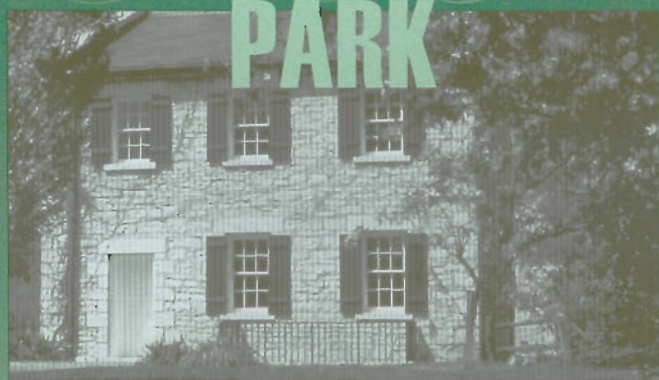


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Jefferson Barracks, established in 1826, as the country's first "Infantry School of Practice," served as a major United States military installation until it was deactivated in June 1946.

Named as a tribute to former President Thomas Jefferson, who died on the fourth of July in 1826, the post played an important role in the great westward expansion.

Jefferson Barracks served as a gathering point for troops and supplies bound for service in the Mexican War, Civil War, various Indian conflicts, Spanish-American War, Philippine War, World War I and World War II. Jefferson Barracks also served as the first Army Air Corps basic training site. Robert E. Lee, Jefferson Davis, Zachary Taylor, Ulysses S. Grant, Philip Sheridan, Stephen W. Kearny and William T. Sherman were a few of the famous Americans to serve at Jefferson Barracks.

**Laborer's House:** Built in 1851 for the use of civilian workmen at the Ordnance Depot, the house (pictured) was restored from original plans in the National Archives. Archaeological excavations in the 1950s were invaluable in providing clues for the fittings of the house which now appears as it did in the 1850s.

**Stable:** Built in 1851 to house four horses and two spring wagons, used to haul the munitions produced at the St. Louis Arsenal to the various ordnance magazines in Jefferson Barracks. It is unique in that it has a front and back door so that both teams could pull in simultaneously.

**Powder Magazine Museum:** Built in 1857, this massive stone building was used for storage of the rifles, cannons, gun powder and prepared ammunition for the troops stationed at the Barracks, in the Mississippi valley and on the western frontier. It has a beautiful patio overlooking the Mississippi River.

**Old Ordnance Room:** The first of the powder magazines built at JB in 1851, it is now used for special exhibitions relating to the military history of the Park.

**Visitors Center:** Completed in 1878, this building was originally used as a stable for four wagons and seven animals. It was also used as a facility to repair tanks in the 1920s and later in the 1940s, as a visitors center for new inductees into the service. The historic second floor was recently restored: the Visitors Center now contains meeting rooms, offices, a museum library and a gift shop.

**Premier Meeting and Event Spaces:** Many locations in the Park - both indoors and outdoors - are ideal locations for weddings, parties and events, for a few to thousands. For information, call 314/544-5714.

**Hours, Admission and Tours:** 10:00 am to 4:30 pm Wednesdays through Fridays; noon - 4:30 pm Saturdays and Sundays (closed Mondays, Tuesdays, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day). Free admission - special event fees may apply. Guided tours by appointment. For more information, call 314/544-5714.

**Activities:** Historical and recreational activities are offered, such as exhibits, reenactments, concerts, classes and seminars. For more information, call 314/544-5714.



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**Accessibility:** For accessibility accommodations or this card in an alternative format, call 314/544-5714 or 800/735-2966 TTY. Notice of two business days is needed for sign language interpreters or Braille.

**Directions:** Go north at the Telegraph Road exit off of I-255 (south of I-270), then to Kingston to South Broadway.