MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND
VETERANS ACTIVITIES – OCTOBER THROUGH NOVEMBER 2022 EVENTS

** Have an event you want to include? Email MCCVA@montgomerycountymd.gov **

**Operation Green Light**
As Veterans Day approaches on Friday, November 11, Montgomery County is preparing to join the national “Operation Green Light” salute to veterans. Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich and the County Council are supporting the effort to join Operation Green Light, a program sponsored by the National Association of Counties to honor those who have made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom. The program asks for displays of a green light, from November 7 through November 13, in a window of businesses or residences to honor veterans. From November 7 through November 13, Montgomery County’s Memorial Plaza, which is located adjacent to the County Executive Building at 101 Monroe Street in Rockville, will be lit with green lights. More information about Operation Green Light is available at https://www.naco.org/blog/counties-take-action-participate-operation-green-light-veterans.

**Mission BBQ – Veterans Eat Free on Veterans Day**
Date: Friday November 11, 2022
MISSION BBQ will salute our Country’s Veterans and active duty military personnel on November 11th, Veterans Day. Each year we come together for Veterans Day to honor the brave men and women in service, remember their history, and thank them for their continued duty, honor and commitment they’ve made to keep our country free. This Veterans Day, they invite all veterans to come in for a FREE sandwich. Be there at noon for their live rendition of our National Anthem!
Wayne Miller, Chair of the Montgomery County Commission on Veterans Affairs, will sing the National Anthem at the Rockville location.

**City of Rockville Annual Veterans Day Ceremony**
Date: Friday November 11, 2022 at 11am
Location: Veterans Park, corner of Rt. 28 and Rt. 355
Join Rockville’s Mayor and Council at this annual ceremony in honor of the men and women who served in the nation’s armed forces. American Legion Post 86 will lead the wreath-laying ceremony and their honor guard will present a twenty-one gun salute.
For more information, contact 240-314-8620, email specialevents@rockvillemd.gov

**City of Gaithersburg Annual Veterans Day Observance**
Date: Friday November 11, 2022 at 11am
Location: Concert Pavilion, 31 South Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20877
Annual Veterans Day observance honoring & recognizing all U.S. military personnel who play an important role in safeguarding our nation and our future. The observance takes place at 11 a.m. at the Concert Pavilion. The patriotic ceremony will include words and music to commemorate the occasion, followed by a solemn wreath-laying ceremony. City officials & members of local veterans groups will be on hand to honor those who have served in all branches of the military. Gaithersburg High School NJROTC will present the colors, and Junior Mayor Loriele Nix will lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The Gaithersburg High School Jazz Ensemble will perform patriotic music. Joining the observance will be special guest speaker retired Army Colonel Jeff Marquez. A reception will immediately follow the ceremony inside City Hall. For more information, contact 301-258-6350, email parksrec@gaithersburgmd.gov

More events and activities on the following page…
Bethesda Annual Veterans Day Observance
Date: Friday November 11, 2022 from 10:45am to 11:45am
Location: Veterans Park Bethesda, Corner of Woodmont Avenue and Norfolk Avenue, Bethesda
Please plan to attend the 61st annual Veterans Day Observance at Bethesda Veterans Park, sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution – Montgomery County Chapters; Bethesda Urban Partnership; Bethesda Kiwanis Club; and Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center. This event honors all men and women who have served in the U.S. armed forces. The observance will include a color guard from the Gaithersburg NJROTC. The Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Brass Players will perform patriotic musical numbers and the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Chamber Singers will sing the National Anthem. The invocation and benediction will be given by a former U.S. Army Reserve Chaplain who served in Vietnam and a solemn wreath-laying ceremony will be held. The keynote speaker will be Maj. Gen. Mari K. Eder, U.S. Army (Ret.), speaking on “America’s Top One Percent – Our Veterans.” For more information, contact Janet Ammerman at jammerman@mddar.org or 661-305-4043.

Spark M. Matsunaga Elementary School Annual Veterans Day Concert
Date: Friday November 11, 2022 at 7pm
Location: Northwest High School, 13501 Richter Farm Rd, Germantown, MD 20874
Elementary school choir. Keynote Speaker: Dr. Cynthia Macri who served in the Navy for 35 years and retired as a Captain. Dr. Macri serves on several committees and commissions including the Montgomery County Commission on Veterans Affairs and the Department of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee on Women Veterans.

Annual Veterans Day Program – Greenberg-Lerner Jewish War Veterans Post 692
Date: Sunday November 13 at 2:30pm
Location: American Jewish Veterans Memorial located on the grounds of the Bender Jewish Community Center, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville, MD 20852
Mayor of Rockville Bridget Newton will offer a few words of welcome and Ken Greenberg, Executive Director of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA will be the keynote speaker. Musical entertainment will be provided by Voices of Vets and light refreshments will be available to all.

"Your Health Is Your Wealth Brunch"
Date: Monday November 14, 2022 at 1pm
Location: Silver Spring Civic Building, 1 Veterans Place, Spring Room, Silver Spring, MD 20910
The keynote speaker will be Secretary George Owings, Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs. The event is free and brunch will be provided. Hosted by American Minority Veterans Research Project and community partners. To reserve a seat, call 202-903-3847 or email drelwoodgray@gmail.com.