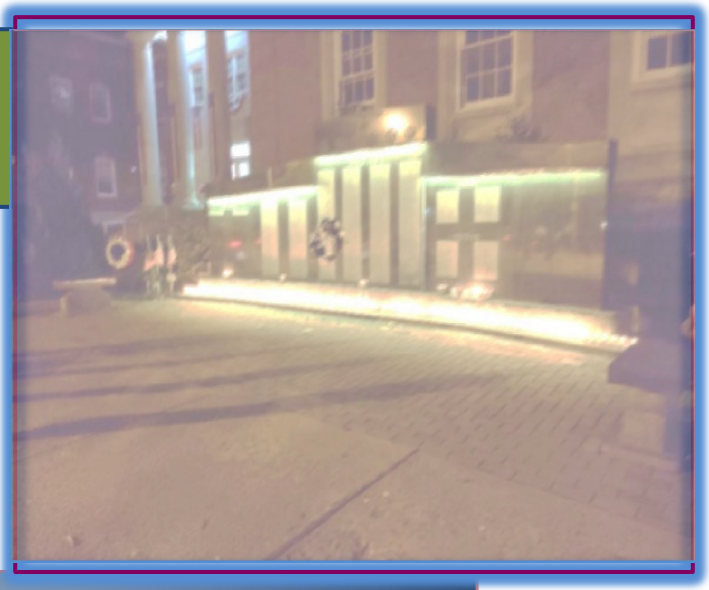
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POST 52'S NEWS

A Publication of VVnW Jack Greer Memorial Post 52

Our Troops >>>

Project Support our Troops

UPCOMING PACKINGs:

- *To Be Announced*

Visit us at: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Project-Support-Our-Troops/

We are accepting stateside names and addresses, in addition to those deployed!
Reach out to your friends and neighbors and let's get as many soldiers' boxes as we can.

Please Contact:
Kim Lengling at (814) 724-9099
OR
Laurie Davis at (814) 853-145

Commander's Comments

We made it through summer, and we are open for dinners and doing well thanks to all of you that have stepped up in any way to help. We continue to stay busy with all our projects and helping Veterans, soldiers and their families.

The color guard has been extremely busy with funerals. Be sure to stand and honor all veterans as they pass in the Halloween Parade. Post 52 will be the only color guard present for this year's Veteran Day activities at Active Aging. Color Guard members are needed. If you are interested in joining the color guard, contact me and we will get you set up. Remember we are an all-volunteer Veterans organization aimed towards helping our veterans and our community. We Are People Who Care.

Yours In Brotherhood,
Phil 814-282-9737



Please send us your email so you can receive your newsletter monthly and in full color!

You can keep up-to-date on Post information at
www.post52.com

Post Meetings:
All Post monthly meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00pm. Next meetings is November 16.



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Details and Dates…..

PROJECT SUPPORT OUR TROOPS – we await more updates, please stay tuned!

November 3rd – Election Day Hot Roast Beef Dinner. Serving 11:00 am – 7:00 pm.

November 13th – Decorate the Post for Christmas 6:00 pm

Next meeting November 16th – 7:00 pm. There is no meeting in December.

November 27th – wrap presents for Soldiers and Sailors Home 6:00 pm

December 12th – Post Christmas Party. ***See next month's newsletter for details & page 4 this month!***

2026 -2027 Officers

Phil Davis, Commander
Del Preston, 1st Vice Commander
Jim Urquhart, 2nd Vice Commander
Master-Sgt-at-Arms, Jack Sheets
Quartermaster, Laurie Davis
Secretary, Sheila Preston
Trustee, Ken Novosel

RENTALS of the POST HOME

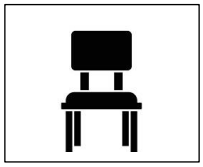
Use of Building Only:

- Member Rental Fee - $75
- Non-Member Rental Fee - $100

Use of Kitchen with Building:

- Member Rental Fee – $125
- Non-Member Rental Fee -- $150

Renter is responsible for set up of building prior to event and clean up after event. Thank you!



PULL UP A CHAIR!

