

Colonial Williamsburg

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Colonial Williamsburg Celebrates Veterans Day Weekend with Free Admission for Military Families, Special Programs

*The “Honoring Service to America” program, made possible by The Home Depot Foundation, extends free admission to active-duty military, veterans, reservists, retirees and their dependents
Nov. 9-12*



WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (Nov. 6, 2018) – Colonial Williamsburg honors American military service Veterans Day weekend Nov. 9-12 with free Single-day admission for all active-duty military, reservists, National Guard members, veterans, retirees and their dependents. The foundation observes Veterans Day and the 100th anniversary of the armistice ending World War I on Sunday, Nov. 11 with special military-themed programs including a veterans’ parade and a ceremony honoring fallen service members.

The “Honoring Service to America” complimentary ticket program is made possible again this year by a generous \$100,000 grant from the Home Depot Foundation, the mission of which is to improve the homes and lives of U.S. military veterans and their families. The program has distributed more than 31,000 tickets to members of the military and their family members since 2014.

“The Home Depot Foundation is thrilled to provide this opportunity for military members and their families to experience Colonial Williamsburg’s Historic Area and Art Museums,” said John E. Ellington, director of finance and grants administration for the Home Depot Foundation. “We can think of no better place than Colonial Williamsburg for them to visit during Veterans Day

weekend, as our nation comes together to reflect upon, celebrate and honor the service and sacrifices of our military.”

While onsite, military guests and their families are encouraged to visit Colonial Williamsburg’s new military information desk at the Colonial Williamsburg Regional Visitor Center and the Liberty Lounge, a complimentary space for ticketed military guests to relax and recharge in the Historic Area that has served more than 145,000 military guests and their families since opening.

“The Home Depot Foundation’s support for the Honoring Service to America program has been incredibly generous, and we are grateful to them for making free admission for military families possible,” said Elisabeth Reiss, wife of Colonial Williamsburg President and CEO Mitchell B. Reiss and leader of the Foundation’s military outreach initiative. “Colonial Williamsburg is proud to welcome military families this Veterans Day weekend and every day of the year.”

Colonial Williamsburg kicks off Veterans Day Nov. 11 with a military proclamation at 10 a.m. near the entrance to the Liberty Lounge on Duke of Gloucester Street. At 2 p.m. active-duty military, veterans and their families are invited to gather outside the Capitol building for a parade down Duke of Gloucester Street honoring veterans at 2:20 p.m. The parade, led by Colonial Williamsburg Nation Builders George Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette, concludes with a Salute to the Citizen Soldier. At 3:30 p.m. a service honoring fallen service members is held in collaboration with the Williamsburg Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution in the Governor’s Palace Revolutionary War cemetery. The memorial service is free and open to the public. As dusk falls, a lone bagpiper will honor our nation’s heroes with music played from the roof deck of the Governor’s Palace.

Free Honoring Service to America admission tickets are available year-round to active duty service members, reservists and National Guard members. In addition to complimentary and discount admission for military families year-round, Colonial Williamsburg is proud to offer military discounts on Colonial Williamsburg hotels, dining, retail, golf and spa.

Free Honoring Service to America tickets are available at all onsite ticket locations with proper ID. Minor dependents must be accompanied by an adult, and dependents ages 10 and over must present valid dependent ID. Service members need not be present for qualifying guests to receive free Honoring Service to America tickets, which are provided to dependent family members of currently deployed troops with appropriate identification. Veterans who separated before retirement can bring a copy of their honorable discharge paperwork, form DD 214, as identification of service. These weekend-long admission tickets are available at all onsite ticketing locations.

Additional information on the “Honoring Service to America” program and other military offerings is available by visiting www.colonialwilliamsburg.com/military, by calling 855-296-6627 toll-free and by following Colonial Williamsburg on [Facebook](#) and [@colonialwmsburg](#) on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation preserves, restores and operates Virginia’s 18th-century capital of Williamsburg. Innovative and interactive experiences highlight the relevance of the American Revolution to contemporary life and the importance of an informed, active citizenry. The Colonial Williamsburg experience

includes nearly 600 restored or reconstructed original buildings, renowned museums of decorative arts and folk art, extensive educational outreach programs for students and teachers, lodging, culinary options from historic taverns to casual or elegant dining, the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club featuring 45 holes designed by Robert Trent Jones and his son Rees Jones, a full-service spa and fitness center, pools, retail stores and gardens. Philanthropic support and revenue from admissions, products and hospitality operations sustain Colonial Williamsburg's educational programs and preservation initiatives.

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The Home Depot Foundation works to improve the homes and lives of U.S. veterans, train skilled tradespeople to fill the labor gap and support communities impacted by natural disasters.

Since 2011, the Foundation has invested over a quarter of a billion dollars in veteran-related causes and improved more than 40,000 veteran homes and facilities in 2,500 cities. In 2018, the Foundation committed an additional \$50 million dollars to train 20,000 skilled tradespeople over the next 10 years starting with separating military members and veterans, at-risk youth and members of the Atlanta Westside community.

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