

Media Advisory

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**National Army Museum open Thanksgiving Day
to kick off holiday season activities**

Special events include virtual reality missions “Santa’s Christmas Rush” and “Glacier Race,” store discounts and Army-Navy Game watch party on December 9

Fort Belvoir, Va.— The National Capital Region is invited to start a new tradition this Thanksgiving by bringing friends and family to the National Museum of the United States Army near Alexandria, open 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day and the entire holiday weekend. As always Museum admission and parking are free.

The Museum will continue celebrating the holiday season throughout December with the activities below. The list of holiday fun continues to grow, so keep an eye on the Museum’s website at www.thenmusa.org/holiday-happenings. Free admission tickets are available on the [Museum’s website](#).

December highlights include:

- **Holiday Happenings December 2, 9, and 16** from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. will include holiday treats in the Museum Café and discounts in the Museum Store for holiday shopping.
- **Holiday-themed takeover of virtual reality simulators all month long.** Participants can choose “Santa’s Christmas Rush” to retrieve lost packages in Santa’s jet-powered sleigh, or “Glacier Race” to maneuver over frozen landscapes in an epic test of driving skills.

- Army-Navy Game Watch Party on **December 9** starting at 3:00 p.m. and continues through the end of the game. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Free Museum admission tickets are required and can be reserved online at <https://www.thenmusa.org/visit/#get-tickets>. No special watch party registration required.
- Holiday pies are available to order through the Museum Café. Order pies by 5:00 p.m. **December 19** and pick up at the Museum on December 22. The pie menu includes apple, pecan, pumpkin, and sweet potato. [Learn more and order online on the Museum's website.](#)

The Museum is open every day of the year except December 25. Free, timed-entry tickets are preferred and available through the Museum's website at theNMUSA.org. The Museum Campus is open to the public and military gate access is not required.

Media Information

Media interested in touring the Museum and covering holiday events may contact public affairs officer Susan Smullen, susan.l.fazakerley-smullen.civ@army.mil.

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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.

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.