

NATIONAL VETERANS MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM

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National Veterans Memorial and Museum Hosting Pets and Vets, a Free Public Event October 20-22, 2021

*Service and Therapy Dogs, Mounted Patrol Unit, Adoption Events and
Wounded Warrior Dogs Project exhibition*

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) – The [National Veterans Memorial and Museum](https://www.nationalvmm.org) (NVMM) is partnering with numerous community organizations (listed below) to hold [Pets and Vets](#), a free, public series of events at the museum. Pets and Vets is being introduced to create a conversation around the importance and impact of dogs and animals in the lives of Veterans, servicemembers and civilians. From service animals to household companions, animals are shown to reduce stress and positively impact the overall health of humans.

The NVMM also will host the [Wounded Warrior Dogs Project](#) in the museum's Great Hall from October 20-24. Created by Central Ohio-based artist James Mellick, the *Wounded Warrior Dogs Project* is a traveling exhibition of dogs finely crafted from wood to raise awareness and focus attention on the sacrifices and needs of wounded Veterans. Stop and meet Mellick in the museum on October 22.

Following is a list of community partners who will be onsite each day in the NVMM Great Hall during Pets and Vets.

Wednesday, October 20, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- Columbus Humane Adoption Event (Outside: Main Entrance)
- Veteran Companion Animal Services
- Buckeye Paws with therapy dogs
- Veteran Service Dogs with dogs
- *Columbus Division of Police equine mounted unit and therapy dog unit (Main Entrance/Great Hall)
- Franklin County Auditor with dog licensing services
- *Wounded Warrior Dogs Project* (10 a.m. – 5 p.m.)



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Thursday, October 21, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- Veteran Companion Animal Services
- Franklin County Dog Shelter Adoption Event (Outside: Main Entrance)
- Buckeye Paws with therapy dogs
- Canine Companions with service dogs
- Veteran Service Dogs with dogs
- *Columbus Division of Police equine mounted unit and therapy dog unit (Main Entrance/Great Hall)
- *Franklin County Sheriff's Office and therapy dog unit
- Franklin County Auditor with dog licensing services
- *Wounded Warrior Dogs Project* (10 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

Friday, October 22, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- Veteran Companion Animal Services
- Buckeye Paws with therapy dogs
- Veteran Service Dogs with dogs
- *Columbus Division of Police equine mounted unit and therapy dog unit (Main Entrance/Great Hall)
- Franklin County Auditor with dog licensing services
- *Wounded Warrior Dogs Project* (10 a.m. – 5 p.m.) – Meet artist James Mellick

Saturday, October 23 and Sunday, October 24

- *Wounded Warrior Dogs Project* (10 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

**Please note, attendance is subject to availability.*

Pets and Vets attendees will have the opportunity to purchase \$10 museum admission tickets (\$7 savings on an adult ticket). Veterans, Gold Star Families, active-duty military personnel and NVMM members always receive free admission. Those visiting the museum with their working service animal will receive a complimentary goodie bag. The National Veterans Memorial and Museum is open Wednesday – Sunday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

About The National Veterans Memorial and Museum

The National Veterans Memorial and Museum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that takes visitors on a narrative journey telling individual stories and sharing experiences of Veterans from all military branches throughout history. The Memorial and Museum also honors the sacrifices of men and women in service and their families. History is presented in a dynamic, participatory experience with photos, letters and personal effects, multimedia presentations, interactive exhibits, online events and digital content. Together, these elements link our national story to the larger context of our world. For more information, please visit

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