Post 52 members, you're invited to join us on **Monday, December 7th, from 1–3 PM** at Veterans of the Vietnam War, Post 52, on Dunham Road in Meadville.
Come spend a couple hours of fellowship as we **write and sign holiday cards and letters** to send some Christmas cheer and encouragement to our deployed troops! If you have holiday cards, feel free to bring them.
Coffee, water, and light refreshments will be available.
Let's come together, support our troops, share some smiles, and get into the holiday spirit!
Join us at Post 52 and pull up a chair!
Contact: Kim Lengling – 814-724-9099

LAST MONTH OF DINNERS FOR 2026!!

(please visit our Website and Facebook for the latest updates!!!)

served EVERY week!

- Beer Battered Haddock $15
- Lemon Pepper seasoned baked Haddock $15
- Shrimp Basket $15
- Spaghetti and meatballs with homemade sauce-yes, we make our own meatballs $10

Nov 7th - *Feature dinner* – Stuffed Peppers $12

Nov 14th - *Feature dinner* – Ham Loaf with sweet potato/yams $12

Nov 21st – *Feature dinner* – Beef Tips over Noodles $12
This is the last dinner of 2026.

Closed Saturday, November 28th – *Happy Thanksgiving!*

See you January 9th

(Saturday night dinners resume in January after our December break!!!)




Post 52
Christmas Party
Saturday, December 12, 2026
Social Hour 6 pm (BYOB)
Dinner 7 pm
Post 52 members FREE
Bring a dish to share
Entertainment by
Two Times Acoustic
Fried chicken supplied
by Post 52.
Please RSVP by December 1st.
Call Laurie 812–853–8145

Membership Renewal Form

Annual Dues $20 ------ Life Membership $200

REMINDER - YOUR 2026 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW DUE BY 12/31/2026

NAME:_____

ADDRESS (IF CHANGED):_____

PHONE:_____

EMAIL:_____

Keep up-to-date on Post information by checking the website

www.post52.com

Post email - vetspost52@gmail.com

Mail payment to:
Post 52
PO Box 771
Meadville, PA 16335



In Memory

Gary L. Tingley, age 76, of Cooperstown, died peacefully after a period of declining health, surrounded by his family, on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at his home.
Born at the Franklin Hospital, on November 22, 1949, he was a beloved son of the late Albert and Hazel Deeter Tingley.
He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from January 1967 to December 1969 earning a Combat Action Ribbon for his service during the Vietnam War.
On January 2, 1971, he married the former Nancy Jane Chelton, who survives. They shared 55 years of marriage together.
Gary worked as a truck driver, owning his own trucking company for many years, Tingley Trucking, Inc., and then went to work for PennDOT until his retirement in 2009.
Gary was a Post 52 member since 2024.

FROM the VA



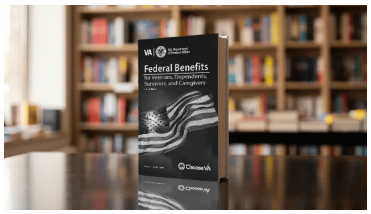
2026 Veterans Day discounts, free meals and other retail offers
October 26, 2026, VA Office of Digital Media

