

# Des Moines, Iowa, 2023

## 48th Annual International Convention of the MVPA-HA

### 14-17 June 2023

**The Iowa State Fairgrounds**, 3000 E Grand Ave, Des Moines, Iowa 50317. The Varied Industries Building is the home of the 48th Annual MVPA-HA International Convention. This year's Convention features indoor and outdoor vending and vehicle displays, numerous exciting family tours, and on-site camping.

**Host Hotels:** Our two host hotels are the Hyatt Place and Fairfield Inn and Suites by Marriot, both at a rate of **\$134.00 (+ 13% tax) per night**. The hotels are new and are next door to each other! Each hotel includes free breakfast with your stay. Also, there is a great place next door called the Burger Shed. Great food and a bar to match and Johnny's Italian Steakhouse is a short walk down the street!

Within a half-mile of the hotels, on the same street (Bass Pro Drive) is a Bass Pro Shop and a 70-shop Outlet Mall. The Amusement Park and the Water Park are not far. Come to the convention and make the most of your stay!

**The Hyatt Place**, Altoona/Des Moines, 480 Bass Pro Drive NW, Altoona, Iowa 50009

- **Reservations by phone:** (515) 520-8300 & reference "MVPAHA" guestroom rate

- **Reservations online:**

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/iowa/hyatt-place-altoona-des-moines/dsmza>

Click on **Book Now**

Change dates to needed stay – block valid 6/11-6/23

Click on Special Rates arrow down then chose "**Corporate or Group Code**"

Enter **G-FUEL** into the corporate or group code box

**Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott**, Altoona/Des Moines, 460 Bass Pro Drive NW, Altoona, Iowa 50009

- **Reservations by phone:** (515) 446-9888 & reference "MVPAHA" guest room rate

Fairfield Inn & Suites Des Moines Altoona for 134 USD per night

- **Reservations online:**

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1662743815258&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

**Camping: Iowa State Fairgrounds**

- Daily Fees: \$32 full hookups (water, electric, and sewer) \$30 (water and electric)

For more information please go to: <https://www.iowastatefairgrounds.org/camping/campgrounds-map>

The Iowa State Fair has a no refund policy for all camping on grounds.

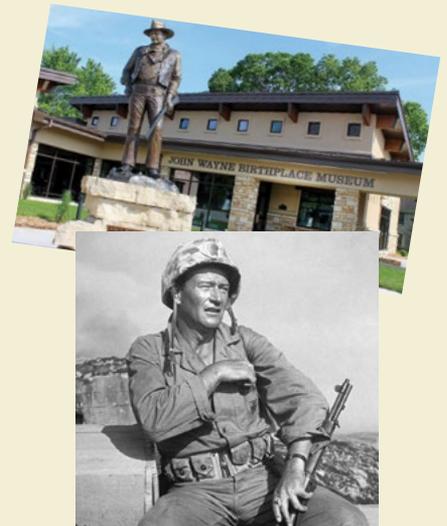
### The John Wayne Birthplace Museum

John Wayne. The mere mention of his name produces images of courage and patriotism. The life story of John Wayne began in the small central Iowa town of Winterset. He was born Marion Robert Morrison on May 26, 1907, the son of Clyde and Mary Brown Morrison. His father, Clyde, was a pharmacist who worked on the south side of Winterset's historic town square. In his youth, Clyde attended nearby Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa. John Wayne described his father as "The kindest, most patient man I ever knew." Wayne's mother, Mary, was of Irish descent, and Duke said, "She was a tiny, vivacious red-headed bundle of energy." Their modest four-room home has been restored to reflect its appearance in 1907, the year of the actor's birth.

Since the John Wayne Birthplace Society was established in 1982, more than a million visitors have journeyed to historic Madison County to tour the birthplace home. Guests have included President Ronald Reagan, movie legend Maureen O'Hara, Wayne's widow and all of his children, and fans from 50 states and 40 foreign countries.

With the opening of the 6,100 square foot John Wayne Birthplace Museum adjacent to the home, visitors now have the opportunity to see the largest diversified exhibit of John Wayne artifacts in existence, including original movie posters, film wardrobe, scripts, contracts, letters, artwork and sculpture, and even one of his last customized automobiles.

The only museum in the world dedicated to John Wayne, the facility naturally includes a movie theater. Relax in comfortable seats (originally from Grauman's Chinese Theater in Hollywood) and watch a documentary on Duke's phenomenal film career. Be sure to explore the gift shop's wide assortment of John Wayne merchandise perfect for souvenirs or great new items to add to your collection. You'll be fascinated as you linger and learn about John Wayne the actor, the private citizen and an American legend.



**Adults: \$45.00\***

**Children seven and under: Free**

The Museum and Birthplace House are handicap-accessible.

\* Price includes transportation and Museum admission

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Enjoy Des Moines during the MVPA-HA Convention by hopping on the bus to three great locations:

Shuttles will be available on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and depart from the Varied Industries Building at 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. If you are done early, then catch the 1:00 pm shuttle to return to the convention. Otherwise, the shuttle will do a loop back to all locations at 4:30 pm to pick you up and bring you back to the convention. Be sure to go to multiple locations during your visit to Des Moines!

