



Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer's 2021 WEEK OF VALOR



Friday, October 29, 2021, 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mayor's Week of Valor Press Conference

Join us at the Mayor's Gallery in Metro Hall, 527 W. Jefferson St., 4th Floor. This is the official kickoff for the 2021 Mayor's Week of Valor, and all are invited to attend. For more information, please contact John Miles at (502) 574-5748 or john.miles@louisvilleky.gov

Tuesday, November 2, 2021, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Veterans Club Inc., Veteran's Village Open House

Come take a tour and learn about Kentucky's first Tiny Home Community for Homeless Veterans. Get a glimpse inside the state-of-the-art community center and tour one of the tiny homes. This event will take place at 506 Bradshaw St., Shelbyville, KY, and is FREE to the public. For more information, please contact Corey Bowlin at (502) 487-1464 or info@veteransclubinc.org.

Thursday, November 4, 2021, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Be at Ease, Dogs Helping Heroes

Dogs Helping Heroes is proud to host the 4th annual event, "Be at Ease", at the Mellwood Arts Center. This event features food, drink, a raffle drawing, music by "The Vicki Rogers Band" and a chance to check out local artists and meet some amazing Hero Teams! Tickets are \$35 from now to November 4th and \$40 at the door. To purchase tickets: <https://bit.ly/BeatEase21>. For more information please contact Adressa Collard at, (812) 329-0244 or Dogshelpingheroes@gmail.com or visit our website at <http://Dogshelpingheroes.org>.

Friday, November 5, 2021, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Bellarmine University, Military Services VA Loan Benefit Workshop

Join this financial workshop event for Veterans in the community to learn how to maximize their VA loan benefit when buying a home. This event is FREE to all Veterans and will be held at Frazier Hall, Bellarmine University, 2001 Newburg Rd. For more information, please contact Lindsay Gargotto at (502) 272-7027 or lgargotto@bellarmine.edu.

Saturday, November 6, 2021, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Veteran's Club 22 Push-Up Challenge

Veteran's Club hosts the 5th Annual 22 Push-Up Challenge to bring awareness to military suicide. This event challenges the community to do 22 push-ups in remembrance of the 22 Veterans who die by suicide each day across the nation. Each participant who successfully completes 22 push-ups receives a challenge coin. Free to attend and refreshments and entertainment will be provided by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Held in conjunction with the annual Out of Darkness Walk at Riverfront Park. For more information, contact: Sarah Jemison at (757) 339-6342 or sjemison@sevencounties.org

Saturday, November 6, 2021, 11:00 a.m.

Flags4Vets, 2021 Veterans Grave Flag in Event

Flags4Vets invites the Louisville community to help place flags on 7,500 veteran graves at the Cave Hill Cemetery for Veterans Day. Park your car and gather at the Breckinridge School, 1351 Payne St. which is within 100 feet of the U.S. Military Section of Cave Hill Cemetery. Grave flags will be passed out, and participants will enter the cemetery as a group at 11:00 am. For more information, contact Fred Moore at (502) 931-0374 or moore@theUSflag.com.

Saturday, November 6, 2021, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

2021 Annual Veterans Day Parade in Reverse

Come out to honor veterans both past and present in a unique "reverse parade". Parade units will be on display as you drive through in your own vehicle to cheer them on. Displays and organizations will include: The Woody Williams National Monument and the Sons of the American Revolution Honor Guard. Located at Southeast Christian Church, 920 Blankenbaker Parkway, Middletown, KY. This is a Free event. For more information, contact: Treva Brockman at (502) 552-1131 or tbrockman@gmail.com | <http://www.louvetparade.com>.

Sunday, November 7, 2021, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Quilts of Valor

This recognition event will be held at the Southside Baptist Church to honor all members who are Military Veterans. The Sons of the American Revolution will present the National Colors at the beginning of the program. For more information, please contact Diana Ray at (502) 693-2853.

Sunday, November 7, 2021, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

USA Cares, March of Valor

Pack your rucksack, walk, or roll, with your family and friends, as we raise awareness for Veterans and military families struggling at home and abroad. Meet to the right of the Big Four Bridge Lawn, next to the old Tumbleweed Restaurant at Waterfront Park. All ages are welcome to join. Minimum of \$22 donation to participate. All proceeds will benefit USA Cares and its mission to assist military families in crisis. Service animals are welcome but must be leashed. For more information contact Stefanie Jones at (502) 640-1119 or stefanie@usacares.org or visit our website at <https://usacares.org>. Register here: <https://usacares.org/2021/10/05/2021-march-of-valor/>

Sunday, November 7, 2021, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Meet the Horses at the Veteran's Club Inc

Veteran's Club will open their Equine Facility to the public to take a rare look into their nationally recognized Equine Program. They'll have food, a presentation with speakers, a tour of the facility, and an opportunity to meet and interact with the horses. This is an event for the whole family and attendance is free. Located at 375 Normandy Heights Road, Taylorsville, KY 40071. For more information contact Corey Bowlin at (502) 487-1464 or cbowlin@veteransclubinc.org.

Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Bellarmine University Office of Military & Veteran Services, VA: Meeting Veterans Where They Are

Bellarmine University Office of Military & Veteran Services will host the VA Health Van which will offer resources about their services. The van will be located outside the Wyatt Foyer on Bellarmine Campus and is open to all Veteran students in the Bellarmine Community. For more information, please contact Lindsay Gargotto at (502) 272-7027 or lgargotto@bellarmine.edu.

Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Kentuckiana Veteran Integration Coalition (KVIC), Veterans Appreciation Day

November is a time to celebrate the sacrifices Veterans make for our country. This year, KVIC would like to show support through offering resources and support by hosting our "Veterans Appreciation Day." This is a free event and will include a classic car show, delicious food, live musical entertainment, and a display of military vehicles. This event will be held at Bowman Field, 2805 Taylorsville Road. For more information, contact Lori Paris at (502) 287-4620 or lori.paris@va.gov.

Thursday, November 11, 2021

Metropolitan Sewer District/Louisville Water Company Veteran Recognition Celebration.

This is a Virtual Event.

Enjoy a Veterans Day video honoring active MSD and Louisville Water Company Veterans. This video will be posted on the MSD YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/c/LouisvilleMSD>, and will run all day November 11th beginning at 8:00 a.m. For more information contact Gina Davis at (502) 540-6421 or Gina.Davis@louisvillemisd.org.

Thursday, November 11, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

New VA Medical Center Groundbreaking Ceremony.

This is a Virtual Event.

Mark your calendars for the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new VA Medical Center in Louisville, KY on November 11, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Due to COVID-19 precautions, this is a Virtual Event hosted on the Robley Rex VA Medical Center Facebook page @VALouisville. For more information, please contact Judy Williams at (502) 287- 5502 or judy.williams@va.gov.

Thursday, November 11, 2021, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Supporting Veterans through Volunteers of America Mid-States

The Volunteers of America Mid-States are inviting friends and supporters like you to join for a day of service at our Shelby Men's Center, 1436 S. Shelby St. Our center provides addiction recovery services to veterans and others in our community. The group will spend the day doing outdoor cleanup to include, trimming shrubs, weeding, removing dead limbs from trees, mulching, and repainting picnic tables and benches. To sign up please visit our website at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ba9a62da7fac25-voaveterans>. For more information, contact Laura Ryan at (502) 636-4660 or laurar@voamid.org.

Thursday, November 11, 2021, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Age Friendly Louisville, Veteran's Appreciation.

This is a Virtual Event.

The students from the Kentuckiana Boys and Girls Clubs, along with older adults from Age Friendly Louisville, will listen to stories from veterans from all branches of the service - Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and the Coast Guard. Each veteran will brag about their branch of the military and provide insights into military life. This is a family-friendly, virtual event which can be found at <https://bit.ly/3pkQVVH>.

For more information, please contact Tishia Rawlins at 502-287-2091 or trawlins@aarp.org.

Saturday, November 13, 2021, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Veterans Memorial Honoring Sergeant Elijah Marrs

Join this ceremony honoring all Veterans buried in Greenwood Cemetery held at the grave site of Civil War soldier, Sergeant Elijah Marrs. The event will feature an Honor Guard presentation, the citing of the National Anthem, a speaker, wreath presentation and the playing of Taps. This event is free to the public to attend. For more information, contact Mike King at (502) 548-6821 or mrfking001@gmail.com.

Saturday, November 13, 2021, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

NAREB Presents Celebrating Our Veterans. VA Homeownership and Wealth Building.

This is a Call-In Event.

Join the National Association of Real Estate Brokers of Louisville discuss no money down VA Homeownership for service members and veterans. Also, gain firsthand experience about the ease and benefits of getting or refinancing VA Home Mortgages, and strategies for building wealth through real estate. WebEx call in: 650-479-3208, 732325466#.

For more information, please contact Nina R. Carter at, 502-472-7461 or nina.carter@wesbanco.com.

About the Mayor's Week of Valor and Veterans Community Alliance of Louisville

The Mayor's Week of Valor is supported by the Veterans Community Alliance of Louisville (VCAL). VCAL is comprised and led by more than 50 individuals representing corporate, non-profit, government and civic organizations. VCAL's mission is to create an integrated network of support for veterans and their families by coordinating services, resources, and initiatives to increase communication across organizational lines, enhance quality and delivery of services and promote veteran-friendly community relations in Louisville. To learn more, visit our Facebook page [@VCALouisville](https://www.facebook.com/VCALouisville).

