



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

CENTRAL & WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS FALL 2018 CALENDAR
(Current as of 07 NOV 18)

VETERAN FOCUSED COMMUNITY & RESOURCE EVENTS

Free Luncheons for Veterans and Networking Opportunities

Springfield: Mondays, 1-2 p.m., Bilingual Veterans Outreach Centers of Mass., Inc., 281 Franklin St.

Springfield: Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Springfield Partners for Community Action, 721 State St.

Northampton: Wednesdays, 12-1:30 p.m., "The Deuce," 50 Conz St.

Holyoke: Thursdays, 12-1:30 p.m., St. Paul's Church Auditorium, 485 Appleton St.

Greenfield: Thursdays, 12-1:30 p.m., Lodge of Elks #1296, 2 Church St., #5.

Chicopee: Fridays, 12-1:30 p.m., Lodge of Elks #1849, 431 Granby Road

Longmeadow: First Wed. of the month, 231 Maple Road (call to register, (413) 565-4150)

West Springfield: Last Wed. of the month, 11:30-1, Grace Lutheran Church, 1552 Westfield St.

What	When	Where	For More Info
Massachusetts National Guard Family Programs & Education Services presents "College Knowledge Night" for service members, Veterans and families. Learn about school, education benefits and state/federal benefits.	Wed, Nov. 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Springfield Armory, 1505 Roosevelt Blvd, Springfield	Susan LaFlame, (339) 202-4810 or susan.l.laflame.ctr@mail.mil
Salvation Army "Salute to Veterans." Free event with entertainment.	Wed, Nov 7, 7 p.m.	321 Main St., Mechanics Hall, Worcester	Worcester Citadel Corps, (508) 765-7191
Veterans Resource & Job Fair hosted by MassHire Franklin Hampshire Career Center	Thu, Nov 8, 9 to 10 a.m. for Veterans to receive tips to better present themselves to employers (must register in advance for this session); 10 a.m. to noon for Veterans to meet with more than 30 businesses	Greenfield Community College, Cohn Family Dining Common, 1 College Drive	For more info or to register for the 9 a.m. session, call Michael Anderson, (413) 774-4361, ext. 355.

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University of Massachusetts Amherst “Salutes the Military” Nights at UMass Hockey and UMass Basketball. 2 complimentary tickets for any active-duty service member or Veteran and camo hat giveaway and concession vouchers while supplies last.	UMass Hockey, 7 p.m., Thu, Nov. 8; UMass Basketball, 7 p.m., Fri, Nov. 9	Mullins Center, UMass Amherst	1-866-UMASS-TIX
Tommy’s House Wall-Raising Ceremony in honor of GySgt Thomas J. Sullivan. Meet the newly selected military family for a Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity home.	Fri, Nov. 9 with 11 a.m. remarks	674 Carew St., Springfield	Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity
World War I Anniv. & Annual Salute to Veterans. Free breakfast for Veterans or \$10 donation for accompanying guest. Advance tickets only. No tickets sold at the door.	Sat, Nov. 10 at 9 a.m.	Elks Lodge 997, 17 Spring St., Florence	Veterans’ Council of Northampton, (413) 587-1299
Town of West Springfield Veterans Day Activities include a parade and a free Veterans breakfast	Sat, Nov. 10 with breakfast at 8 a.m. at the St. Thomas School. Parade starts at 11 a.m. and travels along King Highway, Elm Street, ending at the American Legion on Park Avenue, where there will be a free barbecue and concert	West Springfield	West Springfield Veterans Services
City of Holyoke Veterans Ceremony	Sat, Nov. 10 at 10 a.m. (Army helicopter lands at 9 a.m.)	Holyoke High School, Beech Street	Holyoke Veterans Services
“Remembering the War to End All Wars.: South Hadley 100 th Centennial of the End of World War I. Event will feature a 90-minute program with music by the Small Planet Dancers and light refreshments.	Sat, Nov. 10 at 11 a.m.	South Hadley Public Library, 2 Canal Street, South Hadley	

