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Veterans Day—11 November 2024

Veterans Day is a U.S. legal holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars, and Veterans Day 2024 will occur on Monday, November 11. In 1918, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in World War I, then known as "the Great War."

Commemorated in many countries as Armistice Day the following year, November 11th became a federal holiday in the United States in 1938. In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became known as Veterans Day.

Veterans Day Traditions

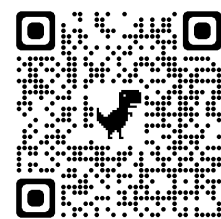
In the United States, an official wreath-laying ceremony is held each Veterans Day at the [Tomb of the Unknown Soldier](#) in Arlington National Cemetery, while parades and other celebrations are held in states around the country.

Veterans Day is [not to be confused with Memorial Day](#)—a common misunderstanding, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Memorial Day (the fourth Monday in May) honors American service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle, while Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.



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Veterans Day Meals and Discounts

The site provides a list of discounts deals at restaurants and retail stores for 2024.

To honor members of the military, these restaurants are offering veterans free meals or beverages on or around Veterans Day, November 11.

[Applebee's](#) -- Veterans and active-duty military receive a free meal from a select menu on **November 11** at participating locations. Dine-in only.

[Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers](#) -- Veterans and active-duty military personnel who visit participating locations on **November 11** will receive a meal card valid for a free combo meal of their choice. Cards may be redeemed through December 31, 2024.

[Golden Corral](#) -- Golden Corral is hosting their Military Appreciation Night on **November 11** from 5pm to close. This includes a free "thank you" meal when dining in.

[BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse](#) -- On **November 11**, veterans with a valid military ID can dine in and enjoy a free Chocolate Chunk Pizookie® with any \$9.95+ purchase. In addition, veterans who spend more than \$14.95 for dine in or takeout will receive a bounce back coupon for a free appetizer to redeem between November 12 and December 31, 2023.

[Black Angus Steakhouse](#) -- Current and past members of the military get a free meal on **November 10** from 12pm to 3pm with ID. This deal is not available to-go.

[Buffalo Wild Wings](#) -- Veterans and active-duty service members get a free order of 10 Boneless Wings and Fries on **November 11** with valid ID. Only available for dine-in. Buffalo Wild Wings GO locations will be included for walk-in/order at the counter only.

[Carrabba's](#) -- On **November 11**, veterans and active-duty military get a complimentary dine-in appetizer or dessert paired with a soft beverage with show of ID

[Charleys Cheesesteaks](#) -- Veterans and active-duty military get free Gourmet Fries in-store with no purchase necessary on **November 11** at participating locations with a valid ID.

[Cracker Barrel](#) -- On **November 11**, veterans and active-duty military who dine in receive a free slice of Coca Cola Cake. Plus, shop their U.S. military-themed products and get 25% off in-store and online until November 13.

[Denny's](#) -- Veterans and military personnel receive a free Original Gran Slam on **November 10** from 5 a.m. (Store Open) to noon. Dine-in only. Must show valid Military ID or DD214.

[Dunkin'](#) -- Veterans and active-duty military get a free donut of their choice on **November 11** at participating locations. Offer available in-store only.

[Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers](#) -- Veterans and active-duty military personnel who visit on **November 11** will receive a free Freddy's Original Double with Cheese combo meal card that can be redeemed through November 30.

[Hooters](#) -- Active-duty military and veterans get a free entrée from the Hooters Veterans Day Menu with purchase of a beverage at participating locations on **November 11**. Dine-in only.

[IHOP](#) -- Veterans and active-duty military get free Red, White, & Blueberry Pancakes or Pancake Combo on **November 11** from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dine-in only, at participating restaurants.

[IKEA](#) -- From **November 10 to 12**, veterans and active-duty military members with a valid ID can dine for free in the restaurant.

[Krispy Kreme](#) -- Veterans get a free doughnut and coffee on **November 11** at participating locations.

[Little Caesars](#) -- Veterans and active-duty military get a free Lunch Combo at participating stores on **November 11**, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. In-store only.

[Outback Steakhouse](#) -- Active-duty military and veterans get a free Bloomin' Onion and beverage with the purchase of an adult entree in-restaurant on **November 11**.

[Red Lobster](#) -- Veterans, active-duty military and reservists get free printed meal vouchers for Veterans Shrimp & Chips from 11:00am to 4:00pm local time on **November 11**. Guests need to show a valid military ID or proof of service. The voucher can be redeemed beginning November 13 through December 10 for dine-in only.

[Red Robin](#) -- Veterans and active-duty military get a complimentary Red's Big Tavern Burger on **November 11** with valid ID. Dine-in only, not valid for online or to-go orders. The free meal also comes with an endless side of steak fries.

[Starbucks](#) -- Starbucks is honoring those who have served with a free tall (12-ounce) hot or cold brewed coffee for veterans, military service members and military spouses who visit participating U.S. stores on **November 11**.

[Texas Roadhouse](#) -- At participating locations, active-duty military and veterans can dine in or receive a meal voucher on **November 11** from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a form of military ID. These vouchers are good for dine in or carry out at a later time. The voucher is good until May 30, 2024. If you choose to dine in on November 11, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m, there will be a specific menu to select from.



Social Security Announces 2.5 Percent Benefit Increase for 2025

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Social Security benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments for more than 72.5 million Americans will increase 2.5% in 2025, the Social Security Administration announced today. On average, Social Security retirement benefits will increase by about \$50 per month starting in January.

Over the last decade the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase has averaged about 2.6%. The COLA was 3.2% in 2024.

Nearly 68 million Social Security beneficiaries will see a 2.5% COLA beginning in January 2025. Increased payments to nearly 7.5 million people receiving SSI will begin on December 31, 2024. (Note: Some people receive both Social Security benefits and SSI).

Here Is the 2025 Pay Raise for Disabled Veterans and Military Retirees



Military retirees and disabled veterans will receive 2.5% increases to their monthly paychecks for 2025, thanks to the annual [Cost of Living Adjustment](#), or COLA, tied to inflation.

While 2.5% may look low compared to recent years' COLA adjustments of 3.2% (2024), 8.7% (2023) and 5.9% (2022), it's still close to the average of about 2.6% for the past decade.

OCTOBER 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 | 2 Food Distribution | 3 Rosh Hashanah | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Fried Chicken Dinner Fundraiser | 7 | 8 | 9 VPR Start of OEF | 10 | 11 | 12 Yom Kippur |
| 13 | 14 Columbus Day VFW Meeting | 15 | 16 Boss's Day | 17 | 18 VPR Women in Mil Svc | 19 Sweetest Day |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 United Nations Day | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Halloween | | |

NOVEMBER 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 Ride to Remember |
| 3 Daylight Saving | 4 | 5 Election Day | 6 Food Distribution | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Marine Corps Birthday | 11 Veterans Day VPR Veterans Day VFW Meeting | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Thanksgiving | 29 | 30 |