



The National Armed Forces Center

**1 Veterans Memorial Boulevard
Bristol, CT 06010**



About the Center: The National Armed Forces Center (NAFC), located on scenic Veterans Memorial Boulevard in Bristol, CT, is the only joint armed forces military center of its kind in the United States. The Center opened in 20** as a direct result of cooperative support from numerous federal and state agencies and officials including the national and state Offices for Veteran’s Affairs, CT Senator Richard Blumenthal, AZ Senator John McCain, CT Governor *****, the Joint Mayor’s Task Force for the City of Bristol (members Ken Cockayne, Art Ward, John Leone, Frank NiCastro, Bill Stortz), Bristol Hospital, and the city of Bristol and State Veteran’s Councils. This multi-faceted Armed Forces Center hosts a wide variety of activities and services for veterans from all walks of the military and their families and for the public – attracting thousands of year-round visitors from across the United States. It also hosts a Bristol and regional Visitor’s Center with displays from several local museums and attractions and serves as a hop on/off transportation hub for tourists and visitors as well as walking tours, led by local docents, of veteran memorials and monuments including a walking tour of a local Revolutionary War cemetery.

NAFC Activities and Services:



Museum Center: A 21st century interactive indoor/outdoor museum and exhibit hall experience for all ages including hands-on display of weaponry, artillery, uniforms, vehicles, battle scenes and enactments, camps, bands, ceremonies, food, recreation and more. Museum visitors will see, touch, and feel first-hand the emotional experiences and the heartfelt stories as lived through the lives of US soldiers from all branches of the armed forces (Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy, Coast Guard).



Amphitheater: A state of the art multi-screen Amphitheatre with surround sound and modern lighting where viewers are immersed in many of the greatest military movies and Imax films from the 20th and 21st centuries (menu list here: [Private Ryan](#), [Bridge Over the River Qui](#), [Dirty Dozen](#), [A Few Good Men](#), etc...) The Amphitheatre also hosts live military productions, plays and notable military guest speakers from around the country.



NAFC Veterans Rehabilitation and Healing Center: The City of Bristol, through its long-standing partnership with **Bristol Hospital** and a network of caring medical professionals, has established a state of the art full-service Veteran's Rehabilitation and Healing Center, located at the National Armed Forces Center, with satellite service offices available via public transportation throughout the city. This one-of-a-kind Rehabilitation and Healing Center provides year round, full-service medical and psychiatric facilities for veterans and their families as well as the public on a space available basis. No veteran in need of services is ever turned away. Services are designed to foster lifetime veteran-to-veteran connections as well as strong support networks for families. There are two full-service hotels conveniently located within walking distance from the Center in downtown Bristol that are available to veterans and their families for short or long term stays during treatment at significantly discounted rates.



Armed Forces Education and Employment Center: The Center hosts educational opportunities and classes for veterans in the community as well as those returning from overseas. Special focus is on local industries such as manufacturing, construction, technology and aerospace. The school is fully funded through the State of Connecticut Office of Veteran Affairs and attracts highly motivated adult students interested in pursuing full or part-time careers in the trades or other industries.



Location of the National Armed Forces Center in downtown Bristol, CT:

As you exit CT Interstate 84 and travel down Route 229 from Southington to Bristol, you will come to a large intersection. Turn left onto Memorial Boulevard – the entrance to the NAFC. Memorial Boulevard is the quintessential introduction to the National Armed Forces Center - lined with monuments, flags, plaques and many other treasured artifacts that honor and celebrate the courage and the sacrifices of the men and women of our nation's Armed Forces. Carefully selected historical trees and shrubs line picturesque Memorial Boulevard on both sides. Comfortable rest areas with food, beverages and parking are also accessible to visitors on the Boulevard as you make your way into the Center. Walking and biking trails travel the length of the Boulevard, making this a wonderful spring/summer/fall trip. There is ample free parking available as you access the NAFC. The Center is open year round. Please reference our website at www.bristolnafc.org for a complete schedule.

A wide variety of restaurants, retail shops, two hotels and ample parking are located on North Main Street/Main Street, a short walk or drive from the NAFC.

