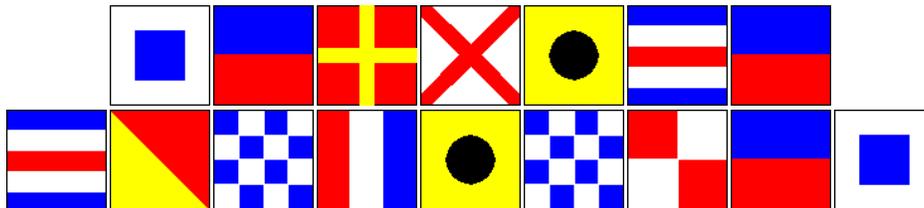




Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council Newsletter

SERVICE CONTINUES



Council co-chairs: CAPT David Bernstein and SCPO Mike White

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Sad News PSCM Adrian Rymer died October 22nd

Adrian passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 22nd at his residence in Williamsburg. He served in several of the local DC area Reserve Units. A fine professional with great sense of humor. He was very active with his local Retiree Council as well as the National Retiree Council. He will be remembered fondly and missed.

United States Coast Guard Band on November 10, 2011 at Lisner Auditorium

The United States Coast Guard Band will present "Our Flag was Still There: A Tribute to Our Nation and Its Veterans" at Lisner Auditorium, The George Washington University, 730 21st Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20052, on Thursday, November 10, at 8 p.m. The performance is free and open to the public. No tickets are required. The Coast Guard Band's concert information line is (860) 701-6826; the web address is www.uscg.mil/band.

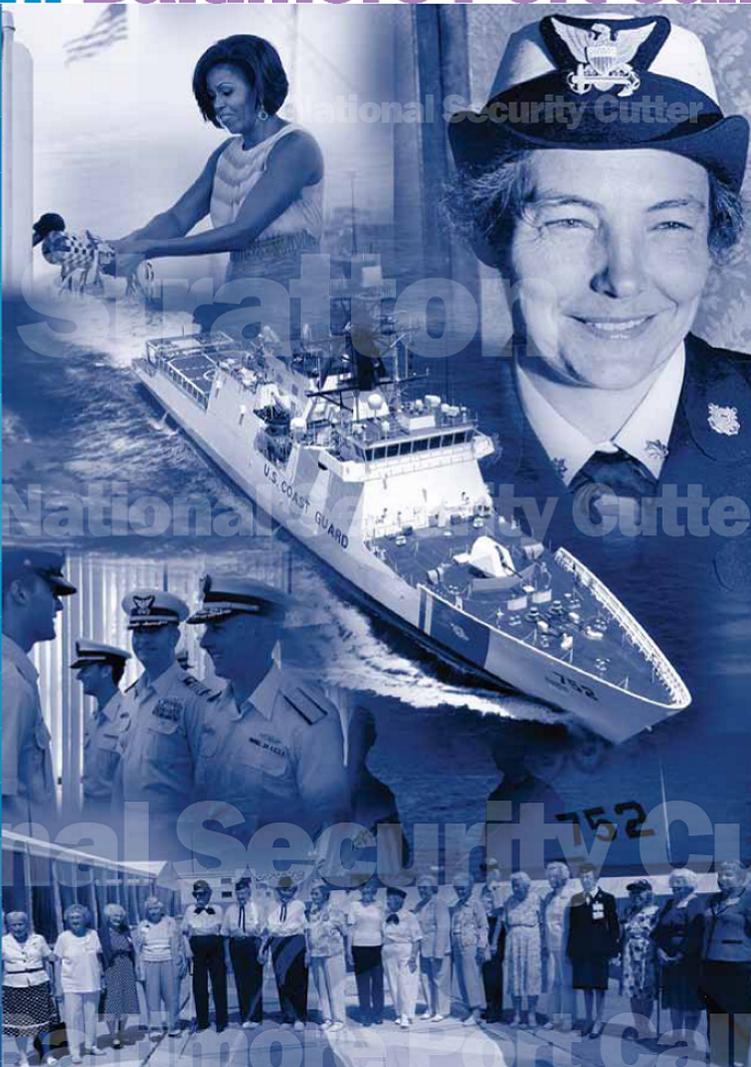
LORAN Radiation Final Report

A final report on LORAN radiation has been released. Please visit www.loran-history.info. The link is on the home page.

