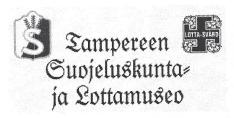
Tampere Civil Guard and Lotta Svärd Museum



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The ideology behind the Lotta Svärd organisation and the civil guards that operated in Finland in the early 20th century lives on at this museum by the Tammelantori market square. The Tampere Civil Guard and Lotta Svärd Museum focuses on the first steps of Finland's independence and the following decades. The museum aims to convey the desire for independence and the enthusiasm for national defence that were prevalent in Finland at the beginning of the 20th century. The museum also displays the efforts of the Civil Guard and Lotta Svärd organisations to build this country in the 1920s and 1930s.

The museum collects, records, and displays artefacts, documents, and collections on themes related to the Civil Guard and Lotta Svärd organisations, as well as items and documents generally related to our wars. The museum has the country's largest collection of Lotta Svärd cups. The exhibition showcases, for example, still lifes made with mannequins, and annually changing additional exhibitions offer museum-lovers something new to see every time.

The museum is in the basement of a commercial building. Guests with reduced mobility should note that there are stairs at the museums' entrance. There are a number of restaurants and cafés in the marketplace area.