

Free Meals and Deals for Veterans and Active Duty Personnel

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Some Restaurant Chains, Businesses and Government entities have begun and continued the practice of showing their appreciation for U.S. Military Personnel, Veterans and Active Duty alike. They're offering **FREE MEALS and other GREAT DEALS** in observance of Veteran's Day on November 11. Below are a few of the restaurant chains, businesses & government entities that will continue or start this fine practice in 2010. Please note some observances are not on Veteran's Day.

Home Depot and Lowe's Military Discount

Home Depot and Lowe's have long been known to offer a 10% holiday discount to military members and their families and in many cases veterans and retirees. These promotions were usually limited to the main military holidays such as Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Veterans Day. Well, no longer – both companies have announced these offers are available every day of the week.

<http://themilitarywallet.com/home-depot-lowes-10-military-discount/>

Applebee's: www.applebees.com/vetsDay/ .

Applebee's is **Free Entrees** from their **Veterans Day Menu** to all Veterans and Active Duty Personnel alike from 11 A.M. to Midnight on Thursday November 11TH. Although some form of Military ID is required, Senior Vice President of operations, Sam Rothschild said, "We're not going to argue with folks who might have forgot to bring it." Below are the forms of ID suggested by Applebee's.

U.S. Uniform Services Identification Card

U.S. Uniform Services Retired Identification Card

Current Leave and Earnings Statement (LES)

Photograph in uniform

Wearing uniform

Veterans Organization Card

(Ex., Purple Heart, DAV, American Legion and VFW)

DD214

Golden Corral: “Military Appreciation Day”

www.goldencorral.com/military/

Golden Corral is offering Free Buffet Meals including Beverages and Desserts to current Active Duty Military and Veterans on Monday November 15, 2010 from 5 to 9 P.M. No Military ID is required for this 10TH Annual Military Appreciation Day observance. Golden Corral's National Events Manager, Dolly Mercer said, “The event is being held on the Monday following Veteran’s Day so we don’t interfere with Veteran’s Day activities.”

McCormick & Schmick’s: “12TH Annual Veteran’s Appreciation Day”

www.mccormickandschmicks.com/featured-promotion/Veterans-Appreciation-Day.aspx

Click this Link to find participating McCormick & Schmick’s Restaurants.

http://www.mccormickandschmicks.com/Libraries/Misc_Documents/Veterans_Appreciation-Participating_Locations_2010_1.sflb.ashx

Participating McCormick & Schmick’s Restaurants in 25 States for the 12TH year in a row are offering *Free Entree’s* to Veteran’s on Sunday November 7, 2010. This Restaurant Chain *Requires Military ID* and *Highly Recommends Reservations* at, www.mccormickandschmicks.com/reservations/Reservations.aspx. CEO, Bill Freeman said, “The promotion is held on Sunday instead of Veteran’s Day proper because it allows Veteran’s to bring their families who might not be available during the week.”

Outback Steakhouse: www.outback.com/pressroom/pr_101018.aspx

Outback Steakhouse is offering a *Free Bloomin’ Onion Appetizer and Beverages* to all Active Duty Military Personnel and Veterans at all of their U.S. locations on Veteran’s Day November 11, 2010.

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts: www.krispykreme.com/home

"Krispy Kreme is delighted to offer free doughnuts as a small gesture to thank the dedicated men and women who have served, or are currently serving in the armed forces," said Ron Rupocinski, corporate chef for Krispy Kreme. "It is our hope that veterans and active military will visit a participating U.S. Krispy Kreme store on Veterans Day to enjoy a free doughnut, and maybe share stories about their service to our country. We salute each and every one of them."

Veterans and active military personnel will be able to select from more than a dozen varieties - including Original Glazed(R), Chocolate Iced Kreme Filled, Chocolate Cake, Pumpkin Spice and Glazed Raspberry Filled - that are available at most Krispy Kreme locations.

For updates on special promotions, exclusive offers and local events, join "Friends of Krispy Kreme" by visiting www.KrispyKreme.com, or interact with Krispy Kreme at www.facebook.com/KrispyKreme and www.twitter.com/krispy_kreme.

Colonial Williamsburg:

www.history.org/visit/planYourVisit/ticketPlans/current-offers.cfm

Colonial Williamsburg offers **Free Admission** to active duty, guard, reservists, retirees, veterans and their dependents November 11th through November 14th, 2010. This great deal includes free parking, admission to the short film about Williamsburg, and use of the site's shuttle buses. The service member need not be present. Free "Honoring Service to America" passes will be provided to immediate family members of currently deployed troops with appropriate identification. Military veterans who separated before retirement can bring a copy of their DD Form 214.

There is a **Special Parade and Ceremony** at, www.history.org/visit/eventsAndExhibits/calendar/index.cfm?startAt=27&&searchAll=0&categorySelect=&&keyWords=&itemsPerPage=25&types=&start_date=11/11/2010&end_date=11/11/2010#show_undefined on the 11th. All veterans of service in America's Armed Forces are invited to participate in the parade beginning at the Capitol at 4:30 P.M. with groups forming at 4:15 P.M. (Veterans unable to walk the distance can join the parade near the Magazine.) After processing to the Courthouse, there will be a ceremony honoring all veterans of American service.

Knotts Berry Farm:

Knotts Berry Farm offers free admission at, www.knotts.com/public/admission/prices/deals.cfm for past and present military members during its annual Military Tribute, which runs from November 1st to November 25, 2010. Veterans or current serving military personnel plus one guest get in FREE with proper ID presented at Knott's turnstile. Acceptable forms of ID include DD214, Veterans Administration Hospital ID or Active Military Service ID. Purchase up to six additional tickets for just \$15 each.

National Parks Service: www.nps.gov/index.htm

Also on November 11, 2010, the National Parks Service is waiving all entrance fees at all national parks. Visit, www.nps.gov/findapark/feefreeparks.htm to find other **Special Offers** from other National Parks.