National Security Cutter Stratton to Visit Baltimore 2 -3 November

ADM Papp has invited USCG personnel to visit NSC Stratton during her Baltimore 2 3 November port call. Bus transport has been arranged to leave from USCG HQ..

National Security Cutter Stratton: Baltimore Port Call



WHAT:
U.S. Coast Guard
Commandant Adm. Robert Papp invites you to tour the Coast Guard's third National Security Cutter (NSC) Stratton during its visit to Baltimore Harbor.

WHY ATTEND:
Tour the newest 418-foot NSC, the most advanced cutter of the Coast Guard's fleet.

RSVP:
Space is limited and RSVPs are required. To reserve a seat email: acquisitionevents@uscg.mil by 1700 Oct. 31, 2011.

WHEN:
Two Tours will be departing from Transpoint Wednesday, Nov. 2 and Thursday, Nov. 3.

Tour A - Departs 0830 and returns at 1230*
Tour B - Departs 1030 and returns at 1430*

Busses will be located at the V St. and 2nd St. Intersection and will depart promptly at 0830 and 1030. Please ensure you arrive on time.

Henry C. Keene Jr., 91, died Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011, at home in Ketchikan

From the Ketchikan Daily News

The former war hero, Superior Court judge, hospital volunteer, rubber-duck salesman extraordinaire and a "best friend to man's best friend" is gone.

Henry C. Keene Jr., 91, died Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011, at home in Ketchikan.

He was born Dec. 18, 1919, in Cambridge, Mass., to Henry Clay Keene and Augusta Frieda Hochheim.

Many in Ketchikan knew him as an inspiring senior citizen with an indomitable zest for life, who loved skiing - well into old age - walked everywhere, cheerfully volunteered for causes and always seemed to be grinning about something.

His younger years also were full of energy, life and adventure.

He was raised in the suburbs of Washington, D.C., and graduated from Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School in Bethesda, Md., in 1937. He entered the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn., in 1938, and graduated at the top of his class in December 1941, 19 days after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. He then served 26 years in the Coast Guard, starting off with a bang in the North Atlantic.

The Coast Guard had been made part of the U.S. Navy just before the U.S. entered the war, he said in a 2010 interview with the Daily News. Keene served on ships assigned to escort and protect convoys of supply ships that were being attacked by German submarines.

"The weather was horrible and there were slow convoys," he said in the interview.

Of all the harrowing stories of World War II heroism, Keene's was accompanied by the sounds of gale-force winds howling over 15-foot seas.

It happened on Feb. 7, 1943, a day when then- Lt. Keene's ship, the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Bibb, was alternating between rescuing men from a torpedoed troopship, then running off to fight German submarines, then returning to pick up more survivors, according to an account by Michael W. Walling

The ship S.S. Henry R. Mallory, with 495 troops from various armed services aboard, had been struck at 3:58 a.m. that morning. It was almost four hours later when the Bibb, commanded by Capt. Roy Raney, responded to the scene after a lookout saw a red flare fired from one of the lifeboats.

Many aboard the Mallory, mostly U.S. Marines, had been killed by the torpedo blast. Others were drowned, dragged under by their sinking ship. any more died of exposure during the night and early-morning hours.

Among the survivors, those taken from three lifeboats were in good or excellent shape.

The sea was so rough that survivors in their tiny rafts and boats would one moment be pitched so high they could look down on the Bibb's bridge, then so low they could look up and see the ship's belly. Bibb's crew saved 202 of the Mallory's 230 survivors, Walling wrote.

The strangest survivor, number 203 for the Bibb, was a mongrel puppy dog named Ricky that the Mallory's cook, George Dunningham, had lost track of during the sinking, Walling wrote.

Keene was busy hauling men aboard from rafts, many of whom could hardly move, let alone climb up the rope netting on the Bibb's side. Crew members had prepared lines

with bowline knots on one end so that survivors could wrap the rope under their arms and be hoisted quickly aboard the Bibb.

Keene was in a lifeboat that swung out over the sea, and was throwing the knot-end of ropes down to survivors, then passing the free ends to where the crew could pull the men up.

Keene is quoted in Walling's 16-page story about the incident: "At some time during the proceedings, I heard Capt. Raney yell: 'Someone get that damned dog.'

