

THE ARMORY OF ST MARYS

WEDDING GUIDE



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VENUE GUIDE

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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

Our outdoor garden ceremony space and unique reception drill floor are easily adjusted to fit your wedding vision.

DECOR AND DETAILS

Décor is available as an optional add-on through one of our décor packages, allowing you to choose the style that best fits your wedding vision.

Linens are not included with venue rental or décor packages and are rented through Miller's Textile. If you select one of our décor packages, linens are required so our team can professionally set up your tables. Linen rentals start at \$12 per table.

BOOZE + BEVERAGES

The Armory is currently exploring the possibility of obtaining a liquor license, though we do not anticipate any changes before 2027. Until then, all events remain BYOB. If we obtain a liquor license, all alcohol will be purchased through The Armory at cost, and all booked couples will receive plenty of advance notice before any policy changes take effect.

Our in-house bartenders are required for any event where alcohol is served. Bartending services are available as an add-on for \$30/hour per bartender with a 6-hour minimum, which includes setup and teardown.

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 30 days 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

PLANNING MEETING

Your planning meeting will take place approximately 3 months before your wedding to review your event details and begin finalizing your plans.

For couples with a décor package, a second planning meeting will be scheduled approximately 1 month before the wedding.

5

FINAL PAYMENT

Your remaining balance, along with your final guest count, is due 30 days before your event date.

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

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 30 days prior to your event.

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.

SALES TAX

All prices are subject to a 7.25% sales tax.

PACKAGES + PRICING

BUSY SEASON (APRIL-DECEMBER)

*FRIDAY OR
SUNDAY
WEDDING*

\$3,400

- 9 AM – 11 PM ACCESS

*SATURDAY
WEDDING*

\$4,700

- 9 AM – 11 PM ACCESS

*TWO-DAY
WEDDING
RENTAL*

\$6,200

- 2 PM Friday - 12AM Day Of

*FULL WEEKEND
WEDDING
RENTAL*

\$7,500

- Friday 12 PM – Sunday 12 PM
ACCESS

PACKAGES + PRICING



OFF SEASON (JANUARY–MARCH)

*FRIDAY OR
SUNDAY
WEDDING*

\$2,600

- 9 AM – 11 PM ACCESS

*SATURDAY
WEDDING*

\$3,600

- 9 AM – 11 PM ACCESS

*TWO-DAY
WEDDING
RENTAL*

\$4,900

- 2 PM Friday - 12AM Day Of

*FULL WEEKEND
WEDDING
RENTAL*

\$6,500

- Friday 12 PM – Sunday 12 PM
ACCESS

WEDDING DAY TIMELINE

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



SPACE ACCESS + SETUP

Event space access depends on your package. At this time, you may decorate your ceremony and reception spaces with personal touches.



PHOTOS/SNEAK PEEK

Time for bridal party and individual portraits, and for the couple to have a private "sneak peek" before the ceremony if desired.



PROCESSIONS + CEREMONY

Ceremonies are generally scheduled for a 30-minute duration. Guests are recommended to arrive 30 minutes before.



COCKTAIL HOUR

During cocktail hour, guests enjoy drinks and mingling while family photos are taken. This is also a perfect time for the bride and groom to capture their couple portraits, and your six-hour bar service begins at this time.



GRAND ENTRANCE + DINNER

After photos, you will join your guests for speeches and dinner



BAR CLOSE - EVENT END

The bar will wrap up 30 minutes before the event ends, and we ask that all personal items be collected within an hour after the celebration.



DECOR PACKAGES

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

Essential Collection STARTING AT \$550

Perfect for couples wanting a clean, elegant, and cohesive wedding aesthetic while keeping décor simple and affordable.

INCLUDES:

Choice of metal centerpiece risers
Hurricane floating candle vases + flameless candles
Plastic charger plates
Metal Easel Collection
Napkin ring selection
Table numbers
Card box options

Required Linen Rental:

Starting at \$12/table

**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.*

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.



Signature Collection

STARTING AT \$1,250

Designed for couples wanting a more elevated and professionally styled wedding atmosphere.

INCLUDES:

Acrylic or metal risers	Crystal candle candelabras
Vintage mini vase collections	Mini Buffet Chalkboard Signs
Taper candle styling	Reserved seating signs
Charger plates	Lawn games for cocktail hour

Required Linen Rental:

Starting at \$12/table

Luxe Collection

STARTING AT \$2,400

A dramatic, fully styled wedding design experience featuring premium floral installations and statement décor.

INCLUDES:

- Premium silk floral centerpieces
- Silk floral ceremony arch
- Large Roman pillars
- Ceremony décor installations
- Cheesecloth runners

Required Linen Rental:

Starting at \$12/table



A L A C A R T E

LAWN GAME PACKAGE \$150

ROMAN PILLARS SET \$50-100

CRYSTAL CANDELABRA \$25*

ICECREAM CART + UMBRELLA \$200

EXTRA PLANNING MEETING \$100/HOUR

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.



DAY OF COORDINATOR

PRESENT FOR THE ENTIRETY OF YOUR RENTAL PERIOD WITH THE ARMORY.

Starting at \$500

- Day-of Vendor Coordination
- Creation of wedding timeline
 - Responsible for collaborating with vendors and distributing timeline schedule
- Prep getting ready suites and all facilities
- Assist in decoration of venue morning of
- Welcome and direct guests
 - Guest assistance
- Direct wedding party for ceremony and reception entrances
 - Attend rehearsal night before
- Cue music and DJ
 - Make announcements in lieu of DJ
- General problem resolution and management



**Weddings that include day of coordination services will require more detailed planning meetings so that your coordinator can fully understand your wedding vision and execute your event professionally and smoothly.*

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 2028 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

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 FORMALWEAR

Enjoy a seamless formalwear experience with our in-house suit and tuxedo rental service. We provide professional measurements, handle all ordering and sizing, have your attire ready at The Armory on your wedding day, and take care of the returns afterward. Simply leave your rentals with us at the end of the evening—no pickup or return trips required.





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

 150 E Spring St. St Marys OH

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.



COURTNEY NICOLE

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

 @CourtneyNicolePhotography_Ohio



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



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



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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