* **Phoenix, Arizona**On November 12, the Phoenix VA Medical Center will conduct its annual Veterans Day Parade with celebrity entertainer Wayne Newton serving as grand marshal.The event is sponsored in part by [Honoring Arizona’s Veterans,](http://www.honoringarizonasveterans.org/) a non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to supporting VA and the parade. The parade theme for 2012 is “Healing Wounds, Honoring Their Sacrifice.”  Now in its 16th year, the VA Veterans Day Parade is one of the premier Veterans Day parades in the nation, with more than 40,000 spectators.  **POC: Paula Pedene, public affairs officer, (602) 200-6279,** [**paula.pedene@va.gov**](mailto:paula.pedene@va.gov)
* **Lexington, Kentucky**  
  On November 10, the Lexington, Kentucky, VA Medical Center will sponsor a 5-kilometer Veterans Day – Victory Run/Walk. The fifth annual run/walk is open to the public and is designed to raise awareness of Veterans issues. Participants will pay a $20 entry fee and receive a commemorative T-shirt. **POC: Debbie Stimes, public affairs officer, (859) 281-4814,** [**desti.stimes@va.gov**](mailto:desti.stimes@va.gov)
* **Coatesville, Pennsylvania**  
  The Vietnam Traveling Wall, also known as The Wall that Heals, will visit the Coatesville, Pennsylvania, VA Medical Center from November 7-11. The Wall will be located on the medical center’s athletic field, and will be open 24 hours each day to the entire community. Opening and closing ceremonies will feature an honored Vietnam War Veteran as guest speaker, a musical selection, Color Guard salute and more. The wall is a half-sized replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington. It has visited more than 350 cities and towns, spreading the Memorial’s healing legacy to millions. **POC: Kathleen Pomorski, public affairs officer, (610) 383-0203,** [**kathleen.pomorski@va.gov**](mailto:kathleen.pomorski@va.gov)
* **Portland, Oregon**The Portland VA Medical Center is planning an extensive observation of Veterans Day, beginning on November 3 with a Welcome Home event for Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans and their families at JELD-WEN Field in Portland. On November 4, Veterans service organizations will conduct a Massing of the Colors at the Vancouver, Washington, campus and Air Force ROTC cadets will clean up of the Vancouver Vietnam War Memorial Garden. On November 10, Portland Chamber Music will present a concert in the Community Living Center in Vancouver and the medical center will participate in Vancouver’s annual Veterans Day parade. The following day, the Heritage High School Choir will perform at Vancouver’s Community Living Center. On November 12, the Rose City Timberliners male choir will perform at the medical center. On November 13, the Vancouver Community Band will play at the Community Living Center on the Vancouver campus. **POC: Anne Murphy, Community Development Officer, (360) 737-1441,** [**anne.murphy@va.gov**](mailto:anne.murphy@va.gov)
* **Northport, New York**The Northport VA Medical Center will present a Veterans Day concert on November 9 in its community living center.  The Northport High School Tour Choir will perform.  **POC: Joe Sledge, public affairs officer, (631) 266-6074,** [**joe.sledge@va.gov**](mailto:joe.sledge@va.gov)
* **Miami, Florida**On November 11, the Miami VA Medical Center will conduct a Veterans Day observance on it east patio. Participants will include Veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm and Iraq and Afghanistan. Patients, including those from the medical center’s community living center and spinal cord injury units, will also be present. **POC:** Zoe Krause,recreational therapist, (305) 575-7000, ext. 6017, [zoe.krause@va.gov](mailto:zoe.krause@va.gov)
* **Orlando, Florida**Representatives of the Orlando VA Medical Center will participate November 10 in the city’s annual Veterans Day Parade. **POC: Michael Strickler, public affairs officer, (407) 599-1301,** [**michael.strickler@va.gov**](mailto:michael.strickler@va.gov)
* **Tampa, Florida**The Tampa VA Medical Center will participate November 12 in the city’s annual Veterans Day Parade and conduct a ceremony on the hospital grounds. **POC: Carolyn Clark, public affairs officer, (813) 979-3645,** [**carolyn.clark@va.gov**](mailto:carolyn.clark@va.gov)
* **Bay Pines, Florida**On November 11, the Bay Pines VA Medical Center will hold its annual Veterans Day ceremony. The event will include guest speakers (to be determined), marching by a junior ROTC group and musical performances. **POC: Jason Dangel, public affairs officer, (727) 398-9531,** [**jason.dangel@va.gov**](mailto:jason.dangel@va.gov)
