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Idaho Military Museum- grand RE opening

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Maj. Gen. Gary Saylor, commanding general of the Idaho National Guard wields a cavalry saber to cut the ribbon during the Idaho Military History Museum's grand reopening Saturday June 7. The public was invited to attend the event, which highlighted \$800,000 worth of improvements from safety upgrades to new exhibit room enhancements.

A good public showing turns out for the Idaho Military Museum's grand reopening Saturday June 7. The Idaho Military Historical Society reopened its doors to the public Saturday to demonstrate the numerous upgrades.

From a fresh new look on the exterior to the new fire suppression and alarm system inside; the Idaho Military History museum reopened its doors Saturday after the facility underwent a major overhaul.

The original Idaho Military Museum first opened its doors on Labor Day in 1995 in a building that once housed the Base Exchange. For many years, after it relocated just outside the wire to a building

west of Gowen Field, it maintained that typical warehouse/cantonment-type look so common to old World War II-era buildings.

Today's museum however, appears neat and modern. In addition to the new exterior and fire suppression system, improvements include a new gift shop, a resurfaced exhibit room floor and a newly remodeled volunteer's break room.

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