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## Foundation marks Memorial Day Weekend with Free Admission for Veterans and Military Families, Commemorative Service





WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (May 4, 2022) – This Memorial Day Weekend, The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation continues its rich tradition of military outreach by <u>offering free</u> admission to all active-duty military, reservists, retirees, veterans, National Guard members and

their immediate dependents May 27-30. Special military-themed programming including a wreath-laying ceremony and a bagpipe performance will be offered on May 30.

Tickets are available through the foundation's "Honoring Service to America" program, made possible once again by a generous \$100,000 grant from The Home Depot Foundation as part of its ongoing commitment to improving the homes and lives of U.S. military veterans and their families. Since 2015, the program has distributed nearly 45,000 tickets to military families.

In addition to offering military families free admission, the foundation will host a Memorial Day Commemoration in partnership with the Williamsburg Chapter of the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution on Palace Green on Monday, May 30, at 10 a.m. which will feature a traditional wreath-laying ceremony. The day will conclude with "Salute to the Fallen," a bagpipe performance from roof deck of Governor's Palace 4:40 p.m.

Free "Honoring Service to America" single-day passes are available at all onsite ticket locations with proper ID. Minor dependents must be accompanied by an adult, and dependents ages 10 and over must present a valid dependent ID. Service members need not be present for qualifying guests to receive free Honoring Service to America tickets, which are provided to dependent family members of currently deployed troops with appropriate identification. Veterans who separated before retirement can bring a copy of their honorable discharge paperwork, form DD 214, as identification of service. Colonial Williamsburg is also proud to offer military discounts on Colonial Williamsburg hotels, dining, retail, golf and spa. Additional information on Colonial Williamsburg's military outreach is available at <a href="https://www.colonialwilliamsburg.com/military">www.colonialwilliamsburg.com/military</a>.

For more information about the Honoring Service to America program and tickets visit <u>colonialwilliamsburg.org/memorialday</u>, call 855-296-6627, or follow Colonial Williamsburg on <u>Facebook</u> and @colonialwmsburg on <u>Twitter</u>and <u>Instagram</u>.

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## **About The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation**

The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation preserves, restores and operates Virginia's 18th-century capital of Williamsburg. Innovative and interactive experiences highlight the relevance of the American Revolution to contemporary life and the importance of an informed, active citizenry. The Colonial Williamsburg experience includes more than 600 restored or reconstructed original buildings, renowned museums of decorative arts and folk art, extensive educational outreach programs for students and teachers, lodging, culinary options from historic taverns to casual or elegant dining, the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club featuring 45 holes designed by Robert Trent Jones and his son Rees Jones, a full-service spa and fitness center, pools, retail stores and gardens. Philanthropic support and revenue from admissions, products and hospitality operations sustain Colonial Williamsburg's educational programs and preservation initiatives.

## **About The Home Depot Foundation**

The Home Depot Foundation works to improve the homes and lives of U.S. veterans, train skilled tradespeople to fill the labor gap and support communities impacted by natural disasters. Since 2011, the Foundation has invested more than \$375 million in veteran causes and improved more than 50,000 veteran homes and facilities. The Foundation has pledged to invest half of a billion dollars in veteran causes by 2025 and \$50 million in training the next generation of skilled tradespeople through the Path to Pro program.

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