

VETERANS DAY 2011 – SHARE THE CELEBRATION

Visit a National Park -- Free

What do Shenandoah National Park, the Vanderbilt Mansion, and Harpers Ferry have in common? They are all part of the U.S. National Park system and you can visit them all for free on Veterans Day! In recognition of current and former service members, the National Park Service is waiving all entrance fees to national parks on Nov. 11, 2010. Almost 400 of America's national parks will be open, including Denali National Park and Preserve in Alaska, Cabrillo National Monument in California, and Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado. "I invite everyone to take advantage of this opportunity and savor places that our veterans have kept safe for us," said NPS Director Jon Jarvis. The national parks hold something for everyone -- hardcore hikers and campers and people who like to explore history, take a leisurely nature walk, or simply pack a picnic lunch and get away from it all. In the parks, visitors of all abilities and interests can enjoy a holiday, often without making more than a short trip from home. For more information, visit www.nps.gov.

Take the Pledge & Make History

The Veterans History Project urges you to pledge to record the story of at least one veteran in your life or community for the Library of Congress. More than 1,000 veterans die every day in the United States; pledge to preserve important elements of history before they disappear forever. Take the pledge and learn more at www.loc.gov/vets. The Library of Congress asks that you also encourage others to do the same by checking out the Library's new public service announcement and posting it on your Web site, blog, or social media page. Visit, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lzqhQNYoXhl> to "like" and share through Face book and other social media tools. Contact the Veterans History Project at vohp@loc.gov or call toll free 888-371-5848 for more information.

Share a Cane

A national program will provide 36,000 Hugo® Folding Canes free of charge to U.S. military Veterans in need of mobility assistance to honor them for their selfless contributions to our country. "*Hugo Salutes Our Veterans*" will be launched the day before Veterans Day and run November 9, 10 and 11, at all Sam's Club locations nationwide, while supplies last. Sam's Club Membership is not required. Proof of U.S. military service may be required to be eligible. It is a beautiful patriotic blue with an ergonomic comfort-grip handle, appropriate for both left- and right-handed users. Sturdy, functional and stylish, it has multiple height settings to comfortably meet the needs of most people. The Hugo Cane easily unfolds, locks into position for use, and also includes a handle safety strap for extra confidence. To store, the cane conveniently folds into four sections. For additional information about the *Hugo Salutes Our Veterans* program, please visit www.HugoSalutes.com.

Share a Veterans Day Meal

This Veterans Day Applebee's restaurants -- <http://www.applebees.com/> -- will thank our nation's Veterans and active duty military by inviting them to their neighborhood Applebee's for a free meal. On this national day of respect and remembrance, Applebee's is honored to salute veterans and active military for their service to our country. Applebee's initiated this program nationwide for the first time last year. As a result, it provided over a million free meals to Veterans and members of the military. Here are the details: All U.S. veterans and active duty personnel with proof of current or former military service will eat free at all Applebee's in their respective neighborhoods on Veterans Day, Thursday, November 11, 2010. Proof of service includes the following -- U.S. Uniform Services Identification Card, U.S. Uniform Services Retired Identification Card, Current Leave and Earnings Statement, Veterans Organization Card, photograph in uniform or wearing uniform, DD214, Citation or Commendation.

Share a Steak with a Veteran

November 14, 2011 will mark the 11th anniversary of Golden Corral's Military Appreciation Monday Dinner -- <http://www.goldencorral.com/military/>. The free dinner meal is a special "thank you tribute" to any person who has ever served in the United States military. If you are a Veteran, retired, currently serving, in the National Guard or Reserves, you are invited to join fellow Veterans for Golden Corral's Military Appreciation Monday dinner. Who is eligible? Any person who has served in the US Military (retirees, veterans, active duty, National Guard or Reserves). No identification is required. To locate the nearest Golden Corral steakhouse, visit www.goldencorral.com/locator. To date, Golden Corral restaurants have provided about 3 million free meals and contributed over \$5 million in associated donations to the Disabled American Veterans organization.

Additional events and offers for Veterans:

Free Street Concert – Nov. 10: Help celebrate Veterans Day with a free concert featuring Kool & the Gang and the Chili-lites featuring Marshall Thompson on November 10, 2011, from 3pm - 5pm at 810 Vermont Avenue, Washington, D.C.

Chili's – free meal, Friday, Nov. 11: Chili's is offering all military veterans past and present their choice of one of 6 meals. This offer is available during business hours on November 11, 2011 at participating Chili's in the U.S. only. Dine-in from limited menu only; beverages and gratuity not included. Veterans and active duty military simply show proof of military service. [Visit their website to find locations.](#)

Hooters – Free Meal, Friday, Nov. 11: Hooter's is serving up a free meal to military veterans all day on Veterans Day. Offer good for all veterans and active duty military personnel. Choose one of the new specialty items on the Hooter's menu. Offer valid at participating Hooters only; open to all active duty and military veterans with valid military ID or proof of military service. Drink purchase required. For more information, visit, www.HootersVeteransDay.com.