Veterans Day 2026 is Wednesday, Nov. 11. The Veterans Day discounts list was created in 2021, but it has been edited and verified as of Oct. 22, 2026.
This 2026 Veterans Day discounts list will be updated as we learn of more nationally available Veterans Day discounts, meals or other ways businesses and organizations want to give back to Veterans and their families. These Veterans Day discounts, free meals and other programs are being shared so that Veterans, their families, caregivers and survivors are aware of all resources available to them.
Offers are subject to change and may not be available in all states and locations. Verify with the organization offering.
2026 Veterans Day Poster | 2026 Teachers Guide | Regional Site Observations | History | Home
The sharing of any non-VA information does not constitute an endorsement of products and services on the part of VA.
Veterans Day discounts: Restaurants
AAFES: @ShopMyExchange is saluting service with big savings: From Nov. 6 through Nov. 12, Exchange shoppers can find deals on electronics, clothing, shoes and more. MILITARY STAR® cardmembers can unlock even more savings, including an extra 10% off select items.
Applebee's: Veterans and active duty receive a free dine-in entrée from a special Veterans Day menu on Nov. 11, 2026. Proof of service required; beverages and gratuity not included.
Aspen Creek Grill: Offers Veterans and active duty a free $15 meal voucher on Nov. 11, 2026 (available 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.). Voucher redeemable through Dec. 24, 2026. Dine-in only and ID required.
Bar Louie: Veterans and active duty get a free burger (excluding the Big Louie) on Nov. 10–11, 2026; dine-in only and ID required.
Biscuit Belly: Free breakfast biscuit sandwich and coffee or fountain drink. Dine-in only; all locations listed.
Bob Evans: Provides Veterans and active duty a free meal from a special menu on Nov. 11, 2026; dine-in only; valid service ID required.
Bonefish Grill: Veterans, active duty and families receive a free Bang Bang Shrimp entrée plus a nonalcoholic beverage on Nov. 11, 2026 with ID.
Chili's: At participating locations, Veterans and active duty receive a free entrée from a select Veterans Day menu on Nov. 11, 2026; dine-in only and ID required.
Chipotle: At participating locations on Nov. 11, 2026, Veterans and active duty with ID receive free chips + choice of guac, queso blanco or salsa with a $5 purchase at participating locations.
Cotton Patch Cafe: Veterans and active duty get a free Chicken Fried Steak or Chicken Fried Chicken entrée on Nov. 11, 2026; dine-in only with military ID.
Denny's: Offers Veterans and active duty a free Original Grand Slam on Nov. 11, 2026, 5 a.m. to 12 p.m.; dine-in only and ID required.
Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers: Veterans and active duty who visit on Nov. 11, 2026, receive a free combo-meal card redeemable through Nov. 25, 2026.
Golden Corral: Annual Military Appreciation Night on Nov. 11, 2026, offering Veterans a free buffet; dine-in only.
Hoss's Steak and Sea House: On Nov. 11, Veterans receive a free Soup, Salad, Bread, Nacho & Dessert Bar and an Iced Tea. Dine-in only. After dining, Veterans will receive a $10 off $40 voucher to

