



Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer's



2018 WEEK OF VALOR

Friday, November 2, from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Volunteers of America Mid-States, Fall Clean-Up

Location: Volunteers of America Shelby Men's Recovery Center, 1436 S. Shelby Street, Louisville, KY 40208. This is a volunteer opportunity to help do some general repairs and clean-up around the Shelby Men's Recovery Center which houses Veterans. We will be replacing the fence in the playground as well as rebuild a garden bed. Also, we need help cleaning up the grounds as well as the building. For more information contact: Gema Moreno at (502)636-4664 or gemam@voamid.org

Saturday, November 3, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Team Red, White and Blue, Week of Valor Ruck

Location: American Legion G.I. Joe Post #244, 3408 College Drive, Jeffersontown, KY 40299. Come out and celebrate the beginning of the week by rucking together. We will start at the American Legion Post #244 in J-Town, and ruck to Beckley Creek Park and back. Total distance will be about a half marathon. Come for all, some or none of the rucking miles and socialize afterwards with us. For more information contact: Richard Rush at (812) 987-7874 or Richard.rush@teamrwb.org

Saturday, November 3, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

SMVF Taskforce 22 Push-Up Challenge

Location: Waterfront Park, North Lawn, 129 River Road, Louisville, KY 40202. The SMVF Taskforce, Service Members, Veterans, and their families will hold their 2nd Annual 22 push-up challenge to bring awareness to military suicide by challenging the community to do 22 push-ups in remembrance of the 22 veterans who die by suicide each day. The event will take place during the annual Out of Darkness walk at Riverfront Park. The Taskforce will distribute challenge coins to community members who successfully complete 22 push-ups. Free to attend! Refreshments and entertainment will be provided by AFSP. Contact: Sarah Jemison at (502) 589-8600 or sarah.jemison@centerstone.org | <http://www.centerstoneky.org>

Saturday, November 3, from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

American Legion G.I. Joe Post #244, Paint a Rock for a Veteran at the VA Hospital

Location: 3408 College Drive, Jeffersontown, KY 40299. Louisville Rocks is coming to the G.I. Joe Post #244 in Jeffersontown to paint some rocks to deliver to the Veterans who are at the Robley Rex VA Hospital. This event is open to everyone to come down and paint a rock. We will deliver the painted rocks later in the week. Cost to participate is \$1 per rock. For more information contact: Kim Jolley at (502) 727-0577 or louisvillerockpainting@gmail.com

Monday, November 5, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Epilepsy Foundation of Kentuckiana, 2018 Kentucky Veteran of the Year Banquet

Location: Mellwood Art and Entertainment Center (Van Gogh Room), 1860 Mellwood Avenue, Louisville, KY 40206. The 5th Annual Kentucky and Indiana Veteran of the Year Banquet will be a combined celebration this year. There will be food, entertainment, and notable speakers. Tickets are \$37 to attend. For more information contact: Donald Bow at (502) 907-1536 or dbow@efky.org. To order tickets please visit, <http://AwardVets.givesmart.com>. Our website is: <http://www.kentuckyveteransoftheyear.org>

Tuesday and Wednesday, November 6 - 7, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

U.S. Small Business Administration Kentucky District, Free Business Ownership Workshop

Location: Fort Knox, Kentucky, Building 1378, Graham Hall (directly across from the credit union). The focus of this workshop is to help Veterans and eligible military members grow in the direction of starting their own small business. You must attend both days of the workshop. Eligible military members include: Veterans, serviced connected disabled Veterans, Active-duty service members eligible for the military Transition Assistance Program, Reservists and National Guard members, current spouses of the before mentioned and the widowed spouses of a service member or Veteran who died during service or of a service connected disability. To attend please register at: <https://sbavets.force.com/s/login/SelfRegister>. For more information please contact: Tommie Causey at (502) 582-5588, ext. 237 or tommie.causey@sba.gov.

Tuesday through Sunday, November 6 – 11

Churchill Downs VFW Post 2921, Vietnam Remembered

Location: Churchill Downs VFW Post 2921 at 2902 7th Street Road, Louisville, KY 40216. This is a display inside the main hall of the Churchill Downs VFW Post 2921, honoring and remembering the Vietnam War and its Veterans. The tribute display will be available for display to the public during normal operating hours of the VFW. For more information contact: Post Commander John Wingfield at (502) 381-1612 or vfwpost2921@gmail.com

Thursday, November 8, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Robley Rex VA Medical Center, Veterans Wellness Expo

Location: Robley Rex VA Medical Center, 800 Zorn Avenue, Room E005 (inside West Entrance), Louisville, KY 40206. The 4th Annual Veterans Wellness Expo will share holistic wellness opportunities with Veterans in our community. The event will open at 2:00 p.m. with a ceremony honoring the Veterans who competed this year in the 2018 National Veterans Wheelchair Games. For more information contact: Patricia Weiter at (502) 287-6442 or patricia.weiter@va.gov | <http://www.louisville.va.gov/hpdp>

