

# Civil Defense Glen Carbon, Illinois



The United States Organization of Civil Defense was initially started during WWI after seeing the continued attacks on European soil. It continued to flourish during WWII especially after the attack at Pearl Harbor proved that a home attack was possible. The current Glen Carbon Heritage Museum served as a Civil Defense Building and had a Civil Defense group for many years. Civil Defense volunteers were trained in several areas of need (e.g. evacuation, medical, and fire watch). Armbands with different insignia were given so civilians could tell what field individuals were trained in. These armbands pictured here are for the basic Civil Defense training. The Organization of Civil Defense was eventually replaced with Homeland Security and Emergency Management.



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purchase one or two of the heather-green  
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**The Glen Carbon Heritage Museum is currently closed to the public.**