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## **SCRAPBOOKINGS, STORYTELLING AND WREATH LAYING CEREMONY MARK VETERANS' DAY AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER**

PHILADELPHIA, PA (October 27, 2005) — Veterans' Day has become a significant date to many Americans, as it honors those who have fought for the freedom of America and its allies. In honor of Veterans' Day on November 11, the National Constitution Center will be hosting a variety of activities for veterans and their families as well as other visitors. Admission for veterans is free Friday, November 11 through Sunday, November 13.

A highlight of Veterans' Day at the National Constitution Center is the opportunity for veterans to work with professional scrapbooker Marilyn Heywood Page and others to preserve keepsakes from their time in the service. Veterans can bring photos and other memorabilia and work with a scrapbook artist to create an eye-catching two page spread. The scrapbooking activity is free from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Children will also have the opportunity to write letters to soldiers currently stationed overseas. The letters provide a unique learning experience for children, as well as a reminder of home and an encouraging message for those who are serving.

Throughout the day, veterans will be speaking about their experiences in the United States service. Those speaking include Vietnam veteran John Campbell of Glassboro, NJ and the Center's own Human Resources and Volunteers Coordinator Karen Fink, who served in the Gulf War as a member of the 304th Civil Affairs Brigade. Other featured veterans have fought in wars from World War II through today, and each is sure to bring interesting stories and perspectives from their time in the service.

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These discussions, which will occur at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. in the “Domestic Tranquility” section of the museum’s permanent exhibition, are free with admission.

At 11:11 a.m. there will be a moment of silence and a wreath laying ceremony on the Overlook, made by veterans who have served throughout the world. A color guard will be present and *Taps* will be played on the trumpet. This ceremony replicates the national ceremony, which is held at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington Cemetery each year.

Located at 525 Arch Street on Philadelphia’s Independence Mall, the National Constitution Center is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and its relevance to Americans’ daily lives. Opened on July 4, 2003, the museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, “Freedom Rising”. Museum admission is \$9 for adults and \$7 for seniors ages 62 and up, children ages 4-12, and active military personnel.

The National Constitution Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education and debates, and as a home for visiting scholars. Also, serving as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional debate, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6600 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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