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## NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER QUARTERLY EVENTS CALENDAR, OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2018

Philadelphia, PA (October 1, 2018) – Today, the National Constitution Center announced a variety of upcoming events for audiences of all ages. Fall programming highlights include the 30th annual Liberty Medal ceremony honoring President George W. Bush and former first lady Mrs. Laura Bush, a Veterans Day Family Festival, a school supplies drive for Philadelphia schools, and a rich schedule of *America's Town Hall* discussions featuring thought leaders, including presidential historian Michael Beschloss and *The New Yorker* and CNN's Jeffrey Toobin. In an event tomorrow, the National Constitution Center is presenting a special session for The Atlantic Festival in Washington, D.C., featuring a conversation with Senators Jeff Flake and Chris Coons.

On Veterans Day, November 11, 2018, at 5 p.m., the National Constitution Center will award its 30th annual Liberty Medal to President George W. Bush and former first lady Mrs. Laura Bush for their commitment to veterans. Sponsorships and paid tickets of all levels are currently available for purchase [here](#). Current Members of the National Constitution Center and the general public may now submit an online request for tickets to the 2018 Liberty Medal ceremony [here](#). The link for complimentary ticket requests will be open until **5 p.m. on Friday, October 5**. The event will also be broadcast on local ABC affiliate, WPVI-TV/6abc.

## PLEASE NOTE:

- Liberty Medal Ceremony, Sunday, November 11 – **Museum CLOSED to the general public**
- Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22 – **CLOSED**
- Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24 – **Shortened museum hours, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.**
- Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25 – **CLOSED**
- New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31 – **Shortened museum hours, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.**
- New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1 – **CLOSED**

**October Events****[Traveling America's Town Hall Program – The Atlantic Festival: The Constitution in Crisis](#)**

8:30 – 10 a.m., Tuesday, October 2 – Gallup, 901 F Street NW, Washington, D.C.

*Free with Atlantic Festival pass*

In a time of fake news and echo chambers, impassioned tweets rather than reasoned arguments, and declining trust in institutions, *The Atlantic* and the National Constitution Center convene to explore the health of the building blocks of our democracy and how Americans can protect democratic debate, the rule of law, and the constitutional ideals that have defined America since its founding. Speakers include Senators **Jeff Flake** and **Chris Coons**, **Jeffrey Goldberg** and **Alex Wagner** of *The Atlantic*, **Ruth Marcus** of *The Washington Post*, **Ibram Kendi** of the Antiracist Research and Policy Center, Center President and CEO **Jeffrey Rosen**, and others. *In partnership with The Atlantic as part of The Atlantic Festival and sponsored by the John Templeton Foundation and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.*

### [Member Event: Exhibit Artifact Discussion with National Park Service Archaeologist](#)

3 p.m., Thursday, October 11

*Free with Membership*

During the excavation of the site that would become the National Constitution Center, archeologists discovered a rich record of the people who lived and worked on the block, especially during the Colonial and early Federal periods. Members can join National Park Service Archaeologist **Jed Levin** and National Constitution Center Exhibition Developer **Elena Popchock** for an in-depth discussion of the artifacts found, and to view the exhibit developed for their display.

### [Michael Beschloss: Presidents of War](#)

6:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 17

*Free for 1787 Society Members, \$25 Members, teachers & students, \$30 Non-Members*

Presidential historian **Michael Beschloss** discusses his new book, *Presidents of War*, exploring presidential war powers and stories of presidents during wartime, from President James Madison and the War of 1812 to recent presidents today. Admission includes a copy of the book.

