

THE ARMORY OF ST MARYS

WEDDING GUIDE



Welcome to the

VENUE GUIDE

THE ARMORY OF ST MARYS
159 E SOUTH ST, ST MARYS OHIO

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CONGRATS!

As you begin planning your big day, we want to start by celebrating with you—CONGRATULATIONS on your engagement! This is such an exciting chapter, filled with love, anticipation, and countless memories in the making. Take time to enjoy the moments leading up to “I do,” because they are just as special as the day itself.

At The Armory, we take pride in walking alongside you through this journey. We know there are endless decisions to make in the wedding planning process, and choosing the right venue is often one of the most important. That’s why we’re so grateful to every couple who places their trust in us to create a meaningful and unforgettable experience for them and their guests.

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Guide Highlights

CEREMONY & RECEPTION SPACES

Pricing starts at \$2,000

Our outdoor garden ceremony space and unique reception drill floor are easily adjusted to fit your wedding vision. The rental fee for the ceremony and reception spaces start at \$2,000 and \$2,500 respectively. See page 06.

DECOR AND DETAILS

Optional add-ons

While we do supply standard tables, linens and chairs at no charge, specialty rentals and decor can be added as needed or included in a specialty package. Let us take care of those details for you. Page 08.

BOOZE + BEVERAGES

We are currently in the process of obtaining our liquor license. Until approval is granted, all booked events will remain BYOB.

If our liquor license is approved before your event date, all alcohol must be purchased through The Armory and will be provided at cost. Our in-house bartenders, which are included in all wedding packages, are required for any event where alcohol is present—no exceptions. Their services are already incorporated into the standard service fee.

FOOD + CATERING

All caterers must be licensed and insured. There are no restrictions for what caterer you choose; however, we must be provided with their contact information no later than 3 months prior to your event date.

Planning Overview

1

BOOK YOUR DATE

A non-refundable payment equal to 25% of your total booking is required at the time of reservation. This amount will be applied toward your final balance and is not an additional fee.

2

LOG INTO AISLE PLANNER

Log in to your Aisle Planner portal to start managing your event checklist and timeline. You can also organize your floor plan and track your guest list from the portal.

3

2ND PAYMENT

A second payment of 50% of your total booking is due no later than six months prior to your event date.

4

PLANING MEETING #1

Between 4–6 months before your wedding, we will schedule your planning meeting. During this meeting, we'll begin creating your event timeline, room layout, and decor preferences.

5

FINAL MEETING + PAYMENT

Your final meeting will be held no later than two weeks before your wedding. At this time, all event details will be finalized. Your final payment and guest count will also be due at this time.

6

TIME TO CELEBRATE!

All your planning is done, payments are complete, and now it's time to relax, enjoy your guests, and make memories that will last a lifetime.

Payments + Policies

PAYMENTS

Payments can be made by cash, certified or cashier's check, personal check, or debit/credit card. We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express. Please note that a 3.5% processing fee applies to all card transactions.

SERVICE CHARGE

An 18% service charge will be applied to the total cost. This fee covers the following services:

- Guidance from our event coordinator, including assistance with your timeline and room layout
- Two professional bartenders
- Complete setup and teardown of your ceremony and reception (including chairs, tables, linens, and in-house décor)
- Access to Aisle Planner to manage your timeline, wedding website, floor plan, and guest list.

SALES TAX

All prices are subject to a 7.25% sales tax.

DECORATIONS

Candles are permitted only if placed in a glass container or holder; open flames are not allowed. Clients who bring their own candles must also supply the proper votive holders. To protect the venue, adhesives and fasteners such as tape, wires, nails, staples, command strips, and wall tacks may not be used. Confetti and glitter are strictly prohibited. For outdoor use, only real flower petals are allowed to ensure eco-friendliness. If you're unsure about any decorations, please request approval in advance.

CATERING POLICY

You are required to hire your own caterer. All caterers must be licensed and insured. The Armory of St Marys must be provided with the contact information for your caterer no later than 3 months prior to your event.

