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Museum Hours/Admission

Monday-Friday 10:00-4:30

Saturday 10:00-4:00

(Prices subject to change)

Adults \$6.00

Senior Citizen (60+) \$4.00

Students \$3.00

Children (5 and under) FREE

Active Duty Military and Family FREE

Veterans FREE Memorial Day—Labor Day

Blue Star Museum AAA Discount

Certified Heritage Site

Buses/RV's Welcome Pet Friendly



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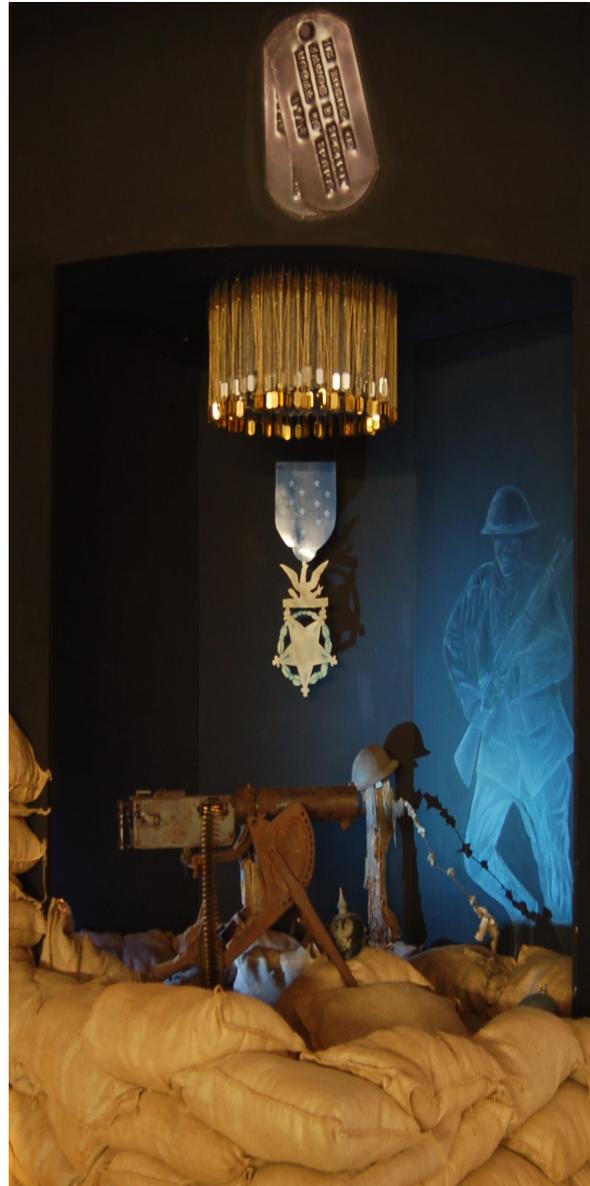
Exit 116 (I-20): US15 North becomes Main Street, 3rd stop light turn left, museum on left

Exit 120 (I-20): SC 341 west to 2nd stop light turn right, next stop light turn left, museum on left

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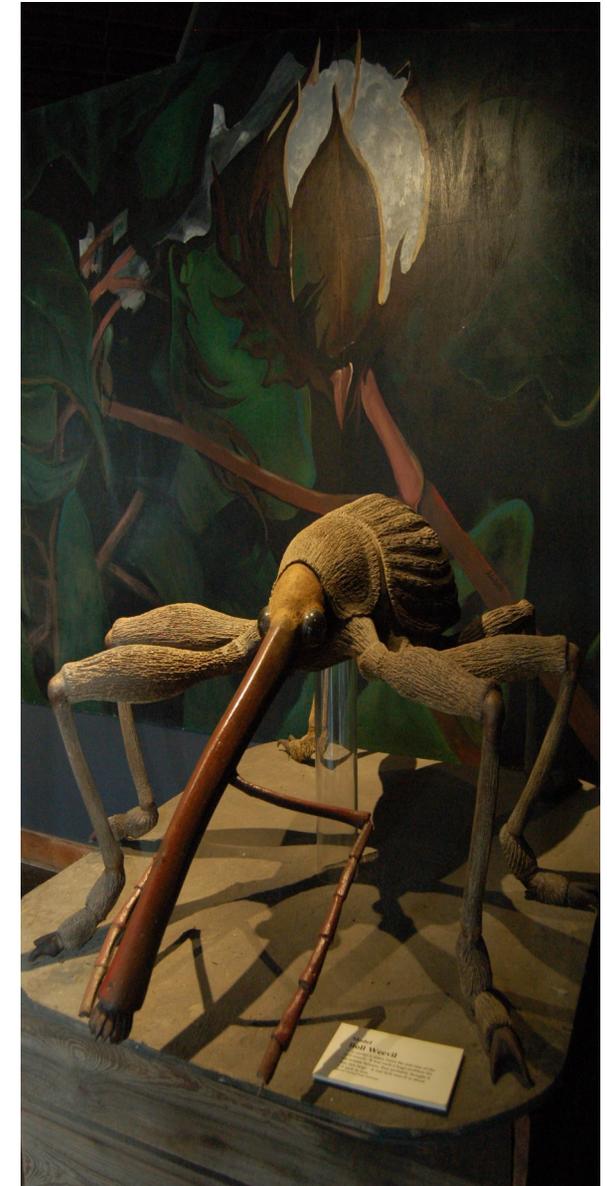
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Lee County Veterans Museum