Krispy Kreme – Free doughnut. Available only at participating Krispy Kreme stores. Offer available to all active-duty, retirees & veterans on Friday November 11th. Be sure to call ahead to verify your local Krispy Kreme is participating.

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurants – free lunch or dinner, Sunday Nov 13, 2011: McCormick & Schmick's is celebrating their 13th annual Veteran's Appreciation Event on Sunday, November 13th. Veterans will be able to choose a complimentary lunch or dinner entrée. Veterans must provide proof of military service. Be sure to contact your local McCormick & Schmick's as this is valid at participating restaurants only. Also, Space is limited and reservations are highly recommended. For more information visit: [M&S Veterans Appreciation Event](#).

Outback Steakhouse – A week of Free Bloomin' Onions and Cokes Monday Nov. 7 – Friday Nov. 11: Outback Steakhouse is honoring America's military veterans by offering active duty military and veterans a free Bloomin' Onion and a Coca-Cola product during the week leading up to Veteran's Day. This offer is available to Military Personnel who have one of the following forms of identifications: U.S Uniform Services Identification Card, U.S Uniform Services Retired Identification Card, Current Leave and Earnings Statement (LES), DD form 214 Veterans Organization Card (i.e., American Legion and VFW), Photograph in Uniform, Wearing Uniform. For more information, visit, <http://outback.com/companyinfo/veteransday.aspx>. The Outback understands commitment. For the past two years, The Outback, with the help of their patrons, has donated \$2 Million to [Operation Homefront](#), a non-profit organization providing everyday and emergency support for active troops, wounded warriors and their families.

Subway – Free Six Inch Sub: Select Subway locations offer a FREE six inch sub to military veterans on Veteran’s Day. However, Subway restaurants are franchises, so this offer may not be available everywhere. Please call ahead.

Texas Roadhouse – free meal, Friday, Nov. 11: Offer varies by location; our local Texas Roadhouse is offering a free meal from opening until 4pm. Other locations may vary in offer, hours, or availability. Call ahead to your local restaurant for more information.

T.G.I. Friday’s – Buy one get one free Nov 11-14: At participating locations for anyone with an old or current military ID. November 11-14.

Uno Chicago Grill, Friday, Nov. 11. Uno’s is offering a free entree or individual pizza with a purchase of an entree or pizza of equal or greater value. Offer good for all military for veterans and active duty military. ID or proof of service required: Show up in uniform (if your service permits), provide military ID, show a picture of yourself in uniform, or have other ID showing proof of service. [More info here.](#)

Home Depot and Lowes Coupon Updates

Update: [Home Depot and Lowes 10% Military Discount Available Everyday.](#)

Home Depot: The Home Depot(R) is offering all active duty personnel, reservists, retired military, veterans and their families a 10 percent discount off their purchases in honor of Veteran’s Day. The offer is valid on purchases of up to \$2,000 for a maximum of \$200 and is available at The Home Depot stores, The Home Depot Design Center locations, Yardbirds and EXPO Design Center(R) locations. The 10% discount is available everyday for active duty and retirees, but not all veterans. Home Depot makes this offer available to all veterans on most military holidays. You can also [find Home Depot discounts online.](#)

Lowes: Lowe’s Companies, Inc. will offer all active, reserve, honorably discharged, retired military personnel and their immediate family members a 10 percent discount on in-store U.S. purchases made during the Veterans Day holiday. The discount is available Nov. 7 – Nov. 11. The discount is available on in-stock and special order purchases up to \$5,000. To qualify, individuals must present a valid military ID or other proof of service. Excluded from the discount are sales via Lowes.com, previous sales, and purchases of services or gift cards. Like Home Depot, Lowes offers this discount daily to active duty military members, but not to veterans. However, they extend the offer to military veterans on military holidays. You can also [find exclusive discounts at Lowe’s.com.](#)

Free Park Admissions for Veterans Day: Anheuser-Busch Parks: Anheuser-Busch Parks offers Active Duty Service Members free admission for them and up to 3 dependents to any of their parks once a year. Throughout 2011, members of the military and as many as three direct dependents may enter SeaWorld, Busch Gardens or

Sesame Place parks with a single-day complimentary admission. The Here's to the Heroes program is only available to Any active duty, activated or drilling reservist, or National Guardsman. Eligible parks include: Adventure Island, Busch Gardens (Tampa Bay or Williamsburg), SeaWorld (Orlando, San Diego, or San Antonio), Sesame Place, and Water Country USA. Not valid at Discovery Cove and Aquatica. Christmas Town at Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, Va. is not included as part of this program. For more information and to register, visit: [Free admission summary](#), and [ticket application](#).

