

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND
VETERANS DAY ACTIVITIES – NOVEMBER 2026 EVENTS

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Operation Green Light



As Veterans Day approaches on Wednesday, November 11, Montgomery County is preparing to join the national "Operation Green Light" salute to veterans. Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich and the County Council are supporting the effort to join Operation Green Light, a program sponsored by the National Association of Counties to honor those who have made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom. The program asks for displays of a green light, from November 4 through November 11, in a window of businesses or residences to honor veterans. From November 4 through November 11, Montgomery County's Memorial Plaza, which is located adjacent to the County Executive Building at 101 Monroe Street in Rockville, will be lit with green lights. More information about Operation Green Light.

Operation Green Light Press Event – Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT)
Date: Friday November 6, 2026 at 11:30 a.m.
Location: Memorial Plaza on the Government Complex Center Terrace between the Courthouse annex and the Executive Office Building, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville along Route 28



Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich and members of the County Council will join the County Commission on Veterans Affairs for MCDOT's unveiling of the Ride On "Operation Green Light" themed bus at a ceremony to honor veterans. The bus is wrapped in a design depicting the U.S. flag, an outline of veterans, and highlighting Operation Green Light. The bus also features a neon sign reading "Operation Green Light" to illuminate the bus at night. The Montgomery County Commission on Veterans Affairs website and resource line are printed on the back of the bus.

SSTCi's 18th Annual Tribute to America's Veterans Concert
Date: Friday November 6, 2026 at 6 p.m.
Location: American Legion Post 41, 905 Sligo Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910
Join us for the 18th Annual Tribute to America's Veterans Concert, featuring 4th generation Zydeco legend Corey Arceneaux and his Band. This year's keynote speaker is Donald Thigpen, Jr., Esq. This free community event honors those who have served while bringing neighbors together through live music and shared stories. Military attire encouraged. RSVP to lisa@silverspringtowncenter.com. This annual event is presented by Silver Spring Town Center, Inc. in collaboration with the Montgomery County Commission on Veterans Affairs, the American Legion Post 41, the Sons & the Auxiliary of the American Legion.

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Annual Veterans Day Program – Jewish War Veterans Post 692

Date: Sunday November 8, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.
Location: American Jewish Veterans Memorial, Bender Jewish Community Center, 6125 Montrose Road, Keynote speaker will be Cmdr Jeffrey Kuhnreich – from flying F4s and F14s in combat to new battles on the frontlines of American security. Musical entertainment by Voices of Vets. Light refreshments will be served. Veterans, families and friends invited. For more information, contact Joel Poznansky at joelpoz@hotmail.com or Chuck Miller at chuckmiller4@yahoo.com.

Operation Green Light and Veterans Day Proclamation

Date: Tuesday November 10, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.
Location: Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, 3rd Floor Hearing Room, Rockville
Council President Natali Fani-González and County Executive Marc Elrich will be presenting the Veterans Day and Operation Green Light Proclamation. Council and Committee meetings are televised by County Cable Montgomery (CCM), which can be found on: Montgomery County Cable Channels 996 (HD) and 6 (SD) on Comcast Channels 1056 (HD) and 6 (SD) on RCN Channel 30 on Verizon.

Mission BBQ – Veterans Eat Free on Veterans Day
Date: Wednesday November 11, 2026
Locations: Visit website for locations
MISSION BBQ will salute our Country's Veterans and active duty military personnel on November 11th, Veterans Day. Each year we come together for Veterans Day to honor the brave men and women in service, remember their history, and thank them for their continued duty, honor and commitment they've made to keep our country free. This Veterans Day, they invite all veterans to come in for a **FREE sandwich**. Be there at noon for their live rendition of our National Anthem!

Darnestown Civic Association – Veterans Day Flag Raising & Breakfast
Date: Wednesday November 11, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.
Location: Darnestown Presbyterian Church, 15120 Turkey Foot Road, Darnestown, MD 20878
Join your neighborhood Veterans and families at the Darnestown Veterans Day Flag Raising and Breakfast! If you are a Darnestown Veteran or family member, come out so we can celebrate you! Flag raising at 9 a.m. Breakfast at 9:30 a.m.

