

Capitol Museum Exhibits

The Capitol Museum prepared and installed several notable exhibits in FY 2007. Two exhibits relating to the USS Arizona are described in detail in the following section.

“The Gratitude Train,” is an exhibit that represents a rail car full of gifts of thanks to Americans from the people of France for assistance after World War II. The State of Arizona retained all of the gifts sent here, unlike many others that dispersed theirs. The personal nature of the gifts and intimate expressions of gratitude are a testimony to America’s help for this World War II ally.

“Figures from Arizona’s Past,” features life sized plaster cast figures. Visitors interact with a Buffalo Soldier, Harvey Girl, miner, WWII Code Talker, cowboy, and others to learn about experiences in early Arizona.

The Museum served as a resource for the Arizona State Quarter Commission. A special display to promote the Arizona Quarter was created and displayed the five final designs for the coin. The exhibit was at various times displayed in the Governor’s office, in the Capitol Rotunda, during Statehood Day and at the Centennial Kickoff at Papago Park.

The Museum also installed and exhibit illustrating Arizona’s history.