**Tickets are \$25.00 for each day's shuttle**

**The three stops are:**

1. **Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden:** Enjoy meandering through the exotic plants in the perpetually 80-degree conservatory. Grab lunch at Trellis Café and enjoy the plant-inspired menu.
2. **East Village:** The Historic East Village is home to more than 200 shops, boutiques, and restaurants.

**Eat and drink:**

**Zombie Burger:** A favorite of locals and visitors who rave about the spiked shakes and GORE-met burgers.

**Iowa Taproom:** Here you will find nearly a hundred all Iowa beer taps encircling a grain bin.

**The Breakfast Club:** A hip, elevated breakfast spot serving up food likes breakfast corn dogs and Angel food cake French toast.

**Things to Do:**

**RAYGUN:** Pick up a souvenir at the nearby RAYGUN, an irreverent t-shirt store and the self-proclaimed "Greatest Store in the Universe."

**Iowa State Capitol:** Take a free or self-guided tour of the Iowa State Capitol. The Law Library is a must-see.

**Lots of Shopping, Coffee Shops, etc.**

3. **Science Center of Iowa:** (Thursday and Friday) In the heart of downtown Des Moines, the Science Center features interactive exhibits and learning stations like "Why the Sky?" (outer space), "Brick-by-Brick" (LEGO), and "What on Earth" (geology).

**Eat and Drink:**

**El Bait Shop:** This taproom boasts Iowa's largest beer selection west of the Mississippi, with more than 250 beers on tap. Also serves your favorite food classics.

**High Life Lounge:** The nearby neighbor to El Bait Shop, is a 1960's style corner tavern locally owned complete with a Formica bar top, vintage wallpaper, wood paneling, retro light fixtures, and vintage Miller beer promotional signs everywhere. Like the vintage beer, the food remains true to the era. Cheeseburger baskets, deviled eggs, Spam and egg sandwiches, liver and onions, broasted chicken and Mom's pot roast are all favorites.

**Royal Mile:** Enjoy beer styles of the British Isles, American crafts, and an impressive Scotch menu. Best fish and chips in town!

**Fuzzy's Taco Shop:** Grab some Tex-Mex eats and sit on the patio and enjoy the Des Moines summer weather.

**Hessen Haus:** A German-style *Bierhalle* known for their *Hefeweizen*. They also serve delicious German food.

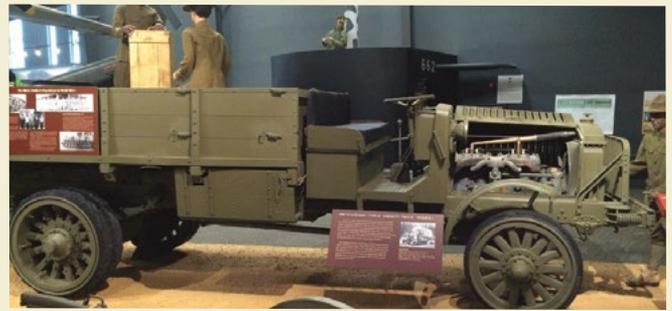


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## Iowa Gold Star Military Museum

Located just outside of Des Moines in Johnstown, the Iowa Gold Star Military Museum honors Iowa's military men and women as well as those who've served in the Iowa State Patrol. You can see the memorabilia from all wars in which Iowa sent troops and learn the history of the Iowa Army and Air National Guard and the 34th Infantry Division.

The concept of service rings out as you witness items from seven conflicts in various galleries and the Prisoner Of War room. While here, also investigate the outdoor displays of military vehicles and the research library. Learn about Iowans' contributions to their state and to their nation as you view artifacts such as uniforms, flags, trench art, medals and insignia, scale models, howitzers and cannons, a rebuilt Jeep, a jet engine, antitank weapons and a UH-1 "Huey" helicopter.



### Tickets

**Adults:** \$29.00

**Children 10 and under:** \$25.00

### Guidelines

- Face Coverings/Mask - Optional
- No food of any kind allowed
- No drinking containers of any kind including water bottles
- No umbrellas
- No bags (Exception purses and diaper bags)
- We encourage social distancing

## Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad

The trains of the Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad and James H. Andrew Railroad Museum, a division of the Iowa Railroad Historical Society, traverse beautiful Midwest scenery as they wind their way through the picturesque Des Moines River Valley. A trip aboard the Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad will take you back to a bygone time as you board 1920-era coaches for this one hour and forty-five minutes ride. As you travel the line, you may be treated to the sight of deer, turkeys, or a soaring eagle. The highlight of the trip is crossing the spectacular 156' tall Bass Point Creek High Bridge, offering passengers an unbelievable view of the valley. Come enjoy this excursion that is reserved for convention attendees only. Afterwards, visit the James H. Andrew Railroad Museum and its gift shop.



### RAILROAD TOUR COST

**Adults:** \$57.00

**Children 3-12:** \$42.00

**Under 3, on Adult lap:** Free

Price includes bus transportation and train ticket. There will be a lunch stop, in Boone, Iowa, before the train excursion.

Meal cost not included.



**Saints Avenue Cafe** in Boone, Iowa, is the area's premier restaurant serving Boone, Ames, Fort Dodge, Carroll, and surrounding communities since 1992. It specializes in American and comfort food.

<https://saintsavenuecafeia.com/>