Packages + Pricing

All rentals include: round or rectangular tables and wood cross back chairs for up to 300 guests, onsite parking, fully furnished groomsmen and bridal suites, complimentary wifi, and pre-scheduled access for engagement photos.

Bronze

\$ 2 , 5 0 0

RECEPTION ONLY
FLOOR LENGTH LINENS
STANDARD NAPKINS
9AM- 11PM

Gold

\$ 7 , 0 0 0

GARDEN CEREMONY + RECEPTION
5 HOUR M-TH BRIDAL SHOWER
PREMIUM NAPKIN COLORS
DRILL FLOOR UP-LIGHTS
CHAMPAGNE & HOURDERVES IN BRIDAL + GROOM SUITE
SILK FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS + ARCH
EXTRA HOUR FOR BAR SERVICE
EXTENDED RENTAL 8AM - 12AM

Silver

\$ 5 , 0 0 0

GARDEN CEREMONY + RECEPTION
FLAMELESS CANDLES + COLUMN VASES
BLACK OR GOLD CENTERPIECE RISERS
GOLD VINTAGE PLATE CHARGERS
9AM - 11PM

Platinum

\$ 9 , 5 0 0

GARDEN CEREMONY + RECEPTION
ENGAGEMENT PHOTOS 1HR
WEDDING PHOTOS 6HR
USE OF SPACE FOR REHEARSAL DINNER
YARD GAMES
CUSTOM NEON SIGN
EXTENDED RENTAL 8AM - 12AM

*All specialty packages build on each other—each tier includes the amenities of the one before it.
Use of the Garden Ceremony Space can be removed from any package for -\$2,000*

WEDDING DAY TIMELINE

A comprehensive timeline will be created during your planning sessions and added to Aisle Planner.



AMENITIES & RENTALS

For liability reasons, all tent and chair rentals must be ordered through The Armory.

FLORALS		DECOR	
Centerpiece/Aisle	\$60 each	Plastic Chargers	\$1.5 each
Boutonnieres	\$15 each	*Column Vase	\$3 each
Bridesmaid Bouquets	\$60 each	*Tapered Vase	\$3 each
Floral Arch	\$350	*Tapered Candle Stand	\$3.5 each
Silk Bridal Bouquet	\$150-200	Real Candles	\$0.5 each
SERVICES		Vintage Mini Vases	\$1.5 each
Extra Bar Tender	\$30/hr	Crystal Vase Centerpiece	\$30 each
Day of Coordinator	\$500+	Pillar Centerpiece Riser	\$15 each
Photography	\$2,500+	Crystal Candle Chandelier	\$30 each
Wedding Planner	\$40/hr	Cheese Cloth Runners	\$3 each
Extra Rental Hour	\$100/hr	OTHER	
		Lawn Games: Cornhole, Kubb, Ladder Golf	\$150

**All candle vases and stands come with flameless candles. Real candles are \$0.50 each, with a \$15 cleaning fee for the Chandelier Vase if real candles are used.*

Subject to availability, events can access the space for two hours on the day before and after their event within a set window, at \$250 per day.

Custom decorations are available and can be arranged for an additional, variable fee. For more details, please reach out to us at events@thearmoryofstmarys.com.

RENTAL CATALOG



CHANDELER VASE



COLUMN VASE



TAPERED VASE



TAPERED STAND

Black/Gold



CENTER RISER

Gold/Black/White



VINTAGE VASES

Amber/Clear/Black/Pink/Blue



TAPERED CANDLE

Flameless/Flame



FLOATING

Flameless/Flame



CENTERPIECE VASE



BEADED CHARGER

Blue/Black/Amber/Pink/Gold



ELEGANT CHARGER

Cream/Green



VINTAGE GOLD
CHARGER

OUR FLORALS

All in-house floral arrangements are included with our exclusive Gold and Platinum packages, or may be selected à la carte. We provide elegant centerpieces, aisle arrangements, boutonnieres, bridesmaid bouquets, and a signature statement arch designed to complement your celebration. Bridal bouquets are available upon request or may be custom-crafted in collaboration with one of our trusted floral partners to ensure a perfect match.