be used on their next visit. Available while supplies last. Voucher expires 11/25/26.
In-N-Out Burger: On Nov. 11, Veterans, active duty military, Reserve and National Guard get a complimentary meal, including any burger, fries and beverage on In-N-Out Burger's menu. All current and former members of the U.S. military will also receive a special-edition Veterans Day decal. Present proof of military service.
Margaritas Mexican Restaurant: Veterans get 50% off an entree on Nov. 11 when dining in at locations in the Northeast.
Marzoni's Brick Oven & Brewing Co.: Veterans can receive one free 12 oz. draft beer or non-alcoholic drink on Nov. 11. Dine-in only. 1 drink per Veteran.
McCormick and Schmick's: Veterans, Gold Star families and active duty receive a half-priced entrée on Sunday, Nov. 8, 2026 (their traditional Veterans Appreciation Day).
Red Lobster: Veterans, active duty and reservists receive a free Shrimp & Chips meal on Nov. 11, 2026, dine-in only; ID required.
Red Robin: Veterans and active duty get a free Red's Big Tavern Burger with bottomless fries on Nov. 11, 2026; dine-in only; ID required.
Rubio's: On Nov. 11, buy one entrée, get one free for Veterans using code VETS26. Valid in-store only with military ID.
Ruby Tuesday: This Veterans Day, Ruby Tuesday is thanking the brave men and women who have served or are serving to try its new "Everyday Fresh Meals" for free, valued at up to $17.99. Offer good to Veterans and active duty military, including Reserve and National Guard, who show proof of military service. Offer includes a choice of one of 13 select entrées + The Garden Bar + a bottomless drink. Valid Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2026, for dine-in only at participating locations.
Sizzler: On Nov. 11, from open until 4 p.m., Veterans and active duty service members can enjoy a complimentary lunch and non-alcoholic beverage. Guests can choose between three dishes: 6 oz. Tri-Tip Sirloin Steak, Malibu Chicken or half dozen Crispy Shrimp.
Smashburger: Offers Veterans a free All-American Smashburger on Nov. 11, 2026 at participating locations; ID required.
Starbucks: Veterans, service members and spouses receive a free 12-oz hot or iced brewed coffee on Nov. 11, 2026, at participating Starbucks stores.
Torchy's Tacos: Provides veterans and active-duty a free taco + drink on November 11, 2026; in-store only; proof of service required.
Veterans Canteen Service (VCS): Veterans can get a free breakfast combo meal at their local VCS PatriotCafé and free brewed value coffee at PatriotBrew coffee shops the morning of Tuesday, Nov. 10. There is no purchase necessary.
WOB Bar & Kitchen: WOB is honoring the brave men and women who have served and continue to serve our country this Veterans Day with a complimentary meal at participating locations nationwide. On Wednesday, Nov. 11, veterans and active-duty service members are invited to enjoy a free Smash Burger and a side of fries as a small token of appreciation for their service and sacrifice.
Yard House: Veterans and active duty military receive a free appetizer on Nov. 11, 2026. Ask your server for details.
Veterans Day discounts: Retail & grocery
Food Lion: Veterans and active duty service members receive 10% off in-store on Nov. 11, 2026, with military ID and MVP card; exclusions apply.
Kohl's: Provides 30% off in-store for military, veterans, and families on November 10-11, 2026, with valid ID; exclusions apply.
Publix: Offers 10% off groceries on Nov. 11, 2026 for Veterans, active duty and families with proof of service; standard exclusions apply.
Rack Room Shoes: Offers 20% off in-store on Veterans Day for Veterans, active duty and dependents; ID required.
Tractor Supply Company: Verified military through Hometown Heroes receive 10% off on Veterans Day, plus year-round perks like quarterly 5% off coupons and 2% rewards.Veterans Canteen Service

(VCS): VCS is offering a $399 (regular price $450) special price on 11-inch iPads. This deal is only available Nov. 9-10 and 12, and in-store only. [Editor: All deals in this list are linked to a source. This deal came to VA News directly from VCS representative for in-store only. There will be a webpage with ad graphics in the week leading up to Veterans Day.]
Walgreens: Exclusive 20% off eligible regular priced items in-store for Veterans, active duty military personnel and their immediate families. Standard exclusions and restrictions apply.
Veterans Day discounts: Personal care
Great Clips: Veterans and active duty receive a free haircut on Nov. 11, 2026; anyone getting a haircut that day can request a free haircut card to give a Veteran.
Sport Clips: Participating locations provide free or discounted haircuts on Nov. 11, 2026 for Veterans and service members with valid ID.
Veterans Day discounts: Attractions, museums & recreation
American Revolution Museum at Yorktown & Jamestown Settlement (VA): Free admission for military, Veterans, and up to three direct family members on Nov. 11, 2026; includes ceremonies and artillery salute.
Aquarium of the Pacific: Veterans and active duty receive free admission on Nov. 11, 2026; advance reservations required due to limited capacity.
Colonial Williamsburg: Provides free admission for active duty, retirees, Veterans, Guard/Reserve, and dependents from Nov. 6–11, 2026; ID required.
Eisenhower Presidential Library & Museum (Abilene, Kansas): Free museum admission on Nov. 11, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CT.
Harley-Davidson Museum (Milwaukee, Wisconsin): Free admission on Nov. 11, 2026, for Veterans and active duty military plus one adult guest and up to four children; also 10% off at the shop and restaurant onsite.
Legoland Florida and New York: Free admission to eligible military personnel, Veterans and first responders, plus discounted tickets for accompanying guests. Offer dates: Oct. 1–Nov. 30, 2026, including Veterans Day, on Nov. 11. Eligibility: U.S. military personnel, Veterans, law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMTs and EMS personnel.
Mount Vernon: Offers free admission to active duty and Veterans on Nov. 11, 2026, with special programming.
Museum of the American Revolution: Free admission for active duty, Veterans and Blue Star families from Nov. 8–11, 2026.
National WWI Museum and Memorial: Provides free admission for Veterans and active duty during Veterans Day Weekend 2026 (Nov. 6–9 & 11); the public receives half-price admission.
National Parks Service: All visitors enjoy free park entry on Nov. 11, 2026; military and Veterans also qualify for free annual/lifetime passes.
Old Town Trolley – Savannah: Veterans, active duty, and first responders receive free admission on November 11, 2026 to listed attractions with valid ID.
Old Town Trolley – St. Augustine: Offers free admission on Nov. 11, 2026 for Veterans, active duty and first responders at select attractions with valid ID.
San Antonio Zoo: Provides free admission in November 2026 for Veterans and active duty; up to four family members receive 50% off. ID required.
Veterans Day discounts: Car care
AutoNation: is offering Veterans and active duty service members 15% off services, parts and accessories on Veterans Day and year-round at AutoNation-branded locations nationwide. During the month of November, eligible customers can also receive 15% off through AutoNation Mobile Service.
Grace for Vets: Participating locations nationwide offer free car washes to all Veterans and active duty personnel on Nov. 11, 2026.

