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NATIONAL VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE

*“Recognition and commemoration of the Veterans
who have served and continue to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces”*

WASHINGTON - The 63rd annual National Veterans Day Observance, a commemoration honoring the men and women who have served and continue to serve in the U.S. armed forces during war and peacetime, is scheduled to take place Friday, Nov. 11 at Arlington National Cemetery.

The U.S. Army Military District of Washington will conduct a Presidential Armed Forces Full Honor wreath-laying ceremony at 11 a.m. at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. It will be immediately followed by an observance program hosted by the Department of Veterans Affairs in Arlington National Cemetery memorial amphitheater.

Both the wreath-laying ceremony and the observance program are free and open to the general public. No tickets are needed to attend these events; however, space is limited to standing room only for the wreath-laying ceremony and seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis in the amphitheater. Attendees are encouraged to arrive to designated locations no later than 9:30 a.m.

Free parking is available for vehicles at the Arlington National Cemetery Welcome Center's parking lot from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. As walking to the events are prohibited, a free shuttle service will provide transportation to and from the memorial amphitheater beginning at 8 a.m. At the completion of the observance program a shuttle service will provide transportation back to the welcome center until 2 p.m.

Attendees will be required to go through a security screening to gain access to the ceremony. The following items are prohibited: large bags or backpacks, firearms and weapons of any type, laser pointers, aerosol containers, soda cans, umbrellas, coolers, picnic baskets, tripods, lighters, personal protection sprays, and insulated beverage containers. Clear plastic water bottles are permitted.

NOTE: DOD identification card holders will not be permitted to walk from Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall into the cemetery. Guests must park their vehicles on post and board a free shuttle bus located at the Fort Myer Memorial Chapel. The free shuttle service will provide transportation from and to Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, during the hours of 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, please contact the U.S. Army Military District of Washington Public Affairs Office at usarmy.mcnair.mdw.mbx.mediadesk-omb@mail.mil or call 202-685-4645.