool, will allow us to better serve members and donors. It will also help us launch a digital volunteer program, making it easier to share opportunities. Rebuilding our volunteer program after the COVID-19 hit remains a priority, and these tools will simplify the process.

I'm excited to share our story more widely, send the right messages to the right people, and empower volunteers in our mission-driven work. Tech tools for the win!

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FALL PROGRAMS

TEA PARTIES at SNOWDEN HOUSE

SEPTEMBER 6 - PATRIOTIC TEA
NOVEMBER 22 - HARVEST TEA
10AM | COST: \$12/\$20
REGISTER AT [GMDISTRICT.ORG/CALENDAR](https://gmdistrict.org/calendar)

Join us at the historic Snowden House for a themed tea party with drinks, treats and crafts.

CAMP CURIOUS: MYSTERY AT THE MUSEUM

SEPTEMBER 19 | 9AM-4PM | COST: \$35/\$50
REGISTER AT [GMDISTRICT.ORG/CALENDAR](https://gmdistrict.org/calendar)

Camp Curious is a special series of day camps on no school days for kids ages 6-12, with hands-on activities, creative challenges, and STEAM-powered fun. From solving clues in *Mystery at the Museum* and exploring the universe in *Space Adventures*, to protecting the planet in *Eco Explorers* and designing wild creations in *Artful Engineering*, every camp is a new adventure.

STORYTIME UNDER THE STARS

SEPTEMBER 20, OCTOBER 18, NOVEMBER 15
DOORS OPEN: 9AM, STORY: 9:30AM | COST: \$3

Snuggle up in your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal for a cozy toddler storytime in our planetarium. Enjoy two delightful books beneath the stars.

STROLLING WITH THE SPIRITS

OCTOBER 11 | 3, 7 & 10PM | COST: \$10/\$15
REGISTER AT [GMDISTRICT.ORG/CALENDAR](https://gmdistrict.org/calendar)

Join us at Fairview Cemetery in Waterloo. As dusk falls, the past comes to life—walk among the headstones and meet costumed actors who embody the lives (and deaths) of Waterloo's most intriguing historical figures.

STARBITES PLANETARIUM SHOW

OCTOBER 24 | 6, 7 & 8PM | COST: \$20/\$30
REGISTER AT [GMDISTRICT.ORG/CALENDAR](https://gmdistrict.org/calendar)

Join us for an **adults-only** Halloween planetarium show that explores the darker side of the cosmos. Enjoy a cash bar and photobooth before or after your showtime.

VETERANS DAY AT THE SBIVM

NOVEMBER 11 | 10AM-4PM
FREE ADMISSION VETERANS & ACTIVE DUTY

A program will be held at 12:30PM discussing the Vietnam War. Light refreshments will also be available.



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FALL 2025



SEPTEMBER CLOTHING SALE! 20% OFF MUSEUM MEMBERS & 10% OFF NON-MEMBERS

MUSEUM STORE SUNDAY

BE A PATRON

11.30.2025 | 11AM-3PM*

Join us at the Grout Museum's Museum Store for a merchandise sale.
Further details will be available at gmdistrict.org/calendar.

This is a nationwide event! Visit <https://museumstoresunday.org> for a complete list of participating museums.

*The Museum is closed on Sundays. Only the Museum Store will be open from 11AM-3PM.

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