### [Faith and the Founding: The Bible and the Constitution](#)

6 – 7:30 p.m., Thursday, October 18

*This program is now sold out, however simulcast tickets are available.*

**Daniel Dreisbach**, whose research has been cited by the U.S. Supreme Court, discusses his new book *Reading the Bible with the Founding Fathers*. Then, leading scholars including **Marci Hamilton**, **Daniel Mark**, and **Russell Shorto** discuss the influence of religion on the Founders and our founding documents. **Jeffrey Rosen**, president and CEO of the National Constitution Center, moderates. Includes book sale. *In partnership with the Faith and Liberty Discovery Center.*

### [Living News Fall 2018](#)

Available between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily, Monday, October 22 – Friday, December 7

*Free with general admission, group reservations recommended. \*Includes special curriculum package.*

Today's headlines are brought to life in this dynamic, 25-minute performance incorporating video, contemporary music, and current news broadcasts. Featuring three actors who play multiple roles, [Living News](#) introduces controversial constitutional issues and encourages students to explore the Constitution's relevance in their own lives. Following the performance, students engage in a discussion about these timely issues with a National Constitution Center educator.

### [Boy Scout Day](#)

8 a.m. – 3 p.m., Merit Badge Counseling: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday, October 27

*Scouts \$14, Adults \$12, one free chaperon for every 10 scouts*

At the National Constitution Center, scouts can enjoy an action-packed day learning about American history and the importance of good citizenship — all while meeting merit badge or adventure requirements. All scouts will receive a National Constitution Center Scout Day Fun Patch.

### [How to Save a Constitutional Democracy](#)

12 p.m., Monday, October 29

*This program is now sold out, however simulcast tickets are available.*

Is the United States at risk of a democratic decline? Can our constitutional design prevent democratic backsliding? Drawing on a rich array of international examples, University of Chicago law professors and authors of *How to Save a Constitutional Democracy* **Tom Ginsburg** and **Aziz Z. Huq** show how the

Constitution can play a positive role in maintaining a healthy democracy. Includes book sale. CLE credit available.

### **November Events**

#### **Member Event: Hamilton Curator Talk**

5 p.m., Thursday, November 1

*Free with Membership*

National Constitution Center Exhibition Developer **Elena Popchock** discusses the artifacts and educational content of *Hamilton: The Constitutional Clashes That Shaped a Nation*, the Center's feature exhibit which highlights the competing ideas of Alexander Hamilton and his legendary rivals. Rare documents and artifacts delve into these competing arguments and reveal the fragility of the new nation.

#### **Girl Scout Day**

8 a.m. – 3 p.m., Saturday, November 3

*Scouts \$14, Adults \$12, one free chaperon for every 10 scouts*

Girl Scouts can participate in programs designed to meet requirements for their Citizen Legacy Badge, as well as select Journey requirements, including women's history trivia games and a one-of-a-kind music video workshop. Scouts will also journey back in time to learn about our nation's greatest women heroes, from suffragists to Supreme Court justices. All scouts will receive a National Constitution Center Scout Day Fun Patch.

#### **Ken Starr: A Memoir of the Clinton Investigation**

6:30 p.m., Monday, November 5

*This program is now sold out, however simulcast tickets are available.*

Former special prosecutor **Ken Starr** offers his definitive account of one of the most divisive periods in American history in his new book, *Contempt: A Memoir of The Clinton Investigation*. Starr shares his unique perspective on the investigation that eventually led to the impeachment of President William J. Clinton. Includes book sale.

#### **Member Event: Supreme Court 101**

10:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 7

*Free with Membership*

Members can join the Center to learn more about the judicial branch. During this session about the highest court in the nation, the Center's educators will discuss the history and process of the U.S. Supreme Court, as established by Article III of the Constitution.

#### **John Marshall: The Man Who Made the Supreme Court**

12 p.m., Wednesday, November 7

*This program is now sold out, however simulcast tickets are available.*

**Richard Brookhiser**, senior editor of *National Review*, discusses Chief Justice John Marshall's transformation of the Supreme Court into the powerful branch we know today as chronicled in his book, *John Marshall: The Man Who Made the Supreme Court*. Includes book sale. CLE credit available.