CLASIC NOIR

A timeless arrangement of elegant whites, accented with subtle black and lush



BLUSH BLOOM

Soft pinks and delicate whites come together in a romantic, feminine floral palette.



SERENE MEADOW

A calming mix of blues, greens, and whites inspired by tranquil natural landscapes.



BLOOM & WILD

A lively celebration of color featuring a vibrant assortment of seasonal garden blooms.



GOLDEN HAZE

Warm amber tones blended with soft pastels to create the perfect cozy, autumn-inspired arrangement.



VELVET HARVEST

A moody, romantic fall palette of deep burgundies, velvety dahlias, roses, hollyhocks, and layered autumn foliage.

Ceremony

OUTDOOR GARDEN

Nestled within a lush, evergreen landscape, our outdoor garden ceremony space offers a timeless setting with a modern touch. Surrounded by flowering bushes such as rhododendrons, azaleas, and hydrangeas, the garden bursts into color from spring through early fall, creating a naturally vibrant atmosphere. Even in the winter months, the predominance of evergreens ensures the space remains rich and verdant year-round. At the heart of the ceremony site stands a striking gable backdrop, crafted from natural wood, blending contemporary design with organic warmth—an ideal focal point for your vows.



Reception

INDUSTRIAL DRILL FLOOR

Once used as a drill practice floor for the Army National Guard, this industrial-meets-modern reception space has been thoughtfully transformed into a stunning venue. With warm maple wood floors and exposed brick walls, the space exudes a unique character that combines rustic charm with contemporary elegance. Accommodating up to 300 seated guests, it features a spacious bar and ample outlets to support caterers, DJs, and lighting needs effortlessly. The former Commander's Suite, now a stylish groomsman suite, overlooks the drill floor, providing a striking bird's-eye view for unforgettable photos and the perfect focal point for your photographer.

Bridal Suite

Our industrial-modern bridal suite boasts partially exposed brick, refinished maple floors, and vaulted ceilings with striking black beams, creating a chic and spacious atmosphere.

The space features four hair and makeup stations for you and your party, along with a mini fridge and coffee bar for refreshments. An en suite bathroom adds extra comfort and convenience.

For additional room, the guest seating area can be blocked off prior to guest arrival, giving you even more space to relax and prepare for your big day.



Grooms Suite

Originally the Commander's Suite and later the Recruiting Office, this space has been thoughtfully transformed into a stylish groom's suite. Comfortably seating up to 8 people, it features a private balcony perfect for photos and a relaxed cigar lounge vibe. Every piece of furniture has been carefully thrifted and curated, giving the suite character and charm while keeping it inviting and cozy. Fresh cocktail and shot glasses are provided for pre-wedding celebrations, and the en suite bathroom adds convenience, making this the perfect space for the groom and his party to relax and prepare for the big day.



Guest Lounge

Our industrial-modern guest lounge offers a stylish and comfortable space for your guests to relax. Featuring newly refinished maple floors, vaulted ceilings with black beams, striking arched windows, and partially exposed brick, the lounge combines chic design with warm ambiance.

Leather sofas and armchairs provide ample seating, while a designated area allows guests to hang coats and belongings. A gift table is also provided for cards and wedding gifts, adding convenience to the space.

Bar + Booze

We feature a hand-crafted concrete bar with a unique liquor cabinet built into the original radiator, adding character and charm to your event. Our in-house bartenders are true professionals and will work closely with you to curate a drink menu tailored specifically to your tastes, from classic cocktails to custom creations, ensuring every pour is perfect and every guest feels taken care of.

Looking ahead, we're excited to announce that by 2027 we will be adding a mobile bar, perfect for extending our service outdoors and creating even more versatile spaces for your celebration. Whether inside at the main bar or outside enjoying the fresh air, our team is ready to make every moment unforgettable.



Teen Center

Our Teen Center doubles as a one-of-a-kind Groom's Suite — a private, fun-filled space to relax and celebrate before the big moment. It features a foosball table, bumper pool table, poker table, dart board, TV, board games, and more, giving you and your crew the perfect mix of energy and downtime.