I jumped down from the boat, ran to the port side and saw a white dog on a raft coming down the side. I tied a heaving line around my waist, jumped onto the raft and grabbed the dog. Men on deck pulled me back up the side. I dropped the dog and ran back to the boat and started throwing lines to the boats and rafts again."

According to a May 3, 1943, Time Magazine report, the dog was given to Keene, and he later received an award from an animal protection organization. The same article in Time states that 30 minutes after saving the dog, "Keene lost part of a tooth in an underwater fight with a drowning man, but hauled him in."

Another published account does not mention that Keene had fought with the seaman (a member of Bibb's crew), but says Keene's tooth was broken by the shock of diving in after the man, and that he also lost Coast Guard Academy graduation watch.

The upshot for Keene followed news reports of the sinkings, the rescue operations and his saving of the mongrel puppy.

Keene wrote about it in his own 73-page essay on his war years, "My Story: 1941-1945."

Weeks after the rescues, the Bibb pulled into Boston and Keene asked for leave, but was told that only married officers would get leave.

"Being single, I would get none," Keene wrote.

But a couple days later, Raney called Keene in and said there'd been "a lot of publicity in the Boston papers about the dog I had saved," Keene wrote.

Coast Guard headquarters had asked the captain to recommend Keene and several other men for gold or silver life-saving medals for their action in going down the scramble nets, and for Keene's action in diving in to save the crewmember.

But the captain had told headquarters "that we had done only our duty, and nothing more than the men in the engine room at the throttles. No individuals would be recommended." But the Coast Guard had decided that, for publicity reasons, "the Coast Guard was going to put on a nationwide broadcast which would include the rescue of the dog, and wanted an officer from the ship to participate."

Keene was given 10 days temporary duty at headquarters, which Keene learned was "better than leave, as all of my travel and per diem would be paid for me to go to my home."

The commandant of the Coast Guard, Adm. Russell Waische, also was on the broadcast, Keene wrote. "He came to me and said, 'I don't want to know about the dog.

Tell me about the man you rescued.'" Coast Guard Cmdr. W. Russell Webster wrote about the broadcast and accompanying ceremonies in a 1996 article in the United States Naval Institute's Naval History magazine. "Lt. Keene, ironically, was singled out for having saved Ricky and was recognized publicly for being the best friend of man's best friend," Webster wrote. "The American Humane Society and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals each awarded medals to Lt. Keene for saving the dog."

Keene's wartime experience ended with him in command of a destroyer escort in the Panama Canal Zone.

He served on 10 Coast Guard ships, in the U.S., as well as in three overseas stations, had a total of eight commands and earned a law degree along the way.

He married Jean Barr MacGathan on June 18, 1949, in New York state.

Keene was transferred to Alaska in 1963, when he assumed command of Base Ketchikan. He retired from the Coast Guard in Ketchikan in 1967 and began a second career as a state judge. He served first in the District Court, then as the Superior Court judge for Wrangell and Petersburg. Keene held court in 24 towns and cities in Alaska, from Hyder to Barrow, handling every type of case.

He was active in several organizations, including St. John's Episcopal Church, the Ketchikan General Hospital Foundation Board, two Rotary International clubs, Pioneers of Alaska and the Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce.

Keene was perhaps best known as judge of the Rotary Club's annual rubber duck race. He was pictured in many photos as the one in the black robe and powdery wig, sitting in a skiff at the head of Ketchikan Creek as the ducks floated to the finish line. When he wasn't judging the floatational speeds of rubber ducks, he was hawking raffle tickets for their next race.

He was an avid skier who loved climbing mountains and walking in Ketchikan. He refereed basketball games at several levels and retired from umpiring baseball games at the age of 70.

Keene was the July 4 grand marshal on two occasions. Once in 1990, when he wore his Coast Guard dress uniform, complete with officer's sword, and walked the entire parade route, and again in 2010. He also was named Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in 2000.

Jim Dahl, one of Keene's fellow members of Ketchikan Rotary 2000, remembered his friend:

"Henry Keene was a very fine, fine man," Dahl said. "He was certainly a gentleman who served his country well in the Coast Guard and in the judicial system. And then, finally, in his retirement years, he put a tremendous amount of effort into volunteer work, and he was very proud of that work."

He was a big supporter of the Rotary Foundation, Dahl said.

