

**Arlington National Cemetery** will hold a patriotic ceremony honoring America's military members and Veterans on Friday, November 11, 2016, at 11 a.m. A wreath -laying ceremony will take place at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, followed by a ceremony inside the Memorial Amphitheater, adjacent to the Tomb. The event will commence with a prelude concert by The United States Navy Band at 10:30 a.m., inside the amphitheater. More information is available at: [http://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/docs/2016\\_Veterans\\_Day\\_National\\_Ceremony\\_Visitor\\_Information.docx](http://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/docs/2016_Veterans_Day_National_Ceremony_Visitor_Information.docx)

The city of **Alexandria** Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs Department and the "Friends of Rocky Versace" will host the 15th Annual Veterans Day Ceremony in Alexandria on Friday, 11 November 2016 at 1:00 PM. The approximately 1-hour Ceremony will honor not only the 67 Alexandrians who died during the Vietnam War, but all veterans. The Ceremony will include patriotic songs, reading of the names of Alexandria's 67 Vietnam War Fallen Heroes, recognition of all veterans in attendance, a tribute to CPT "Rocky" Versace, acknowledgment of Gold Star family members in the audience, a wreath laying by CPT Versace's USMA 1959 Classmates and the singing of "God Bless America." Location is INDOORS in the gym at the CPT Rocky Versace Plaza and Vietnam Veterans Memorial located at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center in the City of Alexandria, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. (intersection of Commonwealth and Mt Vernon Aves.), (703) 746-5556. For more information: <http://www.virginia.org/Listings/Events/VeteransDayCeremonyAlexandria/>

The **Manassas** Veterans Day Parade -- On **November 12, 2016** you can attend the parade that kicks off at 11:00 am from the intersection of Quarry Rd. and Prescott Ave. in Historic Manassas. The parade is the largest Veterans Day Parade in Northern Virginia and in the Washington, D.C. area, and will include military units and vehicles, local veteran organizations, military and high school bands, and pipe and drum corps teams. For more information: <http://dc.about.com/od/specialevents/ss/Manassas-Veterans-Day-Parade.htm>

The **Springfield** Veterans Day ceremony sponsored by American Legion Post 176 and Springfield VFW Post will be followed by a luncheon and Veterans Forum with Congressman Don Beyer. The ceremony will be held at American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst Av, Springfield, VA 22150 (703 440 0335) at 11:00am on Thursday 11 November 2016 The Veterans forum will start around 1p.m. The guest speaker will be Col Bill Smith USMC (Ret). He is Chairman of the Board for the Young Marines and is employed with LMI, Government Consulting as the Regional Director, North Africa.

For other events of interest in the **D.C.** area see: <http://dc.about.com/od/hoildaysseasonalevents/a/VeteransDay.htm>

There are several events to be held in the **Williamsburg** area. There will be community observance at 10 AM at the Memorial Bell Tower in New Town, James City County. This will be the traditional observance with honor guard and taps. Sponsor is the Combined Veterans Organization in Williamsburg. At 1:30 PM there will be a dedication of a Blue Star Marker at Bicentennial Park (directly behind the DeWitt Wallace Gallery downtown).

Finally, there will be a Veterans' March sponsored by Colonial Williamsburg. At 3:30 PM veterans will march from colonial capital on east Duke of Gloucester Street to the Courthouse of 1770 for a ceremony. The finale is a pass-in-review before General Washington.

The Hampton Roads Council of Veterans Organizations (HRCVO) and La Societe Des 40 Hommes Et 8 Chevaux (40 and 8) co-sponsor the annual Tidewater Veterans Day Parade in Virginia Beach on Friday, 11 November 2016. The parade will begin at 9:00 AM. The parade route will start from the **Virginia Beach** Oceanfront on Atlantic Avenue and proceed up 19th Street to at the Tidewater Veterans Memorial (across from the Virginia Beach Convention Center). In addition to the parade, a short ceremony is held at the Tidewater Veterans Memorial immediately following the parade and a luncheon honoring our Veterans is held at the Doubletree Hotel next to the Virginia Beach Convention Center at approximately 12:00 PM. For more information: <http://www.virginia.org/Listings/Events/VeteransDayParadeinVirginiaBeach/>

American Legion, Braxton-Perkins Post #25 will hold a Veterans Day ceremony at 11 a.m. at the Victory Arch, 25th Street and West Avenue (2501 West Ave), in downtown **Newport News**. After the ceremony, the public is invited learn about America's rich military heritage at the Virginia War Museum. U.S. Navy Captain Daniel Shultz will be the guest speaker.

In recognition of President Woodrow Wilson's involvement in the formation of Veterans Day, the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum is pleased to co-sponsor a free Veterans Day program with the First Presbyterian Church of **Staunton**, Virginia. The ceremony to be held at the First Presbyterian Church (100 E Frederick St.) at 11:00 on November 11th will begin with a moment of silence to remember all veterans; followed by Woodrow Wilson portrayer Judd Bankert presenting excerpts from President Wilson's announcement of the armistice that ended World War I. In addition to the program, all veterans, active military members, and their families will receive free admission to the Presidential Library that day. More info: <http://www.virginia.org/Listings/Events/VeteransDayattheWoodrowWilsonLibraryandMuseum/>

On **Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00 p.m. the **City of Harrisonburg** will hold a Veterans parade. to honor the veterans who have proudly served our country during war and peacetime. The Veterans Parade will begin at the Rockingham County Administration Center, 20 East Gay Street, and will travel South on Main Street to City Hall, 345 South Main Street. At 3:30 p.m. there will be a short reception at Harrisonburg High School (1001 Garbers Church Rd) for veterans, families, and friends, followed by the 7th Annual Veterans Concert presented by the Harrisonburg High School Music Department. Enjoy patriotic works from the Harrisonburg High School Symphonic Band and Honors Choir. For more information: <http://downtownharrisonburg.org/events/veterans-parade>

**The National D-Day Memorial** (3 Overlord Circle, **Bedford**, VA) will hold a Veterans Day ceremony from 11:00 a.m. until noon on Friday, 11 November. All those who served in our Armed Forces will be honored at this event. The program will include special music,

guest speakers, and recognition of all veterans. The latest installment of Veterans bricks will also be dedicated. Admission is free until noon. For more information: <http://www.virginia.org/Listings/Events/NationalDDayMemorialVeteransDayObservance/>

On **Saturday, November 5th** at 11:00 a.m. there will be Virginia's Veterans Parade in downtown **Roanoke** to honor our military service personnel. Bring your family and friends and show your support and patriotism. For more information: <http://www.virginiasveteransparade.org/spectators/>

There will be a Veterans Day Ceremony at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 2016 at the Wytheville Meeting Center. The **Town of Wytheville** will honor all military men and women at this Veterans Day Ceremony. The Fort Chiswell High School Advanced Band will be performing, as well as Mr. George Bailey from the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre. Sgt. Laurie Clay will be the guest speaker. For more information: <http://www.virginia.org/Listings/Events/VeteransDayCeremonyinWytheville/>