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**CELEBRATE VETERANS DAY AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER WITH FREE ADMISSION
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017**

Philadelphia, PA (November 2, 2017) – On Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11, the National Constitution Center will recognize the dedication and sacrifices of the brave men and women who have answered the Constitution’s call to “provide for the common defense” with free admission, courtesy of Macy’s. Special events include a wreath laying ceremony, patriotic concert, chats with veterans, and engaging civic education programs. At activity stations, guests can make patriotic crafts, including star wreaths and poppy pins, and write thank you letters to American heroes who have served in our armed forces.

Free admission on Veterans Day includes access to the National Constitution Center’s interactive main exhibit, the signature multimedia, theatrical performance of *Freedom Rising* presented in the Sidney Kimmel Theater, and the iconic *Signers’ Hall*.

Visitors on Veterans Day will also have free access to the Center’s feature exhibits, including *American Treasures: Documenting the Nation’s Founding*, an intimate look at the rarest early drafts of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights; *John Marshall: Patriot, Statesman, Chief Justice*, which explores Marshall’s character, constitutional legacy, and the influential roles he played in the early Republic; and *Constituting Liberty: From the Declaration to the Bill of Rights*, showcasing one of 12 original, surviving copies of the Bill of Rights.

Veterans Day Programs

Flag Raising Ceremony

9:15 a.m., *Front Lawn*

The day begins with a flag raising ceremony overlooking Independence Mall.

Thank-a-Vet Postcards

9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., *Grand Hall Lobby*

Visitors can take a moment to write letters of thanks to the women and men who have served in the country’s Armed Forces. Postcards can also be [accessed online](#) and downloaded by virtual visitors.

Arts and Crafts Activity Tables

9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., *Grand Hall Lobby*

Visitors can make patriotic crafts, including American flags, star wreaths, and poppy pins.

Community Partner Tables

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., *Grand Hall Lobby*

Representatives from various community partners, including Thanks-A-Vet, the USO, and the Veterans Multi-Service Center, Inc. will be at the Center to discuss the services they offer veterans and military personnel.

Flag Folding Challenge

10 a.m. and 2 p.m., *Front Lawn*

Visitors can help members of the museum's staff fold a giant 20'X30' American flag.

A Soldier's Life

10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., *Grand Hall Lobby*

Visitors can join a Revolutionary-era soldier as he discusses the daily lifestyle of a typical infantryman in the American Continental Army during the American Revolution. Visitors will receive the proper training of the day and try on equipment and gear.

Wreath Laying Ceremony

11 a.m., *Grand Hall Overlook*

The Center will hold a moment of silence and a wreath laying ceremony on the Grand Hall Overlook. Participants will include veterans on staff at the National Constitution Center.

Military Muster

11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., *Front Lawn*

Visitors can learn the art of marching and musket etiquette from the Continental Army.

USO Concert

12 p.m., *Grand Hall Overlook*

The USO Show Troupe will celebrate our nation's veterans with a patriotic concert.

Veteran Chat: They Were Ours

1 p.m., *Bank of America Family Theater*

Vietnam veteran and Glassboro, New Jersey, native John Campbell will participate in a special Veteran Chat with visitors. Campbell is the author of *They Were Ours: Gloucester County's Loss in Vietnam*, a book that uses wartime letters to tell the story of soldiers from New Jersey.

Veteran Chat: Veterans Multi-Service Center

2 p.m., *Bank of America Family Theater*

Veteran Charlie Forshee will discuss his service, as well as his role as Deputy Executive Director for Services at the Veterans Multi-Service Center.

About the National Constitution Center

The [National Constitution Center](https://www.constitutioncenter.org) in Philadelphia inspires citizenship as the only place where people across America and around the world can come together to learn about, debate, and celebrate the greatest vision of human freedom in history, the U.S. Constitution. A private, nonprofit organization, the Center serves as America's leading platform for constitutional education and debate, fulfilling its Congressional charter "to disseminate information about the U.S. Constitution on a nonpartisan basis." As the **Museum of We the People**, the Center brings the Constitution to life for visitors of all ages through interactive programs and exhibits. As **America's Town Hall**, the Center brings the leading conservative and liberal thought leaders together to debate the Constitution on all media platforms. As a center for **Civic Education**, the Center delivers the best educational programs and online resources that inspire, excite, and engage citizens about the U.S. Constitution. For more information, call 215-409-6700 or visit [constitutioncenter.org](https://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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