"He was our best, best-ever ticket seller," he said. He gathered ducks in the creek until he was unable to do so the last couple of years, said Dahl.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jean, who died in August 1999, shortly after their 50th anniversary.

Keene is survived by four children, Henry Clay Keene III (Mary), Charla Beth Keene (Duane Dorr), James Robert Keene

(Patty) and Jonathan Scott Keene (Judy); grandchildren, Jeanette, Sarah, Debbie, Jamie, Katie, Jessie, Jenny and Molly; brother, Robert W. Keene (Dorothy) of Bethesda; and nephews, Bobby and Tommy and their families.

A memorial service and celebration of his life was held Oct. 22, 2011, at the Ted Ferry Civic Center.

FRA Survey Reveals Opposition to Military Retirement Changes

Alexandria, VA – Participants in an online survey sponsored by the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) strongly oppose proposals to “civilianize” the current military retirement system. More than 1,700 current and former service members offered their perspectives on recent recommendations posed by the Defense Business Board (DBB) to do away with the current military retirement program and implement a system similar to a 401(k) retirement benefit.

Current retirement benefits are available to military members who serve for 20 years or more, and nearly 95 percent of survey respondents said that’s the benefit that would have the most appeal if they were joining the service today. More than 80 percent of active duty and Reserve component respondents said they’d shorten their term of service if the retirement benefit were changed to reflect the recommendations made in the DBB’s “Modernizing the Military Retirement System” report.

Respondents from the active duty, Reserve, retiree and veteran communities overwhelmingly predict that the DBB proposals would be bad for military recruiting and retention. More than 83 percent of participants believed fewer people would join the military and serve shorter terms if a 401(k)-type benefit were instituted. More than 89 percent believed delaying retirement benefits to until age 60 or 65 would have a similar effect on recruiting and retention.

“Military service is unique, with inherently higher risks and required sacrifice than those borne by private-sector employees,” said Joe Barnes, FRA’s national executive director. “Military retirement benefits should reflect the enormous commitment shipmates and others make when they serve a career in the military and FRA strongly opposes the civilianization of military benefits. We believe the DBB plan would compromise the value of military retirement and negatively impact military recruiting, retention, morale and ultimately, readiness.”

FRA is urging lawmakers to examine the impact these proposed cuts would have on current and future service members. In a letter to the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction (the so-called “Super Committee”), FRA also asks committee members to honor commitments made to veterans and career personnel who served in the past.

“The responses to our survey show a real sense of frustration from the military community about these proposals,” Barnes said. “Even though these are just recommendations at this point, the White House is proposing a commission to consider changes to the military retirement program. The DBB’s ideas represent a real threat to the value of military retirement benefits.”

FRA will share survey results with members of the House Armed Services Personnel Subcommittee and its Senate counterpart, as well as with leaders within the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security – ensuring these key decision-makers understand the enlisted perspective. The Association also invites current and former service members and their families to share their concerns with their elected officials via FRA’s Action Center at www.fra.org/retire

SNAME Chesapeake Section Event

Joint ASNE/SNAME Section November Technical Presentation - Nov 3rd

In November, Mr. Trey Austin from NAVSEA will be giving a presentation on the design and construction of the Joint High Speed Vessel (JHSV).

When: **03 Nov, 5:30 - 8:30 pm**

Where: Clyde's of Tysons Corner (8332 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA)

RSVP to Alexander Schaps (rsvp@asnetysons.org or 301-227-3676)

Joint ASNE/SNAME Section November Technical Presentation Flyer

The Columbia Group & ASNE Flagship Seminar Event - Nov 9th

The Columbia Group and ASNE Flagship Section present the 28th Ship Design & Acquisition seminar. The Honorable George Sawyer, former Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Ship Building and Logistics, will be presenting "Ship Acquisition in the '600 Ship Navy' Era: Some Long Ago Historical Lessons for Today".

Where: The Columbia Group, 20 M St SE DC, Suite 700

When: **9 am - 10 am**, light refreshments at 8:30 am

RSVP by COB Monday 7 November at www.columbiagroup.com/register.php

Veterans Day Discounts and Freebies

(NOTE Home Depot and Lowe's give 10% discount with ID at all times)

Restaurants

Abuelo's Mexican Food - Abuelo's offerings vary by region, be sure to call ahead to see what the discounts or freebies are included.

