

Salute to the Homefront

During the Revolutionary War, Civil War, WWI and WWII, what did our families do on the home front while their fathers, brothers, mothers, sisters, daughters and sons were serving during conflicts?

A positive tour bound to give your guests something to talk about for years to come!

This tour offered May through November

*Multiple day tour using Cambridge/Guernsey County as your hub as you travel throughout the region.

*Each guest receives a colorful bag to capture the treasures throughout this multiple day journey.

*American flags and apple fry pies are just a few of the “goodies” your guests will receive on this tour.



Itinerary

National Museum of Cambridge Glass Focus on the Homefront – This interactive tour brings social consciousness, community needs and relief organizations like Fletcher Hospital to the forefront.

On this tour, enjoy the opportunity to dress as glass workers did. Stroll through the sparkling displays of over 9,000 pieces of Cambridge Glass led by a friendly docent! Complete a rubbing from an authentic etching plate used by the world renowned Cambridge Glass Company. Feel the quality of the crystal and touch molds used to make the glassware in the museum education center. Visit the Gift Shop with something for everyone.

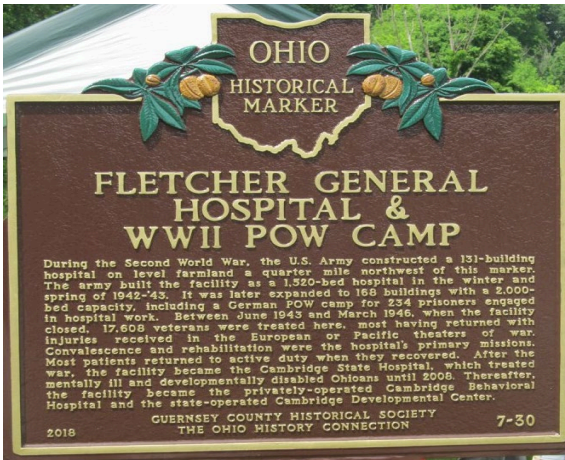
Guernsey County History Museum- Explore the military room, unique Coal Mining display and One Room School House housed in the McCracken – McFarland Home built in 1827. A soldier's mother, brother or father greets the coach upon arrival in period attire. Hear about our local soldiers' stories:

A Tale of a Guernsey County Doughboy 1918
Courage in the Soloman Islands 1943

Lunch is your choice at a restaurant, or you may wish to plan a picnic in our Cambridge City Park with games of the era like ring toss, a spoon race or modern day chair volleyball complete with lemonade.

Fletcher Hospital & St. Luke's Chapel-Learn of the role these buildings played in WWII. Fletcher General Hospital was built by the Army three miles north of Cambridge in the winter of 1942-1943. By the end of the war, it had 168 buildings, over 230 German POWs, 2,000 patient bed and had served more than 17,000 servicemen and servicewomen. At war's end, it became the Cambridge State Hospital and continued to serve in that capacity for 62 more years. The Cambridge Developmental Center continues to operate a portion of the facility.

This can be a guided driving tour or you may choose to have a presentation at lunch or dinner by a local historian on this fascinating part of our history.



Old Washington- An epic event took place during the Civil War in this pike town. An historic figure boards the coach and shares the history and highlights of Morgan's Raid and gives each guest a treat. Learn how the local townspeople baked pies and placed them on the window sills to cool to divert the Morgan's Raiders! (They would take the pies and leave the homes alone!)

On July 2, 1863, John Hunt Morgan and his Confederate Cavalry started moving north through Kentucky on a road that would encompass three states and 950 miles.

His 2,000-man cavalry entered Ohio on July 13, 1863 spreading fear throughout the villages in Ohio. One of their last stops in Guernsey County was Old Washington where they commandeered meals from the proprietors of the American Hotel. Many of the raiders spread out through town to rest or ravage the local store of wares and supplies.

Add on to this tour could include:

National Veterans Memorial & Museum Columbus, Ohio

Ohio History Connection Columbus, Ohio -World War I on display now. Experience the "Great War" in a new way through a special display at the Ohio History Center commemorating the centennial of the United States entering World War I.

Belmont County Military Veterans Museum Belmont, Ohio

Specialty Jeeps Coshocton, Ohio

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Newcomerstown Historical Main Street Newcomerstown, Ohio -Learn about how our Nation's flag came into existence. Moving presentation set to music by Vane Scott.

Morris Hardware Store McConnelsville, Ohio-This hardware store served the local area from Civil War through WW II to today. It is the oldest operating hardware store in Ohio since 1845!

Cruise on the Valley Gem Sternwheeler, Marietta, Ohio-Learn of the history of how the vessels were built and shipped down to New Orleans then masts put on them for sailing. The Muskingum, Ohio and Mississippi Rivers were highways for commerce, families, troops and supply shipments.

Trolley Tour Marietta, Ohio-The first settlement formed after the Revolutionary War by the Ohio Company. Learn about the homes and businesses and how they adapted during conflicts. See firsthand historic buildings and Fort Harmer and the amazing Mound Cemetery that were all part of this story. View the WP Snyder docked on the Muskingum River a floating museum!

Day 1

National Museum of Cambridge Glass
Guernsey County History Museum
Fletcher Hospital Historic site
Picnic with games of past eras
Old Washington

Day 2

Belmont County Military Veterans
Museum Belmont Victorian Mansion
Specialty Jeeps
Newcomerstown Main Street

Day 3

Trolley Tour of Marietta
Ride the Valley Gem Sternwheeler
Morris Hardware
Patriotic Dinner

Day 4

National Veterans Memorial and
Museum Ohio History Connections



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