* **West Palm Beach, Florida**Representatives of the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center will participate in Veterans Day Events throughout the community. The events will include a wreath ceremony at the medical center on November 9; a golf tournament on November 10; the city’s Veterans Day Parade, the Village of Royal Palm Beach Veterans Day Service, the Coral Men’s Club Veterans Day ceremony, and several observances in hospital patient units. **POC: Mary Ann Goodman, public affairs officer, (561) 422-8607,** [**maryann.goodman@va.gov**](mailto:maryann.goodman@va.gov)
* **Sioux Falls, South Dakota**The Sioux Falls VA Health Care System will observe Veterans Day by participating in the community Veterans Day program sponsored by the area Chamber of Commerce Military & Veterans Affairs Committee. VA chaplains will host an ecumenical worship service preceding the program. The Sioux Falls VA Chaplain Service will also host the quarterly service of remembrance for recently deceased Veterans at the medical center on November 10. **POC: Shirley Redmond, public affairs officer, (605) 333-6889,** [**shirley.redmond@va.gov**](mailto:shirley.redmond@va.gov)
* **Tomah, Wisconsin**  
  The Tomah VA Medical Center will conduct a Veterans Day program on November 9 in its chapel. Details are to be determined. **POC: Scott Farley, public affairs officer, (608) 372-3971, ext. 67759,** [**scott.farley@va.gov**](mailto:scott.farley@va.gov)
* **Grand Junction, Colorado**The Grand Junction VA Medical Center will participate in the city's Veterans Day parade and send representatives to community events, including an annual rededication of a Vietnam Memorial. **POC: Paul Sweeney, public affairs officer, (970) 263-2800, ext. 12407,** [**paul.sweeney@va.gov**](mailto:paul.sweeney@va.gov)
* **Bedford, Massachusetts**The Bedford VA Medical Center is registering participants for a 5- and 10-kilometer Veterans Fun Run, to be held November 10 with the start and finish on the hospital grounds. Proceeds will go to support local deployed military personnel and their families. **POC: Kristin Pressly, public affairs officer, (781) 687-4988,** [**kristin.pressly@va.gov**](mailto:kristin.pressly@va.gov)
* **Ann Arbor, Michigan**The Ann Arbor VA Medical Center will conduct a Veterans Day Ceremony featuring the University of Michigan ROTC program. **POC: Derek Atkinson, public affairs officer, (743) 845-5043,** [**derek.atkinson@va.gov**](mailto:derek.atkinson@va.gov)
* **Marion, Indiana**The Marion VA Medical Center will host a Veterans Day parade for the town of Marion.  Local VA and Congressional leaders are expected to participate in the opening ceremonies. **POC: Sheryl Grubb, public affairs officer, (260) 426-5431,** [**sheryl.grubb@va.gov**](mailto:sheryl.grubb@va.gov)
* **Alexandria, Louisiana**  
  The Alexandria VA Medical Center will present a Veterans Day Parade on November 11. The parade will be followed by a formal program on the medical center grounds and a community picnic. Brigadier General (Retired) Sherian Grace Cadoria, the first black female general in the U.S. Army and the Army’s highest ranking female at the time of her retirement, will be the featured speaker. The medical center’s women’s clinic is named after General Cadoria. **POC: Tammie Arnold, public affairs officer, (318) 473-0010, ext. 2061**
* **Jackson, Mississippi**The Jackson VA Medical Center will induct four members into its new Wall of Honor at a ceremony on November 9. Inducted for exemplary military services will be Medal of Honor Recipient Jack Lucas and Silver Star recipient Arie Washington, Jr. Inductees in the other major category, exemplary community service, will be civil rights leaders Medgar Evers and his brother Charles Evers. Medgar Evers was assassinated in Jackson in 1963; Charles Evers was the first black mayor in Mississippi in the post-Reconstruction period. Also to be inducted for exemplary community service will be Andrew Tobias, who just completed 50 years of federal service—including 28 as a carpenter at the Jackson VA Medical Center. **POC: James Theres, public affairs officer, (601) 362-4471, ext. 6790,** [**james.theres@va.gov**](mailto:james.theres@va.gov)
* **Sheridan, Wyoming**The Sheridan VA Medical Center will host a Native American Event on November 11.  A drum and dance group from the Crow Nation will demonstrate Native American Dances that honor the flag, Veterans and the military.  The event is sponsored by various volunteer groups and organized by the medical center’s Native American Committee.