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Memorial ceremony in honor of Father William F. Davitt. Father Davitt was a chaplain in the U.S. Army and a lieutenant who was killed in action in France on Nov. 11, 1918.	4 p.m., Sat., Nov. 10	Cavalry Cemetery, 2140 Northampton St., Holyoke (near Kmart)	
City of Worcester Veterans Day Activities include Veterans Inc. Annual Pancake Breakfast, 65 th Annual Veterans Day Parade, 100 th Anniversary Armistice Day and Unveiling of the New Memorial Grove at Green Hill Park	Sun, Nov. 11	Worcester	Edward O'Connor at (508) 799-1041 and Veterans Inc, Erin Daley Stelmach, (508) 791-1213, ext. 1154 or erinstelmach@veteransinc.org
Bells of Peace, A World War I Remembrance. South Hadley Veterans Day World War One Centennial Commission event.	Sun, Nov. 11 at 10:30 a.m.	Michael E. Smith Middle School, 100 Mosier St., South Hadley	South Hadley American Legion Post 406 and South Hadley VFW Post 3104
Annual USO Pioneer Valley Veterans Day "Thank You Breakfast." RSVP required.	Sun, Nov. 11 from 8 to 10 a.m.	The Log Cabin, 500 Easthampton Road, Holyoke	USO Pioneer Valley, (413) 577-3290
"Cuts for Courage" and VA Pittsfield open house/reception. Free haircuts and free chair massages for Veterans. Food, music. Flu shots and new patient enrollment.	Immediately following the City of Pittsfield Veterans Day parade on Nov. 11 (open house/reception at approximately 2 p.m.)	VA Pittsfield outpatient clinic, 73 Eagle St., Pittsfield	VA Pittsfield outpatient clinic or Berkshire Veterans Coalition
City of Springfield Veterans Day parade and ceremony	11 a.m., Sun, Nov. 11	Parade starts from campus of Springfield Technical Community College on Federal Street, then down State Street before turning on Main Street and ending at Court Square at City Hall where there will be a brief ceremony	City of Springfield Veterans Services

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Town of Palmer Vietnam Veterans Commemoration Pinning Ceremony. Veterans should call (413) 283-6958 to be recognized at the ceremony.	10 a.m. , Sun, Nov. 11	Second Congregational Church, 1080 Pleasant St., Palmer	(413) 283-6958 or email Bruce.prestwoodtaylor@gmail.com
Free Veterans Day Barbecue for all Veterans at Indian Motorcycle of Springfield	Sun, Nov. 11 from noon to 5 p.m.	962 Southampton Road, Westfield	Call to RSVP at (413) 642-3846
Town of Ludlow Veterans Day Ceremony. Ceremony will honor town's Veteran of the Year along with other civic and school students and organizations in support of Veterans.	9 a.m., Mon, Nov. 12	Exit 7 Theater, 37 Chestnut St., Ludlow.	Town of Ludlow
Annual Fall Job Fair, honoring our Veterans. Presented by MassHire Central Career Center – Worcester Career Center, Southbridge Career Center. More than 40 companies in attendance.	Fri, Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Veterans admitted at 10 a.m. Open to general public from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Auburn /Webster Lodge of Elks #2118, 754 Southbridge St., Auburn	Bill Ryan at (508) 373-7620 or Mike Petrella at (508) 765-6430
Springfield Thunderbirds "Vet Together" and Gold Star Night. Vet Together Resource Fair followed by Thunderbirds vs Lehigh Valley Phantoms, American Hockey League. Deadline to order tickets is Thu, Nov. 15.	Sat., Nov. 17, Vet resource fair from 4 to 7 p.m. , followed by Gold Star Night at the AHL hockey game	MassMutual Center, Springfield	Matthew McRobbie, (413) 417-2290
Holiday Harvest. Open to in-need Veterans and their family members. Bring DD-214 or VA card as proof of Veterans status. Thanksgiving food boxes, including a turkey and fixings, will be provided to veterans in need and their families.	Tue, Nov 20, doors open at 7 a.m., registration starts at 8 a.m., distribution of food 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Veterans Inc., 69 Grove St., Worcester	Veterans Inc., (800) 482-2565 or email at info@veteransinc.org
4 th Annual GySgt Thomas J. Sullivan Toys for Tots Drive	Toy drive runs through Dec. 18 with event on Dec. 18 from 5 to 10 p.m. with live music and festivities and final collection party	Nathan Bill's Bar & Restaurant	Nathan Bill's Bar & Restaurant, Springfield

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