FROM the VA



The 2026 Veterans Benefits Guide is now available online

October 1, 2026, National Veterans Outreach Office

The Department of Veterans Affairs is pleased to present the "2026 VA Federal Benefits Guide for Veterans, Dependents, Survivors, and Caregivers."

Don't know what VA benefits and care are available? Not sure which you're eligible for? The annual Federal Benefits Guide provides information on benefits and services currently available by law and regulation.

The updated handbook contains a comprehensive listing of VA programs, including phone numbers and websites for easy reference. The Federal Benefits Guide hosts a wealth of information on most VA benefits and services, including:

- *Compensation*
- *Life insurance*
- *Pension and fiduciary services*
- *Education benefits*
- *Economic development and employment*
- *Home loan guaranty programs and housing assistance*
- *Mental health resources*

The handbook will help Veterans, service members and their families understand the full scope of available VA resources so that they can make the most of life after service. It provides details on eligibility requirements for each benefit, and because VA serves different generations of Veterans, outlines the qualification guidelines for distinct periods of service to clarify eligibility for Veterans with service spanning both peace and wartime periods.

The VA Federal Benefits Guide is available in both print and digital formats. Veterans and family members can access the booklet on VA's website, providing instant and convenient access to the wealth of information it contains. A limited number of printed copies may be available at your local medical center, Vet Center or regional office. To find the nearest VA facility, go to www.va.gov/find-locations.

The information in this guide is validated by VA as of Oct. 10, 2026. For the most up-to-date information, Veterans and family members should visit www.va.gov, or go to the specific links provided in this publication to access information on the program that they are interested in, as regulations, payments and eligibility requirements are subject to change. You can also call VA at 800-827-1000 from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET Monday through Friday to speak with a representative.

FROM the VA



Elsie S. Ott and the birth of aeromedical evacuation

October 18, 2026, James Pernol, Public Affairs Specialist, VHA Office of Communications

How one World War II nurse reshaped medical transport

When wounded service members needed faster transport home during World War II, one Army nurse helped prove that the skies could become a lifeline. Elsie S. Ott made history in 1943 as the

first woman to receive the Air Medal, forever changing military medicine in the process.

A mission no one had attempted before

In January 1943, while stationed in Karachi, India, Ott was given just 24 hours' notice: she would escort five seriously ill and wounded soldiers on what would become the first intercontinental aeromedical evacuation flight to the United States.

There was one complication: She had never flown before.

The journey, which would have taken three months by sea, lasted roughly a week by air. Along the way, Ott cared for patients suffering from paralysis, tuberculosis and psychiatric illness, managing their conditions mid-flight across multiple continents and refueling stops before arriving at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C.

Despite minimal supplies and no formal flight nurse training, Ott documented everything, from oxygen needs to cabin temperature concerns, creating practical guidance that would shape future aeromedical protocols.

The first woman to earn the Air Medal

On March 26, 1943, Ott became the first woman in Army history to receive the Air Medal for her actions during the aerial mission. The recognition signaled a turning point not only for women in uniform, but for military medicine itself.