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* **Saginaw, Michigan**On November 11, the Saginaw VA Medical Center will serve a special meal to Veterans and two guests. The event is also expected to include recreational therapy demonstrations and gifts presented to Veterans by community members. **POC: Carrie Seward, public affairs officer, (989) 497-2500, ext. 13363,** [**carrie.seward@va.gov**](mailto:carrie.seward@va.gov)
* **Salem, Virginia**The Salem VA Medical Center will participate in the annual Veterans Day Parade in Roanoke, Virginia, on November 10. **POC: Marian McConnell, public affairs officer, (540) 982-2463, ext. 1400,** [**marian.mcconnell@va.gov**](mailto:marian.mcconnell@va.gov)
* **Mountain Home, Tennessee**  
  The Mountain Home VA Medical Center will present a community Veterans Day program on November 9 program and a 5-kilometer Veterans Day run on November 11. **POC: Judy Fowler-Argo, public affairs officer, (423) 202-1171, ext. 7126,** [**judy.fowler@va.gov**](mailto:judy.fowler@va.gov)
* **Sacramento, California**  
  The VANorthern California HCS will host its 7th annual Veterans Day Ceremony at the Sacramento VA Medical Center Veterans Memorial Plaza on November 11. The medical center will add 21 memorial bricks to the plaza in honor of Veterans of Operation Desert Storm, Operation Desert Shield, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom Veterans. The keynote speaker will be Jonathan Cullifer, an OEF/OIF Marine Veteran and recipient of the Purple Heart. **POC: Robin Jackson, public affairs officer, (916) 843-9247,** [**robin.jackson2@va.gov**](mailto:robin.jackson2@va.gov)
* **Fayetteville, NC**  
  On November 9, the Fayetteville VA Medical Center will host a Veterans celebration for the community. The following day Veterans receiving care and medical center representatives will participate in the City of Fayetteville’s Veterans Day Parade. **POC: Robin DeMark, public affairs officer, (910) 488-2120, ext. 5991,** [**robin.demark@va.gov**](mailto:robin.demark@va.gov)
* **Dallas, Texas**  
  Representatives of the Dallas VA Medical Center will participate in a Veterans Day parade November 10 in Fort Worth. The medical center will have a float in the Veterans Day Parade on November 12 in Dallas. During the week of Veterans Day, Veterans service organizations will host lunches for Veterans. Additionally, on Veterans Day, recreation therapy staff will conduct games and other events for patients. **POC: Penny Kerby, public affairs specialist, (214) 857-1155,** [**penny.kerby@va.gov**](mailto:penny.kerby@va.gov)
* **Big Spring, Texas**On November 11, the Big Spring VA Medical Center will conduct its community-wide Veterans Day parade in the coliseum of Howard College. The following Day, Congressman K. Michael Conaway (Republican-Texas-11th District) will be the guest speaker for a groundbreaking ceremony for a new VA clinic in Permian Basin (near Odessa). **POC: Iva Jo Hanslik, public affairs officer, (423) 263-7361, ext. 4824,** [**va.jo.hanslik@va.gov**](mailto:iva.jo.hanslik@va.gov)
* **Indianapolis, Indiana**On November 10, leaders from the Indianapolis VA Medical Center will participate in the city’s Veterans Day Parade. The following day, medical center representatives will participate in an event at the Indiana War Memorial sponsored by the Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library of Indianapolis.  **POC: Patrick Fisher, public affairs officer, (317) 988-9903,** [**patrick.fisher4@va.gov**](mailto:patrick.fisher4@va.gov)
* **Salt Lake City, Utah**The Salt Lake City VA Medical Center will conduct a Unite for Veterans Outreach Event with the local CBS television affiliate on November 12. **POC: Jill Atwood, public affairs officer, (801) 582-1565, ext. 4094,** [**jill.atwood@va.gov**](mailto:jill.atwood@va.gov)
