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VA Long Beach celebrates National Veterans and Military Families Month 2018 with events honoring Veterans and their families

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Today President Donald Trump [declared November 2018 the second annual National Veterans and Military Families Month](#) to “salute the brave and dedicated patriots who have worn the uniform of the United States, and...celebrate the extraordinary military families whose selfless service and sacrifice make our military the finest in the world.”

Beginning in 2017, [President Trump proclaimed November Veterans and Military Families Month](#), marking the first time America celebrated Veterans and military families for the entire month and not just on Veterans Day, in keeping with the President’s strong focus on improving care and benefits to our nation’s heroes.

That tradition continues again this year, with a series of events at VA hospitals, benefits offices and cemeteries across the country, including senior leader visits to VA facilities, homeless Veteran initiative events, suicide prevention events and more.

To celebrate Veterans and Military Families Month locally, VA Long Beach Healthcare System will hold the following event honoring Veterans and their families:

- Veteran Employee Appreciation Celebration
- Veteran’s Day Celebration
- Mental Health and Community Living Center ground breaking ceremony

This year’s celebration of Veterans and Military Families Month caps an [unprecedented period of improvement for VA](#), as the department has made groundbreaking progress over the last two years in the areas of accountability, transparency and efficiency across the department while enjoying an important series of legislative successes.

“At VA, Veterans and their families are at the center of everything we do. Veterans and Military Families Month is an opportunity for us to honor the service of these patriots while educating communities about VA benefits and services and our commitment to customer service improvement,” VA Secretary Robert Wilkie said.

“As we recognize the call to duty and sacrifice of all Veterans, it is my honor and privilege to serve as the Director of VA Long Beach Healthcare System and care for our Veterans, every day, with the promise to provide the best care anywhere. On November 11th, the community is welcome join us at our annual Veteran’s Day recognition, commemorating 100 years since the end of World War I, and the groundbreaking ceremony for our new Mental Health and Community Living Center Buildings,” said VA Long Beach Healthcare System Director Walt C. Dannenberg.

The full list of national events for Veterans and Military Families month is available [at this link](#).

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