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NVMM Presents Veterans Day Ceremony, Weekend Events \$5 Museum Admission Friday, FREE Admission on Veterans Day

Ceremony Keynote by Jay Anderson, U.S. Navy Veteran, Wexner Medical Center Chief Operating Officer

COLUMBUS, Ohio – On Saturday, November 11 at 11 a.m., the <u>National Veterans Memorial and Museum</u> (NVMM) will present its national <u>Veterans Day Ceremony</u> in the Great Hall and livestreamed on <u>YouTube</u> and <u>Facebook</u>. The military ceremony honors and celebrates the service and sacrifice of all Veterans and activeduty service members while remembering those who are no longer with us.

There is no cost to attend the Veterans Day Ceremony, and NVMM admission is free all day on Veterans Day, however, guests are encouraged to reserve tickets for the ceremony and museum admission.

Ohio State football fans can head down to the NVMM at 300 West Broad Street, just five miles from Ohio Stadium, to celebrate America's heroes with plenty of time to spare before the Buckeye football game at 7:30 p.m. The Ohio State University will be well-represented during the 2023 Veterans Day Ceremony with The Ohio State University ROTC color guard posting and retrieving our national colors (flags) and Jay Anderson, U.S. Navy Veteran and COO at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, delivering the keynote address.

Since July 2021, Anderson has been responsible for leading the execution of the vision, strategy and overall performance for all Wexner Medical Center clinical enterprise operations. He served as a naval officer on the USS Mississippi from 1994-1997.



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Additional Veterans Day Week Events include:

- Vets Town Hall: November 10, 10 a.m. (Free) All Veterans can register to stand and speak for up to ten minutes about how it felt to serve their country. Everyone is welcome to listen. <u>Register here</u> for Vets Town Hall.
- An Evening with Sebastian Junger: November 10, 6 p.m.
 Experience an evening with Sebastian Junger, war correspondent and bestselling author of <u>"Tribe:</u> On homecoming and Belonging:" "War," about American soldiers in Afghanistan's infamous Korengal Valley; "The Perfect Storm," about the crew of the Andrea Gail and more. Junger's documentary, "Restrepo," which he shot, directed and produced with photojournalist Tim Hetherington, won the

Grand Jury Prize at the 2010 Sundance Film Festival and was nominated for an Oscar. A limited number of copies of <u>"Tribe" will be available for sale</u> through the NVMM. <u>Tickets available here</u>.

- Veterans Yoga Project: November 11, 10 a.m. (Free)
 - In honor of Veterans Gratitude Week, Veterans Yoga Project is joining us for an "Adaptive Yoga For All Bodies" class at the Museum. This is an all-levels class that will focus on stretching and breathwork as well as moving through various poses (asanas) with time for stillness and relaxation at the end. Poses will be adapted for mat and chair. <u>Registration is required</u>.
- Jiu Jitsu Seminar with Jimmy Pedro: November 12, 9 a.m. (Free) Join us at the NVMM for a free Jiu Jitsu and Judo Seminar with guest instructor Jimmy Pedro, a World Judo Champion and two-time Olympic Bronze Medalist. Register here.

The NVMM is offering \$5 Fridays through the end of 2023 in honor of the organization's five-year anniversary.

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. <u>The National Veterans Memorial and</u> <u>Museum</u> 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.

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