



DEPARTMENT OF
**COMMUNITY &
HUMAN SERVICES**

Service Members, Veterans, and Their Families (SMVF)

Newsletter: November 2025

Happy November! As we gear up to celebrate Veterans Day, there are several events and workshops happening where we encourage you to fully engage with the SMVF (Service Members, Veterans, and their Families) community. Check out the exciting events, community highlights, and additional facts about the military in this month's newsletter!

CELEBRATING VETERANS DAY

Join us to celebrate Veterans Day as we honor all military veterans for their service.

Sunday, November 9, 12 p.m.

National Veterans Parade
Constitution Avenue from 7th to 17th Street in
Washington, D.C.
(No Registration Required)

Events on November 11

Annual Veterans Day Program, 3 - 5 p.m.

[Register](#)

Support Veterans on Veterans Day at the Museum,
11 - 3 p.m.

[Register](#)

Veterans Mobile Food Pantry, 8:45 - 9:45 a.m.

Location: Washington VA Medical Center, Clinical
Research Building, Gate 1, 50 Irving Street, Northwest,
Washington, D.C. (No Registration Required)

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Community Highlights

Partnership with Comfort Crew for Military Kids

In May 2025, the Alexandria Same Day Access (SDA) Program merged with Child and Family Behavioral Health Services to enhance support for children and families facing mental health, substance use, or other behavioral challenges. Following this merger, Alexandria's SDA program expanded its services to include military families, offering specialized support for those navigating deployment, the transition to civilian life, and the emotional impacts that often accompany such changes.

In keeping with its commitment to serving Service Members, Veterans, and their Families, Alexandria's SDA partnered with TheComfortCrew.org, an organization that provides specially designed care packages called "Comfort Kits" for military children. These kits, intended for kids aged 6 to 12, address various experiences such as deployment, reunification, injury, or loss. Each package contains engaging and supportive items like animated stories, journals for expressing feelings, stuffed animals, and family guides, all aimed at helping children understand and cope with their emotions in a healthy way. By serving families in need during their time of transition, the SDA Comfort Crew kit ensures military children feel acknowledged, supported, and better prepared to face the challenges of military life.

Comfort Crew Kits:



Upcoming Events

- **Friday, November 7 at 12 p.m. :** Veterans Appreciation Week Kickoff - November 2025 [Register](#)
- **Sunday, November 9 from 8 - 12:30 p.m. :** Battle of the Branches 5K [Register](#)
- **Thursday, November 13 at 10:30 - 1:30 p.m. :** 2025 HIRE VETS NOW - Fort Belvoir [Register](#)
- **Saturday, November 15 from 12 - 3 p.m. :** The VetReset Foundation Presents, 2nd Annual Voices of Valor [Register](#)
- **Sunday, November 16 at 8:30 a.m. :** Salute to Veterans 5K/10K/Half Marathon - Metro Washington DC [Register](#)
- **Thursday, November 20 from 11-1 p.m. :** 2025 HIRE VETS NOW - Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Registration [Register](#)
- **Saturday, November 15 at 11 a.m. :** 250th Military Birthday Party [Register](#)

MILITARY OBSERVANCES

- **National Veterans and Military Families Month**
- **National Family Caregivers Month**
- **Financial Literacy Month**
- Monday, November 10:
Marine Corps Birthday
- Tuesday, November 11:
Veterans Day
- Thursday, November 20:
Children's Grief Awareness Day
- Sunday, November 22:
National Adoption Day

Military Stories, History, and More

Military Word Search

Can you solve this puzzle?

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Space Force

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Air Force

Veteran

Navy

Army

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