#### **Veterans Day Observance**

Regular museum hours, Monday, November 5, through Saturday, November 10

*Free with general admission*

The National Constitution Center will celebrate our country's veterans and honor the Veterans Day holiday throughout early November with a series of special events and activities. Programming will include Thank-A-Vet letter writing stations, conversations with veterans about their service, and more.

### [2018 Liberty Medal Ceremony](#)

5 p.m., Sunday, November 11

*Sponsorships and tickets are currently available for purchase [here](#).*

The National Constitution Center will award its 30th annual Liberty Medal to President George W. Bush and former first lady Mrs. Laura Bush for their commitment to veterans. The Liberty Medal will be awarded to President and Mrs. Bush on Veterans Day, November 11, 2018, at 5 p.m. in Philadelphia. **The Center will be closed for museum admission on November 11 in preparation for the ceremony.**

*PLEASE NOTE: Credentials are required for press entry to this event. To complete an application, visit [constitutioncenter.org/libertymedal/media.html](http://constitutioncenter.org/libertymedal/media.html).*

### [Veterans Day Family Festival](#)

Regular museum hours, Monday, November 12

*Free with general admission*

On Monday, November 12, the Center will host a family-friendly festival celebrating the men and women of our nation's armed forces. Visitors of all ages can participate in Thank-A-Vet letter writing stations, arts and crafts activities, a flag folding challenge, and veterans chats. Special programming includes Soldier's Life and Military Muster demonstrations where visitors can experience a day in the life of a Revolutionary-era soldier. Veterans organizations will also be onsite to talk to visitors about the work they do with veterans in the community.

### [Traveling America's Town Hall Program: Impeachment: Political or Legal Process?](#)

6 – 7:30 p.m., Monday, November 12 – The Debate Chamber at Old Parkland, Dallas, TX

*Free*

**Jeffrey Toobin**, staff writer for *The New Yorker* and senior legal analyst for CNN, and **Jonathan Turley**, constitutional law professor at George Washington University, join the Center on the road for a debate on impeachment. Up for discussion: Did the Framers design impeachment as a political rather than legal process to remove a president from office? **Michael Gerhardt**, scholar-in-residence at the National Constitution Center, moderates. *Sponsored by Crow Holdings.*

### [Traveling America's Town Hall Program: What Is Citizenship?](#)

6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 13 – Philadelphia Museum of Art, Perelman Building, 2525 Pennsylvania Ave, Philadelphia, PA

*Free for National Constitution Center and Philadelphia Museum of Art Members, \$10 Non-Members*

**Jeffrey Rosen**, President and CEO of the National Constitution Center, moderates a debate about the various ways that citizenship and nationhood are defined today with scholars **Jaya Ramji-Nogales** of Temple University, **John Eastman** of Chapman University, and **Ruth Wasem** of the University of Texas at Austin. Admission includes access to the Perelman Building galleries. *In partnership with the Philadelphia Museum of Art and in conjunction with Yael Bartana: And Europe Will Be Stunned.*

### [Hamilton: The Man, the Musical, and the Law](#)

6:30 p.m., Thursday, November 15

*This program is now sold out, however simulcast tickets are available.*

Through a smash Broadway hit, Alexander Hamilton has reentered the American imagination. Judge **Ketanji Jackson**, Berkeley Law Dean **Erwin Chemerinsky**, Harvard Professor **Rebecca Tushnet**, and attorney **Vanessa Nadal** will discuss what Hamilton has to teach us about the Constitution and the law. CLE credit available. *Co-sponsored by the Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law.*

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### **Should We Amend the Constitution to Authorize Political Spending Limits?**

6:30 p.m., Monday, November 19

*This program is now sold out, however simulcast tickets are available.*

America continues to debate the Supreme Court's jurisprudence on political campaign spending. Scholars from across the ideological spectrum discuss whether the First Amendment was meant to prohibit limits on election spending, and whether or not a new constitutional amendment is necessary to ensure an equal voice for all Americans. CLE credit available. *Presented in partnership with the American Constitution Society for Law and Policy and American Promise.*