* **New York, New York**The VA New York Harbor Health Care System will hold Veterans Day ceremonies at three locations – November 5 at Brooklyn, November 8 at Manhattan and November 9 at the St. Albans Community Living Center. In addition the Manhattan medical center will hold a Veteran Employee Recognition event on November 8. **POC: Jennifer Sammartino, public affairs officer, (718) 836-6600, ext. 2804 or (212) 686-7500, ext. 4218,** [**jennifer.sammartino@va.gov**](mailto:jennifer.sammartino@va.gov)
* **Canandaigua, New York**On November 11, the Knights of Columbus will present a Missing Man Table Ceremony at the Canandaigua VA Medical Center. During the ceremony, which is designed to honor military personnel missing in action, a moderator will identify and describe items of significance placed on the table. **POC: Dan Ryan, public affairs officer, (585) 393-7209,** [**daniel.ryan@va.gov**](mailto:daniel.ryan@va.gov)
* **Charleston, South Carolina**  
  The Charleston VA Medical Center will host the Veterans Day Parade in Charleston on November 10. The event will include several floats, bands from area high schools, Veteran Service Organizations, and community organizations. **POC: Tonya Lobbestael, public affairs officer, (843) 789-7699,** [**tonya.lobbestael@va.gov**](mailto:tonya.lobbestael@va.gov)
* **Columbia, Missouri**The Columbia VA Medical Center will participate in the annual Veterans Day parade that is coordinated by the University of Missouri ROTC. The parade will culminate in a brief ceremony in front of the Boone County courthouse. ROTC cadets will conduct a 24-hour vigil at the courthouse beginning at 11 am on November 10. In addition, the medical center will conduct its annual Veterans Day essay contest for all junior and senior high students in the Columbia Public School District. Winning essays receive a cash prize from local Veterans Service Organizations and are placed on the VAMC's website. **POC: Stephen Gaither, public affairs officer, (573) 814-6308,** [**l.gaither@va.gov**](mailto:l.gaither@va.gov)
* **Prescott, Arizona**  
  The Northern Arizona VA Health Care System will conduct a Veterans Day parade on November 11 in Prescott, Arizona. **POC: Ame Callahan, public affairs officer, (928) 776-6013,** [**amerophan.callahan@va.gov**](mailto:amerophan.callahan@va.gov)
* **Washington, D.C.**The Washington DC VA Medical Center will hold a Service of Remembrance at the facility on November 11.  The by-invitation-only event, sponsored by the medical center’s Chaplain Service, recognizes Veterans who have passed away at the hospital during the prior year. Family members of the Veterans are invited to meet with Medical Center staff, listen to music and poetry related to service to the nation, a recall their loved-one through a reading of names.  Family members rise when their loved one's name is called and receive flowers from staff and volunteers.  In previous years, 500-600 guests have attended the event. **POC: Michelle Spivak, public affairs officer, (202) 745-4037,** [**michelle.spivak@va.gov**](mailto:michelle.spivak@va.gov)
* **Tucson, Arizona**The 6th Annual Veterans Celebration Day Event will be held November 10 on the campus of the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System (SAVAHCS) in in Tucson.  The event provides the opportunity for the VA to join together with the Tucson Community to provide information and resources to all Veterans, Service members and their families.  The program will focus on active duty military, reservist and National Guard personnel and their families and all Veterans in Southern Arizona.  It will feature a range of family activities and live entertainment throughout the day.  SAVAHCS representatives will be available to provide information in eligibility and enrollment, post-deployment care, primary care, women’s health, substance abuse treatment, programs for homeless Veterans, polytrauma care, blind rehabilitation, spinal cord injury care and transitional programs for those leaving active duty. More than 1,000 people attended last year’s event. **POC: Lorraine Conn, public affairs officer, (520) 792-1450, ext. 4050,** [**lorraine.conn@va.gov**](mailto:lorraine.conn@va.gov).