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South Carolina Cotton Museum



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The South Carolina

Cotton Museum showcases the humble plant that drove the advancement of agriculture, transportation, textiles and many other technologies. Just like the color of cotton blossoms, the world changed with the rise of cotton production in the south. In 1671 Joseph West was the first documented grower of cotton in what would later become South Carolina. The exhibits take visitors through cotton's rich agricultural history with examples of implements



***“First day white, next day red;
Third day from birth I'm dead;
Though I am of short duration;
Yet withal I clothe the nation”***

ranging from hand tools and baskets used by early cotton growers and pickers to an early Whitney spike gin, to a Cessna Ag Wagon crop duster. Hand cards, spinning wheels and early looms in addition to modern spinning and weaving equipment illustrate the progress of the textile industry. The larger-than-life boll weevil exhibit traces a dark time in cotton's history in the southern United States. School groups are welcome and educational programs are available for all ages and grade levels. The Company Store offers South Carolina specialty gift items for all ages and occasions. The South Carolina Cotton Museum is also a venue for meetings, parties and receptions, accommodating up to 125.



The Lee County Veterans Museum

is located next door to the South Carolina Cotton Museum. The bases of the upright exhibit cases have been constructed to appear as the traditional footlocker with branch of service, name and rank,

and service number of a deceased veteran. The exhibits trace the history of American conflicts with artifacts and military memorabilia provided by Lee County veterans and families. A series of exhibits tell the history of six branches of the uniformed service, including a permanent exhibit honoring Lee County's **Medal of Honor** recipient, James Davison Heriot. Special remembrances of deceased veterans are repre-



sented in the **Lest We Forget** section. The Lee County Veterans Museum provides quarters for the American Legion Post 29, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3096, meeting area for the Auxiliaries, and office space for the Lee County Veterans Affairs. The Lee County Veterans Museum is also available for meetings, parties, and receptions and can accommodate events of up to 250.

“Duty, Honor, Country”

A Tribute to Felix “Doc” Blanchard is located across the street from the museums in Bishopville's flag park. Most well known as a football phenomenon in the 1940's, Bishopville's home town hero was more than just

“One of the greatest football machines of all time”

Number 35. The only native South Carolinian to be awarded the **Heisman Trophy**, “Doc” led West Point through undefeated seasons 1944-46. Despite his considerable talent, “Doc” turned down a lucrative offer to play profes-



sional football to pursue a career in the Air Force. There he set a new speed record in the F-100 fighter jet and commanded the 77th Tactical Fighter Squadron. “Doc” flew 84 combat missions over Vietnam and received numerous commendations for outstanding airmanship and courage. Three figures portray this larger-than-life hero. The boy figure, known as **Building Heroes**, sits astride an American Bald Eagle with wings of the American flag, a symbol of strength, honor, and pride. The football player represents the competitive spirit in all of us. The military figure reminds us of the many who served and continue to serve this nation with honor. Without such individuals who are committed to preserving our freedoms, our youth could never aspire to such greatness. We hope they serve as an inspiration to preserve a way of life made possible because of men like Felix “Doc” Blanchard.