Colonial Williamsburg Free Admission: Colonial Williamsburg offers free weekend-long admission tickets to active-duty military, reservists, retirees, veterans, and their immediate dependents from Friday, Nov. 11 through Sunday, Nov. 13th. The complimentary ticket includes admission to Colonial Williamsburg exhibition sites, art museums, and most daytime programs, as well as free parking and use of the shuttle bus system. Tickets are only available at on-site ticket sales locations. Tickets are also available to families of deployed servicemembers. Tickets available on the following dates: [Nov. 11-13](#).

Historic Jamestowne – Free Admission: The National Park Service commemorates Veterans Day with Fee Free days at Historic Jamestowne November 11-13. Free admission for everyone. [See events calendar](#).

Knotts Berry Farm Military Tribute Days – Free Admission: Knott's Berry Farm has an annual Military Tribute event in which they offer military members past and present by offering free park admission. This year the Military Tribute Days run from November 1 – 24 November (Thanksgiving Day). Veterans or current serving military personnel plus one guest get in FREE with proper ID presented at Knott's turnstile (DD214, Veterans Administration Hospital ID or Active Military Service ID). Purchase up to six additional tickets for just \$17 each. [More info](#).

Fee Free Day at National Parks: To honor America's service men and women, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar announced that areas managed by the National Park Service would not charge entrance fees for Veteran's Day weekend – November 11-13, 2011. [Over 100 national Parks will be participating in this event](#).

San Jacinto Monument and Museum (La Porte, TX): November 7-13: Free admission to the theatre, Observation Floor, and (on November 12-13) the special exhibit to all veterans and their families. [More info](#).

Bed and Breakfast for Vets

In the third year of the program, B&Bs for Vets has organized over 485 (and counting) participating Bed and Breakfasts and Inns across the US and Canada which will be offering veterans a free night's stay on November 10th, the night before Veterans Day. This offer is available to both active duty military members and veterans with ID, but space is limited. Each Inn and B&B has at least one room available for this promotion

and reservations must be made directly through the participating Inns and B&Bs. For more information visit [B&Bs for Vets](#).

Other Veteran's Day Discounts

Here are some additional Veteran's Day Discounts. In all cases, be sure to provide proper ID or proof of service. In addition, some of these stores are franchises, so verify participation before assuming the discount is in place.

- **Free Car wash.** Thousands of car washes around the country are offering vets a free car wash on Veterans Day. Find a list at [Grace for Veterans](#), which helped veterans receive 101,537 FREE Washes on Veterans Day in 2010.
- **Amazon.com – Discount “Veterans Day Honor” MP3 album download.** This downloadable album includes 12 songs as performed by the military bands and ensembles of the U.S. Armed Forces. Visit Amazon on Veteran's Day to [download the album](#).
- **[Netflix – One Month Free Trial](#).**
- **Sport Clips – FREE haircut to active-duty military & veterans.** Offer only available at [select locations](#). Please call to verify local participation.
- **Tim Hortons** – all US locations are offering a free donut to all veterans (check out the Star Spangled donut!).
- **[\\$100 for opening new Chase Freedom VISA](#).**

Jos. A. Bank Veteran's Day coupons:

- All Executive suits \$177, 2nd \$57 – Lowest prices this year for suits! You save \$866 when you buy 2!
- All Traveler and Signature Suits \$377, 2nd \$97
- All Joseph & Signature Gold Suits \$577, 2nd \$197
- ALL SPORTCOATS, BLAZERS AND DRESS PANTS 50% OFF
- [JOS A BANK VETERANS DAY SALE ORDERS \\$175+ SHIP FREE Valid: NOVEMBER 11, 2010](#).
- Valid: November 11, 2010

Regional Veteran's Day Discounts

- **America's Incredible Pizza Company (St. Louis and St. Peters, MO).** Free meal Nov. 11th. Call ahead to verify hours and locations.
- **Aquarium of the Pacific (Long Beach, CA).** Free admission for veterans, military personnel, police officers, and firefighters who show valid service ID on November 11, 2011. [More info](#).
- **Brevard Zoo (Melbourne, FL), Nov. 11-13.** Free Admission to military veterans with proof of service. [More info](#).
- **Des Moines Botanical Center.** Free admission November 11, 2011 for Veterans and their families. [More info](#).

- **San Antonio Symphony and the United States Air Force Band of the West.**
Free Veterans Day Concert November 13, 2011. [More info.](#)