The \$250 rental fee goes directly back into our mission, allowing the teens of Peggy's Place to vote on and attend a future group excursion of their choice. When you choose this suite, you're not just enhancing your wedding day — you're investing in the next generation.

Rest Rooms

The Armory offers clean, comfortable, and thoughtfully designed restroom facilities for you and your guests. Both the Bridal Suite and Groom's Suite feature private, in-room bathrooms for added convenience and privacy. Our guest restrooms are spacious and well-appointed.

- Women's Restroom: 3 stalls
- Men's Restroom: 2 stalls and 1 urinal
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Each restroom includes double vanities, seasonal scented soaps, commercial paper towel dispensers, and high-quality toilet paper (never the thin stuff!). Both guest restrooms are handicap accessible and include an ADA-compliant stall to ensure all guests are comfortable.





THE ARMORY

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LAMMARDO STUDIOS


Amber's moody, artful style captures the raw emotion and intimate moments of your day, creating cinematic images that feel both timeless and deeply personal.

 @LammardoStudios

VALOR MEDIA PRODUCTIONS

Ryan, located right down the street, offers both professional wedding photography and videography, capturing your day with a personal touch and providing stunning drone footage for a truly cinematic finish.

 150 E Spring St. St Marys OH

 (419)-405-7070



COURTNEY NICOLE

Courtney showcases timeless, true-to-color, and romantic photography that beautifully preserves your most heartfelt moments.

 @CourtneyNicolePhotography_Ohio



STUDIO H

Studio H provides professional wedding hair and makeup, creating polished, long-lasting looks that keep brides and their parties confident and beautiful all day.

📍 122 S Main St Celina, OH

☎ (567)-890-9410

JCO BRIDAL

JCO Bridal brings modern, trend-forward style to every bride, offering a chic, up-to-date selection that perfectly complements today's wedding visions.

📍 127 N Washington St, Van Wert OH

📷 @JCoBridal

☎ (567)-259-3187



JACKALOPE STASH

Jackalope Stash offers convenient, **in-house** suit and tuxedo rentals, making it effortless for wedding parties to look their best without ever leaving the venue.

📍 159 E South St. St Marys OH



SARAS SWEETS

Sara's Sweets crafts delicious baked goods and beautifully designed wedding cakes, offering couples flavorful, high-quality desserts that make every celebration a little sweeter.

📍 435 S Eastwon Rd. Lima OH

YOUR FAVORITE BARTENDERS

Our in-house bartenders provide professional, friendly service with customizable drink options, ensuring your guests enjoy a seamless, elevated bar experience throughout your celebration.

📷 @YourFavoriteBartenders_419



LIVING WITH LUCY

Lucy's offers an impressive collection of imported cigars along with a wide variety of unique boutique gifts. It's the perfect stop for finding something special for both bridesmaids and groomsmen.

📍 120 W Spring St. St Marys OH



A Little History

Established around 1925, the St. Marys Armory served as a pivotal facility for the Ohio Army National Guard for nearly a century. Beginning with Company I, 11th Infantry Regiment (Nieberg Guards) in 1877, the armory hosted various units over the years. Notably, Company K, 2nd Infantry Regiment was deployed to France during World War I as part of the 37th Infantry Division.

In World War II, elements stationed at the armory, including Company K and HQ Company of the 148th Infantry Regiment, fought in the Pacific theater, with soldiers participating in campaigns across the Northern Solomon Islands, Luzon, and the Philippines. The Armory's military role concluded in 2020 when the National Guard relocated to Lima, citing the building's age and maintenance challenges.

To commemorate the armory's military significance, a National Guard Memorial was established in Memorial Park, St. Marys. The monument replicates the Armory's façade and honors the various units that served there over 143 years. It includes bronze plaques listing deployed units and the names of soldiers from St. Marys who were killed in action during World Wars I and II, ensuring their sacrifices are remembered.

The building remained vacant for nearly five years until a local family purchased The Armory in July of 2024 and began transforming the facility into what it is today. As part of its revitalization, The St. Marys Community Armory, a nonprofit organization, now operates out of the building, offering programs and services to local veterans and youth. Events booked at the venue directly support this mission, helping fund meaningful initiatives that give back to the community.



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