Applebees - All veterans and active duty military eat free from a limited menu at Applebee's on Veterans Day.

Chili's — Veterans and active duty dine for free from a special limited six item menu on Veterans Day.

Golden Corral — Golden Corral Restaurants' Military Appreciation Monday free dinner will be available on November 15, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Military retirees, veterans, active duty, National Guard and Reserves are all welcome.

Hooters — All Veterans and active duty eat free. The free entrees must be selected from a special Veterans Day menu.

Krispy Kreme – All active-duty, retirees & veterans get a free doughnut on Veterans Day. Be sure to call ahead to verify your local Krispy Kreme is participating.

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurants — Participating McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurants offer a complimentary entree to vets from a special menu on a space available basis, online reservations are highly recommended.

Outback Steakhouse — Veterans and active-duty military get a complimentary Bloomin' Onion and non-alcoholic beverage on Veterans Day.

UNO Chicago Grill — UNO is offering a Buy One Get One free offer to Service members or Veterans with a military or veteran I.D. or in uniform or with a photo of themselves in uniform. The Veterans Day BOGO offer includes a free entree or individual pizza, with the purchase of an entree or pizza of equal or greater value.

Texas Roadhouse – Free meal from opening until 4pm. on Veterans Day. Call ahead to your local restaurant for more information.

T.G.I. Friday's – Veterans and Service members Buy one get one free from Nov 11–14. Contact your nearest location for more details on their Veterans Day BOGO offer.

Retail

The Dollar General — Veterans, Service members (Active, Guard, and Reserve), and their immediate families will receive a 10-percent discount with a Veterans Day coupon. The coupon may be found in store circular ads or by asking a sales associate.

Home Depot — Offers a 10 percent discount to all Veterans during Veterans Day, Memorial Day and Independence Day.

Lowe's — All veterans receive the 10-percent discount on Veteran's Day, Memorial Day and the Fourth of July. The offer is available in stores only and is limited to in-stock and special-order purchases of up to \$5,000.

Sam's Club — Sam's give away 36,000 collapsible Hugo Canes on Veterans Day to military veterans in need of mobility assistance. Sam's Club will require membership for this offer, but proof of service may be necessary.

Amazon.com – Free —Veterans Day Honorill MP3 album download. The album includes 12 songs by The Bands and Ensembles of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Cabela's Outdoor Store – Offers their employee discount to all veterans, active-duty military and reserves, law enforcement, fire and EMS personnel November 11-12. Discounts vary from 5% to 50%, depending on the item.

Build-a-Bear Workshop – Members of the armed services including the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Reserve Officer Training Corps, will receive a 20% discount November 11-15 on any one transaction at Build-A-Bear Workshop.

Fashion Bug – 20% off all plus-size and misses clothing purchases with a copy of military ID or spouse's military ID.

Sports Clips Haircuts - The men's hair salon chain is offering a free haircut to active military and veterans on Veterans Day.

Foot Locker — Veterans, Service members (Active, Guard, and Reserve), and their immediate families with a Foot Locker Veterans Advantage Card receive a 20 percent discount every day of the year. That offer is good both online and at any store location, including Foot Locker, Lady Foot Locker, Kids Foot Locker, Footaction and Champs Sports — even on sale items.

2011 Free Veterans Day Meals

Applebee's – free meal, Friday, Nov. 11: Last year, Applebee's served 1,024,000 million free meals to military veterans and active servicemembers. Applebee's is again offering a free meal to military veterans and active-duty service members on Veteran's Day, Friday, Nov. 11, 2011. There will be [7 entrées to choose from](#). Military ID or proof of service required. Find locations at <http://applebees.com/>.

Chili's – free meal, Friday, Nov. 11. Chili's is offering all military veterans past and present their choice of one of 6 meals. This offer is available during business hours on November 11, 2011 at participating Chili's in the U.S. only. Dine-in from limited menu only; beverages and gratuity not included. Veterans and active duty military simply show proof of military service. [Visit their website to find locations](#).

