Colonial Williamsburg offers free admission for military families, special programs over Veterans Day Weekend, Nov. 6-11



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WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (Oct. 29, 2026) – The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation continues its tradition of military outreach this Veterans Day by offering free admission to all active-duty military, reservists, veterans, retirees, National Guard members and their immediate dependents Nov. 6-11.

Special Veterans Day programming will be offered on Tuesday, Nov. 11, including a Fifes & Drums procession from the Capitol to the Governor's Palace, followed by a moving commemoration honoring the men and women who have served in the nation's armed forces. All veterans are warmly welcomed and encouraged to participate as the community comes together to remember their service, honor their sacrifice, and celebrate the ideals they helped protect.

Tickets are available through Colonial Williamsburg's "Honoring Service to America" program, made possible by a three-year $600,000 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. The Home Depot Foundation has provided nearly 68,500 "Honoring Service to America" tickets to military families visiting The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation on Memorial Day and Veterans Day weekends since 2015. Its most recent grant extends the foundation's financial support through November 2029.

During their visit, active duty, retired and veterans of the military and their families are invited to visit the Liberty Lounge, located in the Historic Area directly behind the Millinery on East Duke of Gloucester Street, for complimentary refreshments and the company of fellow service men and women. The Liberty Lounge has welcomed more than 418,000 service members and their families since it opened in June of 2016.

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 older must present a 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 services. Additional information on Colonial Williamsburg's military outreach is available at colonialwilliamsburg.org/military.

For more information about the Honoring Service to America program and tickets visit colonialwilliamsburg.org/veterans, call 855-296-6627, or follow Colonial Williamsburg on Facebook 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 more than 600 restored or reconstructed original buildings, renowned museums of decorative arts and folk art, extensive educational outreach programs for students and teachers and 18th-century inspired culinary options from historic taverns situated along historic Duke of Gloucester Street. Colonial Williamsburg Resorts complement the experience, offering guests five unique hotel properties including the iconic Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star, AAA Five Diamond Williamsburg Inn, newly renovated Williamsburg Lodge-Autograph Collection, Williamsburg Woodlands Hotel and Suites, the Griffin Hotel, and authentic 18th-century Colonial Houses. The resort offers a range of events and amenities including four historic taverns, 15 food and beverage outlets providing exquisite culinary experiences from casual to elegant dining, the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club featuring 36 holes designed by Robert Trent Jones Sr. and his son Rees Jones, a world-class full-service spa and fitness center, pools, meeting and flexible event spaces, and scenic gardens providing the perfect venue for weddings and special events. Merchants Square, built alongside the Historic Area in 1935 as one of the first planned shopping districts in the United States, features more than 40 specialty boutiques with products ranging from apparel to fine jewelry, art, specialty foods and gifts. Philanthropic support and revenue from admissions, products and hospitality operations sustain Colonial Williamsburg's educational programs and preservation initiatives.

The Home Depot Foundation, a nonprofit supported by The Home Depot (NYSE: HD), works to improve the homes and lives of U.S. veterans, support communities impacted by natural disasters and train skilled tradespeople to fill the labor gap. Since 2011, the Foundation has invested more than $650 million in veteran causes and improved more than 70,000 veteran homes and facilities. The Foundation has pledged to invest $1 billion in veteran causes,

and, alongside The Home Depot, create 15 million opportunities to explore skilled trades careers through the Path to Pro program by 2032. To date, the Foundation has surpassed $1 billion in total charitable giving. To learn more about The Home Depot Foundation visit HomeDepotFoundation.org and follow us on LinkedIn, on Twitter @HomeDepotFound, and on Facebook and Instagram @HomeDepotFoundation.

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