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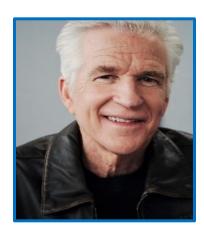
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National Veterans Memorial and Museum Veterans Day Commemoration and Events

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) – The National Veterans Memorial and Museum (NVMM) invites the public to a series of Veterans Day events created to honor, celebrate and share the stories of all U.S. Veterans who have defended our freedom.

The highlight of our Veterans Day series of events will be the seventh annual **Veterans Day Ceremony** at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, November 11. Actor Matthew Modine will be our featured speaker. Modine's photographic exhibit "Full Metal Jacket Diary," a selection of photos and notes he took during the filming of Stanley Kubrick's 1987 Vietnam War film classic, is currently on display at the museum. Admission for the ceremony is free, thanks to the generous support of our presenting sponsors, Central Ohio Ford Dealers, Nationwide, and Boeing. Additional support comes from our partners at Lane Aviation, Columbus City Council, and Boldyn Networks, with ongoing support from The Greater Columbus Arts Council, Nationwide, Battelle, the AEP Foundation, and the Wolfe Foundation. Through their gifts, the National Veterans Memorial and Museum is able to fulfill its mission to honor all Veterans, elevate their stories and amplify the power of service.



Matthew Modine

"Veterans Day is a time for all Americans to show their support and gratitude for our service men and women and to be inspired by their stories shared here at the National Veterans Memorial and Museum," said Dr. Frederic Bertley, CEO of the National Veterans Memorial and Museum. "Thank you to our generous sponsors and to our members and community partners for supporting our efforts to honor all Veterans on this special day."

Veterans Day 2025 at the NVMM will include the following opportunities to pay tribute to our servicemen and women and gain inspiration from their selfless military and civilian service.

Seventh Annual Veterans Day Ceremony: Tuesday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m.

On Veterans Day, we're honored to welcome actor Matthew Modine* as our keynote speaker. Columbus iHeart radio host and Program Director Brandon "Boxer" Nasby will be our Master of Ceremonies.

Tickets: https://my.nationalvmm.org/ceremonies/veteransday

To view a live stream of the ceremony on November 11th, click here.

*Broadcast media note: Correct pronunciation is Mo-DEEN

Ohio MilVets Veterans Day Rally: Sunday, Nov. 9, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The NVMM is the place to be for the MilVets Veterans Day Rally on Sunday, November 9. The Rally will feature entertainment, Veteran-related vendors, and a free meal for all Veterans. Every attendee may take advantage of the "Dog Tag Discount Program," and enjoy discounted or complimentary admission to both the NVMM and COSI. The MilVets Veterans Rally is the perfect opportunity to show your appreciation for all those who have served to protect our freedoms. Please join us in support of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's "Toys for Tots" program and bring a toy for a disadvantaged child. Plus, bring the kids to see Mr. and Mrs. Claus for their first appearance in Columbus this holiday season!

https://ohiomilvets.org/veterans-day-rally/

Daniel Tiger's Be My Neighbor Day Celebration: Saturday, Nov. 8: 10 a.m. - Noon

Spread Kindness with Daniel Tiger! Join us on Saturday, November 8, as we host WOSU's Daniel Tiger's Be My Neighbor Day Celebration. Experience meaningful service-learning opportunities focused around being a friendly neighbor, as well as a meet-and-greet with Daniel Tiger and Katarina Kittycat. Museum activities include creating kindness cards, assembling care packages, coloring stations and more. Families are encouraged, although not required, to donate hygiene products (NEW toothbrushes and travel-size toothpaste, deodorant, bar soap, shaving cream).

The event is free, but advance registration is required. Registration will be limited and on a first-come, first-serve basis.

https://www.wosu.org/classroom/daniel-tigers-be-my-neighbor-day

Columbus Modern Dance Company "Locomotion 2025": Sunday, Nov. 2, 3:15 p.m.

Dancers from CoMo and the Exit 12 Dance Company will include the NVMM on its bus tour of downtown Columbus. The Artistic Director of Exit 12 is Roman Baca, a U.S. Marine Iraq War Veteran. The dancers will perform in Gallery 33, surrounded by the photography of Matthew Modine's "Full Metal Jacket Diary."

Information about the tour may be found here. Standard NVMM ticket rates apply.

About the National Veterans Memorial and Museum

The National Veterans Memorial and Museum, at 300 W. Broad St. in Columbus, takes visitors on a narrative journey telling individual stories and shared experiences of Veterans from all military branches throughout history. The NVMM pays tribute to 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, multi-media presentations, and interactive exhibits. Together, these elements link our national story to the larger context of the world.

VETERANS DAY ACTIVITIES AT THE NATIONAL VETERANS MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM

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