Golden Corral – Free meal, Monday Nov. 14: The 10th annual Golden Corral Military Appreciation dinner will be held on Monday, November 14, 2011 from 5 pm to 9 pm in all Golden Corral Restaurants nationwide. The free “thank you” dinner is available to any person who has ever served in the United States Military. If you are a veteran, retired, currently serving, in the National Guard or Reserves, you are invited to participate in Golden Corral's Military Appreciation Monday dinner. For more information visit <http://www.goldencorral.com/military/>.

Special thanks to Golden Corral: To date, Golden Corral restaurants have provided over 2.5 million free meals and contributed over \$4.3 million to the Disabled American Veterans organization.

Hooters – Free Meal, Friday, Nov. 11. Hooter’s is serving up a free meal to military veterans all day on Veterans Day. Offer good for all veterans and active duty military personnel. Choose one of the new specialty items on the Hooter’s menu. Offer valid at participating Hooters only; open to all active duty and military veterans with valid military ID or proof of military service. Drink purchase required. For more information, visit, www.HootersVeteransDay.com.

Krispy Kreme – Free doughnut. Available only at participating Krispy Kreme stores. Offer available to all active-duty, retirees & veterans on Friday November 11th. Be sure to call ahead to verify your local Krispy Kreme is participating.

McCormick & Schmick’s Seafood Restaurants – free lunch or dinner, Sunday Nov 13, 2011: McCormick & Schmick’s is celebrating their 13th annual Veteran’s Appreciation Event on Sunday, November 13th. Veterans will be able to choose a complimentary lunch or dinner entrée. Veterans must provide proof of military service. Be sure to contact your local McCormick & Schmick’s as this is valid at participating restaurants only. Also, Space is limited and reservations are highly recommended. For more information visit: [M&S Veterans Appreciation Event](#).

Outback Steakhouse – A week of Free Bloomin’ Onions and Cokes Monday Nov. 7 – Friday Nov. 11. Outback Steakhouse is honoring America’s military veterans by offering active duty military and veterans a free Bloomin’ Onion and a Coca-Cola product during the week leading up to Veteran’s Day. This offer is available to Military Personnel who have one of the following forms of identifications: U.S Uniform Services Identification Card, U.S Uniform Services Retired Identification Card, Current Leave and Earnings Statement (LES), DD form 214 Veterans Organization Card (i.e., American Legion and VFW), Photograph in Uniform, Wearing Uniform. For more information, visit, <http://outback.com/companyinfo/veteransday.aspx>.

The Outback understands commitment. For the past two years, The Outback, with the help of their patrons, has donated \$2 Million to [Operation Homefront](#), a non-profit organization providing everyday and emergency support for active troops, wounded warriors and their families.

Subway – Free Six Inch Sub. Select Subway locations offer a FREE six inch sub to military veterans on Veteran’s Day. However, Subway restaurants are franchises, so this offer may not be available everywhere. Please call ahead.

Texas Roadhouse – free meal, Friday, Nov. 11. Offer varies by location; our local Texas Roadhouse is offering a free meal from opening until 4pm. Other locations may vary in offer, hours, or availability. Call ahead to your local restaurant for more

information.

T.G.I. Friday's – Buy one get one free Nov 11-14. At participating locations for anyone with an old or current military ID. November 11-14.

Uno Chicago Grill, Friday, Nov. 11. Uno's is offering a free entree or individual pizza with a purchase of an entree or pizza of equal or greater value. Offer good for all military for veterans and active duty military. ID or proof of service required: Show up in uniform (if your service permits), provide military ID, show a picture of yourself in uniform, or have other ID showing proof of service. [More info here.](#)

Home Depot and Lowes Coupon Updates

Update: [Home Depot and Lowes 10% Military Discount Available Everyday.](#)

Home Depot: The Home Depot(R) is offering all active duty personnel, reservists, retired military, veterans and their families a 10 percent discount off their purchases in honor of Veteran's Day. The offer is valid on purchases of up to \$2,000 for a maximum of \$200 and is available at The Home Depot stores, The Home Depot Design Center locations, Yardbirds and EXPO Design Center(R) locations. The 10% discount is available everyday for active duty and retirees, but not all veterans. Home Depot makes this offer available to all veterans on most military holidays. You can also [find Home Depot discounts online.](#)

