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## **20 US Veterans, Aged 28-92, to Skydive at the National WWI Museum and Memorial this Veterans Day**

***'Legacy Jump' to kick off Veterans Day activities.***

***Free admission for Veterans/Active Duty Military Saturday, Nov. 7 – Sunday, Nov. 15  
& Half-Price General Admission for the Public on Veterans Day, Nov. 11***

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – In commemoration of Veterans Day, the [National WWI Museum and Memorial](#) serves as a fitting place to honor those who have served — and continue to serve — our country. To recognize these men and women, [admission to the Museum and Memorial](#) is free for veterans and active duty military personnel from Saturday, Nov. 7 through Sunday, Nov. 15. General admission for the public is half-price on Veterans Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11.

A “Legacy Jump” will kick off the Nov. 11 Veterans Day activities at 6:30 a.m. Led by Purple Heart Recipient, former Navy SEAL and extreme sports enthusiast, Ryan “Birdman” Parrott, the “Legacy Jump” will feature an All Veteran Group parachute team who will tandem skydive a veteran from each war – World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf, Afghanistan War & Iraq War, as well as Sept. 11 – and land on the Museum and Memorial’s North Lawn. The veterans range in age from 28 to 92.

Parrott will cap off the jump with a symbolic WWI Soldier & “Missing Man” BASE Jump from the 217-foot Liberty Memorial Tower in honor of POW-MIAs and a war that is talked about infrequently. The “Legacy Jump” will bring together generations of veterans, including news host Pete Hegseth, to raise funds and awareness for veteran and first responder causes through the [Bird’s Eye View Project](#).

“We’re excited to host this special ‘Legacy Jump’ on Veterans Day.” says Dr. Matthew Naylor, president & CEO of the National WWI Museum and Memorial. “We are proud to honor the men and women who sacrificed their lives for our country.”

Additionally, the Museum and Memorial will offer a wide variety of events throughout Veterans Day. A free, public Veterans Day Ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. in the Memorial Courtyard with a keynote address from Bob Kendrick, president of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum. Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas will deliver a special reading. This year’s abbreviated ceremony, along with all other Veterans Day special events, will be held outdoors with social distancing and masks to ensure the public can celebrate our veterans safely.

Following the ceremony, at 11 a.m., locally-based [Cars 4 Heroes](#) will be giving away 11 vehicles to veterans on the North Lawn. The bi-annual Walk of Honor dedication ceremony takes place at 2 p.m., followed by a special outdoor performance from the [Kansas City Symphony](#). Their Mobile Music Box will be on the Southeast Lawn from 3 – 5 p.m.

Support for Veterans Day is provided by Jackson County Executive and County Legislators and Weather or Not.



## **VETERANS DAY ACTIVITIES: Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020**

### **LEGACY JUMP**

**When:** 6:30 a.m.

**Where:** National WWI Museum and Memorial, North Lawn

**What:** Organized by the Bird's Eye View Project and led by Purple Heart Recipient, former Navy SEAL and extreme sports enthusiast, Ryan "Birdman" Parrott. An All Veteran Group parachute team will tandem skydive a veteran from each war – World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf, Afghanistan War & Iraq War, as well as Sept. 11 – and land on the Museum and Memorial's North Lawn. Parrott will cap off the event with a symbolic WWI Soldier & "Missing Man" BASE Jump from the 217-foot Liberty Memorial tower.

### **VETERANS DAY CEREMONY**

**When:** 10 a.m.

**Where:** National WWI Museum and Memorial, Memorial Courtyard

**What:** Join us for a moving ceremony honoring our nation's veterans with a keynote address from Bob Kendrick, president of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum. Mayor Quinton Lucas will deliver a special reading. This year's abbreviated ceremony will be outdoors to ensure we can celebrate our veterans safely. Please dress warmly, practice social distancing and wear a mask. FREE to the public.

### **LIVING HISTORY VOLUNTEERS**

**When:** 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Where:** National WWI Museum and Memorial, Memorial Courtyard and Paul Sunderland Bridge

**What:** History is brought to life with our Living History Volunteers who will be available for social distanced pictures. FREE to the public.

### **CARS 4 HEROES CEREMONY**

**When:** 11 a.m.

**Where:** National WWI Museum and Memorial, North Lawn

**What:** For 24 years, Cars 4 Heroes has provided free, basic, reliable transportation to Veterans, First Responders and their families, that otherwise are not able to obtain transportation for themselves. Join us for a moving ceremony as the organization hands over the keys of 11 cars to deserving individuals.

### **WALK OF HONOR DEDICATION CEREMONY**

**When:** 2 p.m.

**Where:** National WWI Museum and Memorial, Memorial Courtyard

**What:** More than 100 new Walk of Honor granite bricks will be dedicated during a special ceremony. The Walk of Honor is divided into three sections: bricks dedicated solely to those who served in World War I; bricks dedicated to veterans of any military service; and bricks that honor civilian friends, family or organizations. Walk of Honor bricks are dedicated twice each year during Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies. FREE to the public.

### **KANSAS CITY SYMPHONY PERFORMANCE**

**When:** 3 - 5 p.m.

**Where:** National WWI Museum and Memorial, Southeast Lawn

**What:** At a time when audiences cannot visit indoor venues, the Symphony is taking the music on the road to reach music lovers and families in every corner of the metropolitan area. Kansas City Symphony's new outdoor



stage on wheels, the Mobile Music Box, will be on the Museum and Memorial's Southeast Lawn for a 3 p.m. performance. FREE to the public.

#### **About the National WWI Museum and Memorial**

The National WWI Museum and Memorial is America's leading institution dedicated to remembering, interpreting and understanding the Great War and its enduring impact on the global community. The Museum and Memorial holds the most comprehensive collection of World War I objects and documents in the world and is the second-oldest public museum dedicated to preserving the objects, history and experiences of the war. The Museum and Memorial takes visitors of all ages on an epic journey through a transformative period and shares deeply personal stories of courage, honor, patriotism and sacrifice. Designated by Congress as America's official World War I Museum and Memorial and located in downtown Kansas City, Mo., the National WWI Museum and Memorial inspires thought, dialogue and learning to make the experiences of the Great War era meaningful and relevant for present and future generations. To learn more, visit [theworldwar.org](http://theworldwar.org).

#### **About the Birds Eye View Project**

The Birds Eye View Project (BEVP) uses extreme sports to raise funds and awareness for veteran and first responder charities. Veteran and former Navy SEAL, Ryan "Birdman" Parrott knew that it takes big events to make a significant impact. That's what this is. That's why we are here. One man's idea of running from Dallas to Waco in 24 hours to raise \$100K for charity, turned into a charity that performs over-the-top stunts to impact those who need it most – veteran and First-responders injured in the line of duty – raising funds and awareness for small charities that need help doing their awesome work.

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