Bethesda's 65th Annual Veterans Day Observance

Date: Wednesday November 11, 2026 from 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: Veterans Park Bethesda (corner of Woodmont Avenue and Norfolk Avenue)
Honoring all who served. Featuring: Guest Speaker Commissioner Wayne Miller, Montgomery County Commission on Veterans Affairs. Musical performances by B-CC High School Brass Ensemble and B-CC High School Chamber Singers. Dogs courtesy of Warrior-Canine Connection. Suggested public parking is located at Woodmont Garage, 7730 Woodmont Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814. Event hosted by Montgomery County Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Center, Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce, Bethesda Urban Partnership, Kiwanis Club of Bethesda, and Daughters of the American Revolution. For more information, contact brandan.stuckey@montgomerycountymd.gov.

City of Rockville Annual Veterans Day Ceremony

Date: Wednesday November 11, 2026 at 11 a.m.
Location: Veterans Park, at the intersection of MD 28 and Rockville Pike.
Join Rockville's Mayor and Council at this annual ceremony in honor of the men and women who served in the nation's armed forces. American Legion Post 86 will lead the wreath-laying ceremony and their honor guard will present a twenty-one gun salute. Free parking will be available at Sandy Spring Bank, 611 Rockville Pike. For more information, contact 240-314-8620, email specialevents@rockvillemd.gov.

City of Gaithersburg Annual Veterans Day Observance

Date: Wednesday November 11, 2026 at 11 a.m.
Location: Concert Pavilion, 31 South Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20877
The entire community is invited to join the City for its annual Veterans Day Observance honoring and recognizing all U.S. military personnel who play an important role in safeguarding our nation and our future. The observance takes place at 11 a.m. at the City Hall Concert Pavilion. The patriotic ceremony will include words and music to commemorate the occasion, followed by a solemn wreath-laying ceremony. City officials and members of local veterans groups will be on hand to honor those who have served in all branches of the military. For more information, contact 301-258-6350, email parksrec@gaithersburgmd.gov.

Veterans Day Ceremony – VFW Post 2562, American Legion Post 268 and DAV Post #4

Date: Wednesday November 11, 2026 at 11 a.m.
Location: Wheaton Veterans Park, 11200 Amherst Avenue, Wheaton, MD 20902
Honoring veterans from all eras. Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony at the VFW Post 2562 at 11316 Fern Street, Wheaton. For more information, go to https://vfw2562.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp.

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Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA) & National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF)'S Veterans Day Ceremony

Date: Wednesday November 11, 2026 at 2 p.m.
Location: National Japanese American Memorial, Washington, DC
Keynote Speaker: Colonel Bruce Hollywood, US Air Force, Retired, who Served 21 years in operational, leadership, and staff roles, including commanding the 320th Missile Squadron and serving as Director of Operations for the 3rd Space Operations Squadron. Col. Hollywood helped launch the U.S. Space Force in 2019 and served as the Associate Chief Operations Officer at the Pentagon and worked nearly a decade on the Joint Staff (J5) in Strategy and Plans and served as a White House Leadership Development Program Fellow. All are invited to attend in person or virtually. The program will be live streamed via Facebook. Viewers watch from JAVA's Facebook page.

Veterans Day Lecture – Montgomery County Public Libraries
Date: Saturday November 14, 2026 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Location: Olney Library, 3500 Olney Laytonsville Road, Olney, MD 20832
In honor of Veterans Day, Olney Library welcomes U.S. Army Captain Elizabeth Jane McCarthy, who served in Vietnam in 1971, for a special lecture/presentation. Q&A and light refreshments to follow. No registration is required but seating is limited. View more information. Questions about this program? Contact Olney Library at 240-773-9545. Sponsored by Friends of the Library, Montgomery County, MD, Inc.