

# ABOUT US

## Intro

The new Tank Museum began in 1997. Our first Armored Vehicle, and first civilian Volunteers appeared in 97' as well. The Tank Museum is located on the Army Reserve base at the North East corner of Twin City International Airport near the intersection of Hiawatha and Crosstown 62.

Ranking members of the 88<sup>th</sup> Division Headquarters, formerly stationed here in the Twin Cities, wished to create a new focus on military history for the Twin Cities community.

Utilizing the U.S. Army's formula for Museums, set by the Center of Military History in Washington D.C., and beginning as an Armored holding area for the Army reserve, the new collection of vehicles and techniques of training volunteers was underway.

After the neighboring Minnesota Air Guard museum provided us with a public walk through gate in 2005 the Tank Museum has been open free to the public on museum Saturdays. Public open dates can be found on our website. [www.fsmm.org](http://www.fsmm.org) Open dates for 2010 will be posted soon.

The dedicated volunteers have accomplished much, the most impressive museum aspect is when the Center of Military History permits the Tank Museum to demonstrate and drive their Armor and vehicles for visitors. Rolling Armor is impressive. Main Battle Tanks on the move are unique in Minnesota. History comes to life. The Minnesota Military Expo was revived as a program in 2006. Demonstrations at the Tank Museum are still regarded as the highlight of the weekend. Minnesota's next Military Expo is scheduled for September 2010. Members of the 88<sup>th</sup> RRC in conjunction with Tank Museum volunteers will organize and promote the event. The Museum Staff usually have two demonstrations each day. Unquestionably, a free family visit to the Tank Museum offers a distinctive learning experience and impressive car crushing memories.

## Nomenclature

The Military vehicles restored and maintained by the Tank Museum include Armor and military transports from World War Two to the Present. There are several types of Sherman Tanks. And M-47 to M-60A3 Patton Tanks. Many Armored Personnel Carriers and Self-Propelled Artillery displays are exhibited. Trucks and Tractors of all types. As well as Jeeps and special vehicles. And, a few surprises.

Fort Snelling Military Museum Volunteers, Inc.



# TANK MUSEUM

**With factual history the subject,  
And operational example the distinction...  
You're invited to join us as a volunteer at Minnesota's  
Newest Military History Museum.  
And lose yourself... and, find yourself  
Within the dominion of an  
Historic inheritance.  
Here in Minnesota, here in the Twin Cities,  
Become a Volunteer  
At the Fort Snelling Military Museum.**