### **Thanksgiving Weekend**

Regular museum hours, Friday, November 23, through Sunday, November 25

*Free with general admission*

Over Thanksgiving weekend, the National Constitution Center will host a cornucopia of fall activities with presidential flair. On Friday, November 23, visitors can take part in a presidential-themed pumpkin decorating contest for a chance to win a one-year family membership to the Center. All weekend long, visitors can meet Presidents Washington and Lincoln, and learn more about their roles in creating the Thanksgiving holiday. Interactive lobby programs include *Presidency 101*, during which visitors explore Article II of the Constitution, trying on the many hats the president wears as commander-in-chief, head of the executive branch, and holder of the power of veto. They'll also explore the duties and requirements of the office, take part in "Who am I?" questions as well as presidential role-play scenarios. Additionally, visitors can experience the Center's *Growing Up American Style* show, where they can try on period costumes as they learn what life was like during Washington and Lincoln's presidencies.

### **School Supplies Drive**

Friday, November 23, through Monday, January 21

*\$2 off admission*

From Thanksgiving weekend through Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 21, 2019, the National Constitution Center invites visitors to donate newly purchased school supplies such as pens, pencils, crayons, copy paper, and folders for Philadelphia schools. Visitors making a school supply donation will receive \$2 off admission through Sunday, January 20, 2019. Donations can be dropped off at the Center's box office during museum hours and will become part of the Center's activities marking Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service.

### **Member Event: Coffee and Conversation with the Chief Learning Officer**

10 a.m., Thursday, November 29

*Free with Membership*

Members can join the National Constitution Center's Chief Learning Officer Dr. **Kerry Sautner** for an in-depth conversation about the Center's education initiatives and programs. Members will learn about the Center's innovative training programs for teachers and police, the upcoming exhibit about the Civil War and Reconstruction, and the forthcoming *Interactive Constitution: Classroom Edition*.

**December Events**

**The Suffrage Movement: Revisiting the Final Campaign**

12 p.m., Wednesday, December 5

*This program is now sold out, however simulcast tickets are available.*

**Dawn Langan Teele**, author of *Forging the Franchise: The Political Origins of the Women's Vote*, and **Elaine Weiss**, author of *The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote*, provide a stirring history of women's long journey to suffrage and the important political ideas behind the movement. Includes book sale. *In partnership with Vision 2020's Women 100: Celebrating 100 Years of Women's Voting Rights, a national initiative headquartered at Drexel University.*

**Army Navy Weekend**

Regular museum hours, Friday, December 7, through Sunday, December 9

*\$5 for veterans*

In conjunction with the 2018 Army-Navy game, the National Constitution Center will offer \$5 discounted admission for veterans (usually \$11). *This promotion is valid for walk-up visitors only.*

**Teacher Seminar Series**

8 a.m. – 2 p.m., Saturday, December 8

*Free, but registration is required.*

The Center is launching a series of five Teacher Seminars that will take place on select Saturdays throughout the 2018-19 school year. The seminars will welcome Philadelphia classroom teachers currently working with grades 5, 8, 10, and 11. The full-day programs include exhibit tours, modeled classroom activities, and training in civil dialogue techniques — totaling four reportable hours of professional development. This first seminar on December 8 will explore concepts of the Rule of Law.

**Judicial Independence and the Federal Courts: A Historical Perspective**

9 – 11:45 a.m., Thursday, December 13

*Free for Members, \$5 Teachers & students, \$8 Non-Members*

America's leading scholars and federal judges join the Center for three panel discussions exploring the evolution of judicial independence from the Founding to today. *In partnership with the Federal Judicial Center and sponsored by John Aglialoro.*

**Bill of Rights Day**

Regular museum hours, Saturday, December 15

*Free with general admission*

Visitors can celebrate the anniversary of the Bill of Rights at the National Constitution Center by viewing a copy of the historic Bill of Rights and learning about the first 10 amendments during interactive games and shows. Visitors can also take a special tour of *Signers' Hall* to learn about the history of the Bill of Rights and why it was left out of the original U.S. Constitution.

