

Dr. Ford's visit to Arlington National Cemetery

Thank you for coming to Arlington to help honor Dr. Ford on Veteran's Day!

The 70th annual National Veterans Day Observance, honoring the men and women who have served and continue to serve in the U.S. armed forces during war and peacetime, will take place on **Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023, at 11 a.m.**, in the Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery.

The annual event is free and open to the public. Seating in the amphitheater is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Highly recommend to come early and get a seat inside the Amphitheater!

Scheduled events for Veterans Day include: the United States Air Force Band and U.S. Air Force Chanters performing a prelude in the amphitheater at 10:30 a.m.; a wreath-laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier conducted by the U.S. Army Military District of Washington; and then national observance inside the Memorial Amphitheater with a parade of colors by veterans' organizations and remarks from dignitaries. *Attendance for the annual wreath-laying ceremony will be limited this year to official participants.*

- **Free parking at Arlington National Cemetery's Welcome Center parking lot** from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Parking is located at the main Memorial Avenue entrance, next to the Welcome Center. For GPS, use Welcome Center address = 1 Memorial Avenue, Fort Myer, VA 22211.
- Walking to and from the amphitheater is strictly prohibited. Attendees interested in attending the observance **must use the tram from the Welcome Center to the Memorial Amphitheater. The tram will run for free between 8:30-10:30 a.m., or until capacity for the event is reached.** Immediately following the ceremony, the tram will resume operations and begin returning attendees to the Welcome Center from the conclusion of the ceremony until 2 p.m.
- **Visitor Screening & Security:** Attendees are required to pass through a security checkpoint to gain access to the cemetery and Memorial Amphitheater. **100% ID check!** All visitors 18 years of age or older must present a valid U.S. state or federal government-issued photo identification upon entering the cemetery. Original documents are required, paper copies and cell phone photos are not accepted.

Prohibited items: large bags or backpacks, firearms and weapons of any type, laser pointers, aerosol containers, soda cans, coolers, picnic baskets, tripods, lighters, screwdrivers (or similar tools), air horns, personal protection sprays, and insulated beverage containers. Clear plastic water bottles and umbrellas are permitted.

Public transportation also available through Washington DC Area Metrorail's Blue Line to the Arlington Cemetery station. See website for hours of operation, schedules, fares, and other information at www.wmata.com.

You may choose to download free "ANC Explorer" mobile app.