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History Rocks

Posted by [REDACTED] @ 2009-08-27 15:37:36

Tags: hist-1005, museum

Mood: pleased

(U) Enrollment for HIST-1005-09-01 now open

(U) Have you worked at NSA for ten years or more but have never visited the National Cryptologic Museum? Do you know that new employees receive a museum tour as part of their orientation and wish you had had one when you came on board? Do you wonder why a secret intelligence agency runs a public museum?

(U) The Center for Cryptologic History is proud to announce a new class

HIST-1005-09-1 Special Topics in Cryptologic History:

The NCM for Long-time Employees

(U) The class will include a guided tour of museum exhibits as well as discussions of how the museum came to be, how it supports NSA today, and the role of the museum library. The class is open to all civilian and military employees; contractors must have authorization in their contracts to attend. Since the National Cryptologic Museum is an uncleared facility, no clearance is required.

LOCATION: National Cryptologic Museum

DAY/TIME: Wednesday, September 9, 0800-1200

Wednesday, November 4, 0800-1200

(two classes, one session for each class)

PREREQUISITE: Employment with NSA/CSS for ten or more years

(U) Due to space limitations, the class size also has to be limited. If there is high demand we will try to run the class again in the near future.

(U) Register for HIST-1005-09-1 as you would any other ADET class offering, [here](#).

(U) Direct any questions to the Center for Cryptologic History at [REDACTED] or DL cch.

(U) This class is one of a series of planned one-time seminars on historical topics of interest to the NSA/CSS workforce.

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2908 [REDACTED] @ 2009-08-27 18:12:30

I've been to the Museum several times, and it's always interesting.

Of course, in recent days I've usually been showing up with a toolbox, to troubleshoot the model railroad in the lobby... :)

2910 [REDACTED] @ 2009-08-27 18:25:55

(U) When did the museum tours start with the orientation? I came in during 2000 and they didn't have museum tours then. At least, my group didn't go if there was.

(U) I have seen the museum several times by now though. Great place!

2911 re 2910 [REDACTED] @ 2009-08-27 18:48:42

(U) None for me

(U//~~FOUO~~) For what it's worth, I started in 2008 and there was no tour for me.

2913 re 2911 [REDACTED] @ 2009-08-27 18:59:03

Re: (U) None for me

(U) The only groups that didn't get tours in 2008 were the ones that were much larger than the museum conference room limit of ~75. If you came on board during a week that your Tuesday-Thursday lectures were in the FANX II auditorium, you didn't get a tour (not CCH's choice!).

2914 re 2910 [REDACTED] @ 2009-08-27 19:00:20

(U) I think it has been at least 3, perhaps 4 years now.

(U) If there is demand we'll run this again for folks who have less than 10 years but did not have a tour; we've had a lot of demand from longer-term employees and thought we'd try this as an experiment!

2917 re 2914 [REDACTED] @ 2009-08-28 14:05:27

(U) We met first at the museum and got a walkthrough when I EOD'd on 9/12/2005 so they were doing them then. I don't recall it being quite as in depth as the "usual" tours I've seen given, but it was still nice intro.

2920 re 2917 [REDACTED] @ 2009-08-31 10:56:45

(U) Yeah, we only get 45-60 minutes to do tours for the EOD class, so it is shorter than a 'normal' tour. When I take groups through at other times I generally go 75-90 minutes.

2927 re 2914 [REDACTED] @ 2009-09-01 11:34:47

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UNCLASSIFIED//~~FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY~~*Geography*

I have only been with the Agency for 4 years but would love a resource like this. I unfortunately live in England. Are there regular showings (I assume in Maryland) and can someone half way to ten get a free tour or do we have to pay? Thank you.

2929 re 2927 [REDACTED] @ 2009-09-01 11:45:52

Re: Geography

(U) The museum is absolutely free to everyone. It is open 9-4 on federal work days and 10-2 on the 1st and 3d Saturdays of each month. When you are back this way you can always take a tour; you're allowed to do this on duty time with your supervisor's permission. If you have a group of 6 or more call ahead to the museum and you can have a small group tour (for free). There are usually docents there each day that can do tours for folks on a walk-in basis.

2937 [REDACTED] @ 2009-09-01 16:33:33

(U) I Wish...

(U) ...the museum were larger and had more weekend hours. There are lots of other things, now declassified, that could be shown if there were space. And more hours on weekends would broaden the access.

2938 re 2937 [REDACTED] @ 2009-09-01 16:42:44

Re: (U) I Wish...

(U) Yes! But it would cost money, and as far as I can tell the money is not there for a larger museum or for additional staff.

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