

Military Gallery Timeline

Prior to 2021

Date	Event	Comments
Pre 1972	Conversation about creating a North Dakota National Guard museum.	
1989	North Dakota Milita Foundation Articles include building a museum.	
2000	North Dakota National Guard Foundation Articles including building a museum.	
2019	Major General Dohrmann directed staff to re-examine building a museum.	
2020	NDNG staff approaches the Director of the ND State Historical Society.	

2021

Date	Event	Comment
4/30/2021	ND Legislature passes HB 1016, authorizing fundraising for a National Guard Museum for OTAG to fundraise up to 10M.	
6/10/2021	ND Guard approves feasibility study and creates a feasibility subcommittee.	
June/July 2021	NDNGF advertises a RFP for a feasibility study for a NDNG Museum.	
Aug/Sep 2021	Feasibility study interviews.	
9/3/2021	ND guard Foundation selects PACE fundraising for feasibility study.	
10/1/2021	Talking points on North Dakota military museum released due to the upcoming feasibility study.	
11/10/2021	Contract signed with PACE Fundraising.	

2022

Date	Events	Comment
Feb/July 2022	February NDNGF commissions PACE Fundraising to conduct a feasibility study; with positive results in July of 2022.	
7/14/2022	Museum plans expand from National Guard only to all service branches. Location changed from stand-alone facility to co-location with the ND Heritage Center and State Museum.	
1/14/2022	PACE Fundraising conducted a kickoff brief on the feasibility process to SHSND, SHSND board, SHSND Foundation, OTAG, NDGNF, and the public.	
10/17/2022	OTAG and SHSND enter into MOA to establish working relationship.	
Fall 2022	OTAG and SHSND brief capital grounds planning commission.	
11/10/2022	North Dakota National Guard foundation signs marketing and capital campaign contract with PACE Fundraising.	
10/10/2022	PACE Fundraising announced and conducted feasibility study results.	
11/28/2022	SHSND Director Bill Peterson and MG Alan Dohrmann sign a cooperative agreement to jointly develop a North Dakota military museum as an addition to the heritage Center. \$40 Million Estimate at time of signing.	This formalized the relationship between the two parties.

2023

Date	Event	Comment
2/1/2023	Joint Military Museum Advisory Committee (JMAC) was established.	JMAC begins the planning process.
April/May 2023	ND Legislature authorized \$20M Line of credit with State Bank of ND, with no cap on private fundraising. Part of the State Historical Society funding bill.	
4/30/2023	PACE Fundraising hosts capital campaign kickoff event in Bismarck.	
10/17/2023	Pace Fundraising cohosts capital campaign event in Fargo with Gate City Bank.	

2024

Date	Event	Comment
1/1/2024	Presented to United Tribes to have Native American Representative on advisory committee and JMAC. (All 5 Tribal Chairs agreed to have representation).	Each Tribes THPO (Tribal Historical Preservation Officer) and VSO (Veteran Service Officer) is designated as the representative on the advisory committee.
2/1/2024	Zerr Berg published concept design.	
3/1/2024	Zerr Berg begins bi-weekly planning and design meetings.	
5/1/2024	SHSNDF and PACE Fundraising complete naming rights with Fundraising Level.	
5/1/2024	Kraus Anderson selected as construction manager of the project.	
5/1/2024	Ralph Appelbaum Associates (RAA) selected for internal design for Museum.	
August 2024	Memorandum of agreement with State Historical Society	

	Foundation, OTAG and NDNGF	
8/8/2024	Capitol grounds Planning Commission approves the concept design from Zerr Berg Architects.	
11/11/2024	Public marketing campaign Kickoff at the North Dakota Heritage Center Annual Veterans Day event.	
12/3/2024	PACE Fundraising, NDNGF board members, NDSHS staff and OTAG have both and marketing materials at the OTAG Legislative reception.	
12/3/2024	Military Caucus Meeting	BG Huber presented on the Military Gallery to the Military Caucus during the Organizational Session

2025

Date	Event	Comment
1/21/2025	HB1018 - House Appropriations Hearing	Brig Gen Johnson provided supportive testimony of the NDSHS Budget Bill - HB1018 to the House Ed and Env Cmte. There was concern expressed by Rep. Martinson about the amount of money that needed to be fundraised.
2/13/2025	Heritage Center Tour and Social	This event was postponed to 03APR25
3/12/2025	HB1018 - Senate Appropriations Hearing.	Brig Gen Johnson provided supportive testimony of the NDSHS Budget Bill - HB1018 to the House Ed and Env Cmte. There was a question asked by Sen. Schaible about status of fundraising.
4/3/2025	Military Gallery VIP Reception to show case the proposed designs and future plans for the Gallery.	5:00 PM to 7:30 PM in the Northern Lights Atrium at the North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum in Bismarck.

4/27/2025 OR July August	The Attorney General's office concludes SHSND cannot accept Karus-Andersons offer to carry the project, because doing so obligates un-appropriated funds	
5/1/2025	Social Media marketing campaign.	
5/16/2025	State Legislator approved HB 1018 that includes 15M in SIIF Funds and a \$20M line of credit to the Bank of North Dakota.	States total commitment is 39.2M with 12.8 pledge trigger to release the SIIF fund. Privately raised funds for the project was determined to be 38.8M
5/21/2025	JMAC voted on whether or not to continue the military gallery project as planned or to end it. Modifications were discussed but it was voted to move forward as planned.	PACE Fundraising presented they were 90% confident in their ability to raise the 12M required by HB1018 to unlock SIIF Funds by the goal of July 1st 2025.
5/27/2025	Project bids released for advertising.	
7/10/2025	Ceremonial groundbreaking event.	Kruas Anderson moved equipment from State Lab project to this site for the ceremony.
8/10/2025	Construction started with Kruas Anderson as lead construction manager.	
8/11/2025	PACE fundraising cohost capital campaign event in Minot with The Minot Chamber.	
11/24/2025	NDNGF does a gaming funds letter drive.	This raised \$110,850

2026

Date	Event	Comment
3/20/2026	PACE Fundraising cohost capital campaign event in Grand Forks with Olive Ann Hotel, Tom Sawyer (Northern Plains Test Authority), and Dean Gorder (General Atomics).	

6 – 30 April 2026	SHSDNF hosts a canvassing tour to 64 North Dakota cities.	Legislator and county/city officials invited to attend event in their area.
7/1/2026	Construction paused due to funding issues.	
August 2026	NDNGF does a 2nd gaming funds letter drive.	