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NVMM Hosts Sensory Saturday for All Ages on February 18

Enhanced sensory activities, low volume in exhibit spaces, touch tours and more

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The National Veterans Memorial and Museum (NVMM) will host a <u>Sensory Saturday</u> on February 18 for those who benefit from a quieter museum experience. Each quarter, the museum selects a Saturday to lower volume in exhibit areas, add special programming, touch tours and more. Sensory Saturdays throughout the remainder of the year will be hosted on April 25, August 5 and December 2. The NVMM always offers quiet areas and sensory bags for our guests on request.

"It's important to us that Veterans' inspiring stories, history and art at the NVMM be accessible to everyone," said Lt. General Michael Ferriter, U.S. Army (Retired), president and CEO of the National Veterans Memorial and Museum. "Through Sensory Saturday events, we are making a commitment to ensure a welcoming and enjoyable environment for all our guests to experience the museum."

This quarter's special programming includes activities for the whole family. From terrain activities such as interactively exploring the different types of military vehicles to making your own dog tags, these activities are created with fun, education and inclusion for all in mind.

KultureCity Certified Venue

The NVMM has been a certified KultureCity Venue since early 2019, ensuring the museum remains accessible to those in our local community with sensory sensitivities including individuals with autism, military Veterans dealing with PTS, stroke patients and more.

Sensory Bags

Sensory bags are available upon request to help our guests feel calm and comfortable while enjoying the museum with family and friends. Items include:

- Noise-cancelling headphones
- Feelings card
- Multiple fidget toys
- KultureCity VIP lanyard

What to expect.

Those planning a visit to the NVMM are encouraged to read our <u>Social Story</u> on the KultureCity website.

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About the National Veterans Memorial and Museum

The National Veterans Memorial and Museum takes visitors on a narrative journey telling individual stories and sharing experiences of Veterans from all military branches throughout history. The National Veterans Memorial and Museum pays tribute to the sacrifices of men and women in service and their families. History is presented through a dynamic, participatory experience with photos, letters and personal effects, multi-media presentations, and interactive exhibits. Together, these elements link our national story of service to the larger context of the world.