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WHERE TO HONOR VETERANS IN THE DAYTONA BEACH AREA

2019 Veterans Day celebrations, special rates for veterans and places that honor veterans year round

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. – (October 23, 2019) – Visitors can learn more about our nation’s military through preserved artifacts, mementos and art throughout Daytona Beach. Let this list guide you to the 2019 Veterans Day events in Daytona Beach, [special rates for veterans](#) for November, and where to honor veterans year round.

Special rates for veterans

During the month of November, U.S. military veterans can enjoy specials at select hotels, attractions and restaurants. Go to DaytonaBeach.com/veterans for details.

2019 Veterans Day Events in Daytona Beach

- [Honoring Veterans](#), Ormond Beach, November 7 at noon

Veterans are admitted free to this ticketed event for a special lunch and celebration in their honor.

- [Volusia County Veterans Day Parade](#), Indiana Avenue, DeLand, November 9 at 10 a.m.

This annual veterans celebration takes place in DeLand, just a short drive from Daytona Beach. Hosted by the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum and the MainStreet DeLand Association, the parade is an annual tradition that honors the sacrifices of all Volusia County veterans and their families. It all begins with the opening ceremonies on Indiana Avenue, and proceeds south along Woodland Boulevard. Come for the patriotic display of American flags, decked-out military vehicles and veterans from all branches of the military.

- [Meet, Honor and Thank Veterans](#), Daytona Beach Brewing Company, November 9, 3 to 8 p.m.

Meet, honor and thank veterans as Daytona Beach Brewing Company releases a special beer in their honor.

- [Veterans Day Ceremony at Davies Lighthouse Park](#), Davies Lighthouse Park, Ponce Inlet, November 11 at 10 a.m.

Head to the historic Ponce Inlet Lighthouse this Veterans Day for a special ceremony honoring our nation’s heroes. The 3-acre park features a Veterans Memorial, which will serve as the backdrop for this special salute. It’s all located just a short walk away from the Mary Keller Bird Rehabilitation Center, the Marine Science Center and Lighthouse Point Park.



- Honoring All Who Served – In Times of War and In Times of Peace, Ocean Art Gallery, November 11, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Active duty and veterans will receive a 10% discount at this veteran-owned art gallery in Ormond Beach on Veterans Day. At 5 p.m., a special, by reservation only, remembrance for those whose lives were lost on September 11 will be conducted. Please call (386) 317-9400 to reserve a seat.
- Veterans Day Tribute, Ormond Memorial Art Museum & Gardens, November 11 at 11 a.m.

On Veterans Day, head to Ormond Memorial Art Museum & Gardens to pay tribute to those who have served. This special tribute is free and open to the public, and parking is available east of St. James Episcopal Church. The 2019 Tribute features speakers Hal Kushner, MD, US Army Army Col. Ret. and A. S. Minor, US Army veteran. Minor is a spoken word poet, and Kushner's military honors include the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, the Republic of Vietnam's Cross of Gallantry. Music will be provided by the Bethune-Cookman University Tuba & Euphonia Ensemble, and refreshments will be offered by the Pilot Club of Daytona Beach.

Honor Veterans Year Round

Veterans Memorial Museum Deltona

Just southwest of Daytona Beach in Deltona, you can observe a piece of history up close — this museum proudly houses an authentic U.S. Army AH-1 Cobra helicopter! The Veterans Memorial Museum exists to honor everyone who serves or has served in the United States military. In addition to checking out the chopper, you can witness monuments that list the names of those who have been lost in battle or are currently serving overseas.

Veterans Museum & Education Center

Situated on South Beach Street in the heart of Daytona Beach, the Veterans Museum & Education Center pays tribute to the commitment, dedication, service and sacrifice of the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. In the 1,600-square-foot museum, you'll find the names of local heroes, uniforms from all branches of the military, and an exhibit spotlighting a different veteran each month.

DeLand Naval Air Station Museum

The DeLand Naval Air Station Museum is a former World War II training base for dive-bomber pilots, though it now operates with a slightly less risky purpose. The museum, which is registered on the National Register of Historic Places, houses an ever-growing collection of historical artifacts, veterans' mementos and military art. You can even witness restoration projects such as those of the PTF-3 Fast Torpedo Boat, the TBF Avenger Torpedo Bomber and the M38A1 Jeep.

Ormond Memorial Art Museum & Gardens

After you attend the aforementioned Veterans Day Tribute, stay awhile and wander through the museum's gallery exhibits, where you'll marvel at the works of prominent international and local artists. Next, take a stroll through the lush gardens at Ormond Memorial Art Museum & Gardens. The museum was founded in 1946 as a living monument to equality and artistic freedom, and to commemorate the valiant service of World War II



veterans. A bronze plaque inside the museum lists former Ormond Beach residents who served in World War II, and you can also view the Korean War Memorial Sculpture by commissioned Florida artist Mark Chew.

About the Daytona Beach Area

Experience endless adventures in the Daytona Beach area, a destination comprised of eight distinct communities offering visitors the perfect beach base camp to explore East Central Florida. Choose thrilling activities or embrace the tranquility of days spent on 23 miles of world-famous white-sand beaches. Recognized worldwide for a few annual events including Bike Week, Biketoberfest®, the Rolex 24 At DAYTONA, the DAYTONA 500 and the Coke Zero Sugar 400 which moves from July to August 29 in 2020, Daytona Beach's famed heritage also claims the headquarters of LPGA and NASCAR -- and is home to Daytona International Speedway, the 'World Center of Racing.' With more than 12,000 beds, the destination boasts accommodations for all lifestyles and budgets from 4-star resorts to hotels, B&Bs and everything in between. Ranked #1 in Travel Channel's "**Top 10 Attractions in Florida**", and named a TripAdvisor **Best Weekend Getaway** in Northeast Florida, TripAdvisor also named Daytona Beach to its "**10 Most Affordable Beach Vacations on Florida's East Coast**" and "**25 Most Popular Summer Vacation Rental Spots in the US.**" Visitors can enjoy experiences beyond the beach by choosing from a surprising list of outdoor adventures, family-friendly attractions, arts and cultural venues and an eclectic culinary scene. With expansive beaches ideal for strolling, swimming and surfing, it is no surprise Daytona Beach was chosen as a **Best Florida Attraction and Best Spring Family Beach Break Destination** in the Top 10 Best Readers' Choice travel award contests sponsored by *USA TODAY*. To receive a complimentary Visitors Guide, find a place to stay, or book your next adventure, visit DaytonaBeach.com. Social Media: Facebook.com/DaytonaBeach, Twitter.com/DaytonaBeachFun, Instagram.com/DiscoverDaytonaBeach, YouTube.com/VisitDaytonaBeach and [#LoveDaytonaBeach](https://LoveDaytonaBeach.com)

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