Lowes: Lowe's Companies, Inc. will offer all active, reserve, honorably discharged, retired military personnel and their immediate family members a 10 percent discount on in-store U.S. purchases made during the Veterans Day holiday. The discount is available Nov. 7 – Nov. 11. The discount is available on in-stock and special order purchases up to \$5,000. To qualify, individuals must present a valid military ID or other proof of service. Excluded from the discount are sales via Lowes.com, previous sales, and purchases of services or gift cards. Like Home Depot, Lowes offers this discount daily to active duty military members, but not to veterans. However, they extend the offer to military veterans on military holidays. You can also **find exclusive discounts at Lowes.com.**

Free Amusement Park Admissions for Veterans Day

Anheuser-Busch Parks. Anheuser-Busch Parks offers Active Duty Service Members free admission for them and up to 3 dependents to any of their parks once a year. Throughout 2011, members of the military and as many as three direct dependents may enter SeaWorld, Busch Gardens or Sesame Place parks with a single-day complimentary admission. The Here's to the Heroes program is only available to Any active duty, activated or drilling reservist, or National Guardsman. Eligible parks include: Adventure Island, Busch Gardens (Tampa Bay or Williamsburg), SeaWorld (Orlando,

San Diego, or San Antonio), Sesame Place, and Water Country USA. Not valid at Discovery Cove and Aquatica. Christmas Town at Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, Va. is not included as part of this program. For more information and to register, visit: [Free admission summary](#), and [ticket application](#).

Colonial Williamsburg Free Admission. Colonial Williamsburg offers free weekend-long admission tickets to active-duty military, reservists, retirees, veterans, and their immediate dependents from Friday, Nov. 11 through Sunday, Nov. 13th. The complimentary ticket includes admission to Colonial Williamsburg exhibition sites, art museums, and most daytime programs, as well as free parking and use of the shuttle bus system. Tickets are only available at on-site ticket sales locations. Tickets are also available to families of deployed servicemembers. Tickets available on the following dates: [Nov. 11-13](#).

Historic Jamestowne – Free Admission. The National Park Service commemorates Veterans Day with Fee Free days at Historic Jamestowne November 11-13. Free admission for everyone. [See events calendar](#).

Knotts Berry Farm Military Tribute Days – Free Admission. Knott's Berry Farm has an annual Military Tribute event in which they offer military members past and present by offering free park admission. This year the Military Tribute Days run from November 1 – 24 November (Thanksgiving Day). Veterans or current serving military personnel plus one guest get in FREE with proper ID presented at Knott's turnstile (DD214, Veterans Administration Hospital ID or Active Military Service ID). Purchase up to six additional tickets for just \$17 each. [More info](#).

Fee Free Day at National Parks. To honor America's service men and women, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar announced that areas managed by the National Park Service would not charge entrance fees for Veteran's Day weekend – November 11-13, 2011. [Over 100 national Parks will be participating in this event](#).

San Jacinto Monument and Museum (La Porte, TX). November 7-13: Free admission to the theatre, Observation Floor, and (on November 12-13) the special exhibit to all veterans and their families. [More info](#).

Bed and Breakfast for Vets

In the third year of the program, B&Bs for Vets has organized over 485 (and counting) participating Bed and Breakfasts and Inns across the US and Canada which will be offering veterans a free night's stay on November 10th, the night before Veterans Day. This offer is available to both active duty military members and veterans with ID, but

space is limited. Each Inn and B&B has at least one room available for this promotion and reservations must be made directly through the participating Inns and B&Bs. For more information visit [B&Bs for Vets](#).

Other Veteran's Day Discounts

Here are some additional Veteran's Day Discounts. In all cases, be sure to provide proper ID or proof of service. In addition, some of these stores are franchises, so verify participation before assuming the discount is in place.

- **Free Car wash.** Thousands of car washes around the country are offering vets a free car wash on Veterans Day. Find a list at [Grace for Veterans](#), which helped veterans receive 101,537 FREE Washes on Veterans Day in 2010.
- **Amazon.com – Discount “Veterans Day Honor” MP3 album download.** This downloadable album includes 12 songs as performed by the military bands and ensembles of the U.S. Armed Forces. Visit Amazon on Veteran's Day to [download the album](#).
- **Netflix – One Month Free Trial.**
- **Sport Clips – FREE haircut to active-duty military & veterans.** Offer only available at [select locations](#). Please call to verify local participation.
- **Tim Hortons** – all US locations are offering a free donut to all veterans (check out the Star Spangled donut!).