

## **2014 Veterans Day National Ceremony Visitor Information**

A patriotic ceremony honoring America's military members and Veterans is scheduled for Tuesday, November 11, 2014, at 11 a.m., in Arlington National Cemetery. A wreath-laying ceremony will take place at the Tomb of the Unknowns, followed by a ceremony inside the Memorial Amphitheater, adjacent to the Tomb. The event will commence with a prelude concert by The United States Marine Band at 10:30 a.m., inside the amphitheater.

Attendees are strongly encouraged to arrive early. Every effort is made to perform security screenings quickly and efficiently, but the lines to pass through the screening stations may become lengthy. The last shuttles from the Welcome Center and Ft Myer will depart at 10:15 a.m. or once capacity is reached - whichever occurs first.

The event is hosted by Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert McDonald; Mr. Ron Hope, Disabled American Veterans National President; Mr. Patrick K. Hallinan, Executive Director, Army National Military Cemeteries and Arlington National Cemetery; and Major General Jeffrey S. Buchanan, Commander of the U.S. Army Military District of Washington and the Joint Force Headquarters–National Capital Region.

The ceremony is free and open to the public. For those interested in observing the wreath ceremony, space is limited to standing room only. Inside the amphitheater, seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets are not required to attend and we anticipate the event to conclude at noon.

At 8 a.m., the cemetery gates open and a free shuttle service will begin transporting guests from the Arlington National Cemetery visitor center to the Tomb/Amphitheater. Walking from the visitor center to the Memorial Amphitheater is prohibited. Free shuttle service will end at 2:00 p.m. Parking in the cemetery's visitor parking lot will be free all day. The visitor center is approximately one-quarter mile from the Arlington National Cemetery Metro station on the Blue Line (between the Pentagon and Rosslyn stations).

Fort Myer will also operate a free shuttle for DoD Identification card holders from the Fort Myer Old Post Chapel parking lot from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Walking from Fort Myer to the Memorial Amphitheater is prohibited.