

Colonial Williamsburg

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Free Admission for Military Families, Special Programs Offered Veterans Day Weekend

The “Honoring Service to America” program extends free admission to active-duty military, veterans, reservists, retirees and their dependents Nov. 11-14 thanks to a generous grant from The Home Depot Foundation



WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (Nov. 1, 2021) – Colonial Williamsburg continues its tradition of honoring American military service by offering [free admission during Veterans Day weekend](#), Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 11-14, to all active-duty military, reservists, National Guard members, veterans, retirees and their dependents. Special military-themed programming including a military march and a commemoration honoring America’s veterans will be offered on Thursday, Nov. 11.

The “Honoring Service to America” program, which provides complimentary passes to military guests on Veterans Day and Memorial Day, is made possible once again by a generous \$100,000 grant from The Home Depot Foundation as part of its ongoing commitment to improving the homes and lives of U.S. military veterans and their families. Since 2015, the program has distributed nearly 45,000 tickets to military families.

Colonial Williamsburg will host a series of special events honoring veterans on Thursday, Nov. 11, including the following:

- A 60-minute [Veterans Day Proclamation Ceremony](#) beginning at **10 a.m.** on Palace Green presented in partnership with the Williamsburg Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.
- Visit a Nation Builder with George Washington (**11:45 a.m.**) and Marquis de Lafayette (**2:45 p.m.**) at the Charlton Stage.
- [Military March Honoring America's Veterans](#) at **3:30 p.m.** featuring the Colonial Williamsburg Fifes & Drums, Military Programs staff, and members of Williamsburg community veterans' groups. The march will begin at Capitol Circle and conclude at Market Square with a ceremony behind the Courthouse featuring an address by Nation Builder George Washington.
- End of Day Salute at **4:40 p.m.** performed by a lone bagpiper from the roof deck of the Governor's Palace.
- [In Defense of our Liberty](#) evening program offered at **7 p.m.** at the Magazine. Separate tickets at an additional cost are required.

During their visit, military families are encouraged to visit the Liberty Lounge, a complimentary space for ticketed military guests to relax and recharge in the Historic Area that has served more than 205,000 military guests and their families since opening.

Free "Honoring Service to America" single-day passes 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. Colonial Williamsburg is also proud to offer military discounts on Colonial Williamsburg hotels, dining, retail, golf and spa.

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

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About The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

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 more than 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.

About The Home Depot Foundation

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 more than \$375 million in veteran causes and improved more than 50,000 veteran homes and facilities. The Foundation has pledged to invest half of a billion dollars in veteran causes by 2025 and \$50 million in training the next generation of skilled tradespeople through the Path to Pro program.

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