Her mission demonstrated that air evacuation was not only possible, it was superior. The success of that flight accelerated development of a formal flight nurse program within the Army Air Forces, laying the groundwork for modern aeromedical evacuation systems used by both the military and civilian sectors today.

Ott's mission proved that air evacuation could save time, and lives.

A lasting impact on military medicine

Following her historic flight, Ott completed formal flight nurse training and continued serving overseas. She eventually rose to the rank of captain before leaving active duty in 1946.

In 1965, the first military aircraft specifically designed for medical evacuation, the McDonnell Douglas C-9 Nightingale, was named in her honor, recognizing her foundational role in aeromedical transport.

Today, every medevac flight that transports injured service members follows the standards first tested under her care.

As we recognize pioneers in military and Veterans healthcare, Ott's story reminds us that progress often begins with one person willing to step into the unknown, even if it means boarding a plane for the very first time.

Learn more about the history of Veteran care, and the women whose compassion, leadership and advocacy shaped it at every level.





Serving Those That Served

FREE

Veterans Day Lunch

★★★★★★

11-11-2026

11 AM - 2 PM

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Please RSVP by Nov 4th

Call Theresa at 814-382-6363

FOR VETERAN POST MEMBERS AND 1 GUEST

at POST 52

13216 Dunham Rd, Meadville, PA 16335

It's OKAY to Ask for Help!

Please utilize this link to sign up and receive updates from the Veterans Administration via email and/or text messages: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USVA/subscriber/new/

CRISIS LINE – Crawford County 800-315-5721
and Erie County 800- 300-9558

Suicide Hotline 800-273-8255 IF IMMEDIATE DANGER, CALL 911

National Resource Directory- www.nrd.gov – online directory to services and resources for wounded troops, veterans and their families.

AGENT ORANGE REGISTRY INFORMATION – 412-822-1707 OR
https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/benefits/registry-exam.asp

Herbicide Storage Location Link (OUTSIDE of Vietnam):
https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/locations/index.asp

CRAWFORD COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES OFFICE
814-333-7314 (phone) OR website information:
https://www.crawfordcountypa.net/VeteransServices/Pages/home.aspx

There is help available 24 hours a day, seven days a week:

The Veterans Crisis Line — Call (800) 273-8255, then press 1. You can also text/chat at 838255.

Dial 988 then Press 1 for crisis support 24/7!

Also available is the Women Veterans Call Center, which provides U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs services and resources to women veterans, their families and caregivers. You can also chat online anonymously with a call center representative. Call (855) VA-Women (855-829-6636) 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays and 8 to 6:30 Saturdays. Use the same number to text.

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What's Happening at Post 52

November 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends	2	3 Election Day 	4	5	6	7 Saturday Night Dinner!
8	9	10 	11 Veterans Day Lunch at the Post – *(see Flyer page 11!)* 	12	13	14 Saturday Night Dinner!
15	16 Post 52 Monthly Meeting 7pm	17	18	19	20	21 Saturday Night Dinner!
22	23	24	25	26 *Thanksgiving Day* 	27	28 NO Saturday Night Dinner ***Happy Thanksgiving!***
29	30					

December 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
		1	2	3	4	5 NO Saturday Night Dinner
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 **Post 52 Christmas Party!** *(see flyer page 4)* NO Saturday Night Dinner
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 NO Saturday Night Dinner
20	21 Start of Winter (Winter Solstice **NO Meeting!** 	22	23	24	25 Christmas 	26 NO Saturday Night Dinner ***MERRY CHRISTMAS!!***
27	28	29	30	31		

January 2027

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day 	2 NO Saturday Night Dinner ***HAPPY NEW YEAR!***
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Saturday Night Dinner!
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Saturday Night Dinner!
17	18 Martin Luther King Jr. **Monthly Meeting 7pm**	19	20	21	22	23 Saturday Night Dinner!
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Saturday Night Dinner!
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VETERANS DAY
November 11, 2026
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED
Freedom 250
Veterans Day National Committee