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## **National Army Museum Announces Fall Events Schedule**

*Special events include Fall Symposium, Veterans Day commemoration, and activities for current traveling exhibition “Loyal Service: Working Dogs at War”*

**Fort Belvoir, Va.**— The National Museum of the United States Army and The Army Historical Foundation are hosting a series of special events this fall that explore the heritage and history of the U.S. Army.

**Fall 2023 Symposium: Army Leadership from Washington to Powell**  
**October 20: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

This free, day-long event will feature presentations by historical authors and historians about case studies in Army leadership from the Continental Army through today. Information about seminar sessions can be found on the Museum’s website. Registration is required for both in-person and virtual attendance.

**Military Police Working Dog Demonstration**  
**October 28: 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.**

Watch U.S. Army Soldiers from the 947<sup>th</sup> Military Police Detachment and their four-legged partners demonstrate each dog’s speed, agility, and discipline through training scenarios and drills on Warriors’ Field. After the demonstration, visitors will have the opportunity to talk with the handlers and interact with select dogs. This free outdoor event is weather dependent and a companion program to the traveling exhibition, *Loyal Service: Working Dogs at War*, now on display in the Special Exhibition Gallery.

**At Ease Service Dog Event**  
**October 28: 4:00-6:00 p.m.**

This free public program is for visitors to enjoy late afternoon access to the Museum with additional modifications to provide a more sensory-friendly environment. Anxiety coping devices will be available at the Welcome Desk. Service dogs and miniature ponies are allowed during this program as well as during normal operating hours. A hands-on special educational program and docent-led tours will be available.

**Loyal Service: Working Dogs at War “Meet the Artist” Gallery Talk**  
**November 2: 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**

The public is invited to a gallery talk with renowned artist James Mellick. Mellick will describe the process and purpose behind his creation of 16 wooden sculptures featured in the Museum’s current special exhibit *Loyal Service: Working Dogs at War*. The traveling exhibit, which is open to all Museum visitors, features sculptures that symbolize the sacrifice of those dogs who have served in war alongside their service member handlers.

*Note: Mellick extends his Museum visit to attend The Army Historical Foundation's after hours Annual Members’ Meeting & Dinner as the event guest speaker. Join the Museum's Foundation for a special evening in the Museum lobby. Ticketing is open to the public and can be purchased on the Foundation’s website at [ArmyHistory.org](http://ArmyHistory.org).*

**Veterans Day Weekend Activities**  
**November 10-12**

The Museum will offer visitors a fitting way to honor Veterans Day with a weekend full of events including family craft activities, story time for young visitors, a showcase of Museum volunteers sharing personal artifacts and stories from their military service, and a screening of the PBS documentary “American Veteran.” All events are free and open to the public. Learn more about the weekend’s events on the [Museum’s online calendar](#).

Media interested in touring the Museum or attending any of the fall events may contact public affairs officer Susan Smullen, [susan.l.fazakerley-smullen.civ@army.mil](mailto:susan.l.fazakerley-smullen.civ@army.mil).

The Museum is open every day of the year except December 25. Free, timed-entry tickets are available by request through the Museum's website at [theNMUSA.org](http://theNMUSA.org).

More details about the Museum can be found in the [Museum’s media kit](#). A collection of high-resolution photos is available <https://www.flickr.com/photos/usarmymuseum/>.

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**About the National Museum of the United States Army**

The National Museum of the United States Army provides the only comprehensive portrayal of Army history and traditions through the eyes of the American Soldier. By preserving, interpreting, and exhibiting invaluable artifacts, the National Army Museum creates learning opportunities for all visitors and bonds the American people to their oldest military service. We are America’s Army Museum.

The U.S. Army owns and operates the Museum. The Army Historical Foundation continues its fundraising role in support of the Museum and manages all retail, catering and special events.

For more information on the National Museum of the United States Army visit [www.theNMUSA.org](http://www.theNMUSA.org).

## **About The Army Historical Foundation**

The Army Historical Foundation establishes, assists, and promotes programs and projects that preserve the history of the American Soldier and promote public understanding of and appreciation for the contributions by all components of the U.S. Army and its members. The Foundation serves as the Army's official fundraising entity for the Capital Campaign for the National Museum of the United States Army. The award-winning, LEED- certified Museum opened on November 11, 2020, at Fort Belvoir, Va., and honors the service and sacrifice of all American Soldiers who have served since the Army's inception in 1775. For more information on the Foundation and the National Museum of the United States Army, visit [www.armyhistory.org](http://www.armyhistory.org).