**Winter Break: Hamilton Holiday Celebration**

Regular museum hours, Wednesday, December 26 – Sunday, December 30, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Monday, December 31

*Free with general admission*

Celebrate one of our nation's favorite Founders with a week of engaging educational programs during a Hamilton Holiday Celebration at the National Constitution Center. Visitors can learn about Alexander Hamilton's time in the Continental Army as they step into the shoes of one of General Washington's soldiers, and participate in drills and marches during the Center's Military Muster program. At historic character meet-and-greets, visitors can chat with some of the founding figures that knew Hamilton best. Other programs include a Hamilton trivia game, 18th century games, arts and crafts activities, and colonial dress-up stations.

***Please note: All programs are subject to change. Please call 215-409-6700 or visit [constitutioncenter.org](http://constitutioncenter.org) for the most up-to-date program information.***

### **Feature Exhibits**

**[Hamilton: The Constitutional Clashes That Shaped a Nation](#)** explores Hamilton's fraught relationships with James Madison, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Aaron Burr. Examining the personalities and constitutional debates that shaped America, the exhibit provides an intimate look into Alexander Hamilton's enduring role in the constitutional and political arguments that continue to create sparks to this day.

#### **[Alexander Hamilton Experience at the National Constitution Center](#)**

Regular museum hours, now through March 2019

*Free with general admission*

Visitors can learn about Founding Father Alexander Hamilton with the ultimate Hamilton museum experience. Visitors will:

- View the Center's iconic exhibits through a new lens as museum staff share favorite tales of Alexander Hamilton at **STORY STATIONS** throughout *Signers' Hall* and *The Story of We the People*.
- Stop by the lobby for a riveting, interactive **SHOW** about Hamilton's early life.
- Put their knowledge to the test at the Center's Hamilton **TRIVIA** game.

**[American Treasures: Documenting the Nation's Founding](#)** explores the drafting of the U.S. Constitution in 1787, highlighting the key proposals and significant compromises that influenced the early drafts and shaped the document's final text. Visitors are introduced to the crucial figures who played a role in shaping the Constitution — from James Madison to James Wilson, America's most important champion of popular sovereignty, or government by "We the People," and Gouverneur Morris, often credited as the primary writer of the Constitution's final text.

#### **[Constituting Liberty: From the Declaration to the Bill of Rights](#)**

The Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights are the three most important documents in American history. They express the ideals that define "We the People of the United States" and inspire free people around the world. Experience these historic documents in *Constituting Liberty*.

### **Ticket Information**

**General Admission:** Adults \$14.50; Youth (6-18) \$11; Students w/ID and Seniors \$13. Members, active military personnel, and children ages 5 and under are free.

Admission for 15 or more is \$7.50 for student and youth groups; \$9 for adult and senior groups.

The National Constitution Center is located at 525 Arch Street on Philadelphia's Independence Mall. The Center is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

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### **About the National Constitution Center**

The [National Constitution Center](https://www.constitutioncenter.org) in Philadelphia inspires citizenship as the only place where people across America and around the world can come together to learn about, debate, and celebrate the greatest vision of human freedom in history, the U.S. Constitution. A private, nonprofit organization, the Center serves as America's leading platform for constitutional education and debate, fulfilling its Congressional charter "to disseminate information about the U.S. Constitution on a nonpartisan basis." As the **Museum of We the People**, the Center brings the Constitution to life for visitors of all ages through interactive programs and exhibits. As **America's Town Hall**, the Center brings the leading conservative and liberal thought leaders together to debate the Constitution on all media platforms. As a center for **Civic Education**, the Center delivers the best educational programs and online resources that inspire, excite, and engage citizens about the U.S. Constitution. For more information, call 215-409-6700 or visit [constitutioncenter.org](https://www.constitutioncenter.org).