More Events 

Thursday, November 8, from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Dogs Helping Heroes, Be at Ease

Location: The Pointe, 1205 E. Washington Street, Louisville, KY 40206. Dogs Helping Heroes is proud to announce that we will be hosting our 2nd annual event, "Be at Ease." Please join us for a "taste of event" from local vendors, a chance to check out local artist and meet some of our amazing Hero Teams! Cash bar will be available. The cost to attend is \$25 and must be purchased in advance. Contact: Anressa Collard at (812) 329-0244 or adressa@dogshelpingheroes.org | <https://louisvilletickets.com/events/Be-at-Ease>

Thursday, November 8, from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

The Kentucky Colonels, Viewing of the Documentary Movie, The USS Indianapolis

The Kentucky Colonels event at Bellarmine University offers all Kentucky Colonels the opportunity to explore and honor the rich history of Bellarmine University's connection with the military. The day will begin with a meet-and-greet and finish with the showing of the documentary, USS Indianapolis. For more information, contact Rick Brown at (502) 272-7027, or brown2@bellarmine.edu

Friday, November 9, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

8th Annual Veterans Day Parade

Location: Jefferson Street between 4th and 7th Street. The 8th Annual Veterans Day Parade is the official Veterans Day event for Louisville and is supported via the Mayor's Office. Additionally, Fort Knox celebrates its 100th Anniversary in 2018. In honor of their history with our community and country, we will honor the Commanding General of Fort Knox as our Grand Marshal. Also, 2018 marks the 100th Anniversary of the end of WWI and the parade will appropriately note this event. Massing of the Colors/Blessing of the Flags takes place immediately after the parade at the Review Stand on the front steps of Metro Hall. No cost to enter the parade; participation limited to military and/or veterans' groups. Contact: Treva Brockman at (502) 552-1131 or tpbrockman@gmail.com | <http://www.louvetparade.com>

Saturday, November 10, from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Spirit Filled Ministries, 2nd Annual Harvest Outreach Feast

Location: Spirit Filled Ministries, 4936 Hazelwood Avenue, Louisville, KY 40214. The purpose for this outreach event is to educate, provide resources and services to our Veterans, Homeless Veterans and Homeless population throughout Metro Louisville. Also, this event is open to the community and free to attend. A small program, free meal, clothing and personal items will be provided during this event. For more information contact: Grace Landers at (502) 314-5321 or Shavonda Pasha at (502) 614-9027

Saturday, November 10, from 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Churchill Downs VFW Post 2921, Vietnam Veteran Welcome Home Dinner and Dance

Location: VFW Post 2921 at 2902 7th Street Road, Louisville, KY 40216. VFW Post 2921 invites everyone in the community to the annual Veterans Day Dance. Cost: Free to Vietnam Veterans (Proof of Vietnam Service required) and \$5 to all others. For more information, contact: Post Commander John Wingfield at (502) 368-2121 or vfwpost2921@gmail.com

Sunday, November 11, from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Churchill Downs VFW Post 2921, All Veterans Breakfast

Location: VFW Post 2921 at 2902 7th Street Road, Louisville, KY 40216. VFW Post 2921 invites everyone in the community to the All Veterans Day Breakfast. Come and enjoy a free breakfast for all Veterans and military personnel (Proof of Veteran and military status required) and \$5.00 for all others. For more information, contact: John Wingfield at (502) 381-1621 or vfwpost2921@gmail.com.

Sunday, November 11, from 11:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Churchill Downs Military and Veterans Appreciation Day at the Races

Location: Churchill Downs, 700 Central Avenue, Louisville, KY 40208. Churchill Downs is honoring all Veterans and active duty military personnel by providing a Day at the Races. General admission is free or discounted tickets with military ID. For more information, contact: Patty Frazier at (502) 636-4575 or patty.frazier@kyderby.com.

Sunday, November 11, from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

NABVETS & Semper Tek, Unveiling Celebration of the Charles Young Veterans Memorial

Location: Kentucky Center for African American Heritage, 1701 West Muhammed Ali Boulevard, Louisville, KY. This memorial will commemorate Charles Young who was originally from Mays Lick, Kentucky and the first black man to achieve the rank of colonel in the United States Army which made him the highest-ranking black officer in the regular army until his death in 1922. Please join Mayor Fischer and other dignitaries at 2:00 p.m. unveil and celebrate the Charles Young Veterans Memorial. For more information contact: Shedrick Jones at (502) 592-1475 or sjrs@aol.com or Tara Brinkmoeller at (859) 252-8339 or TaraB@sempertekinc.com.

Thursday, November 15, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Robley Rex VA Medical Center, TSES Veterans Job Fair

Location: Robley Rex VA Medical Center, 800 Zorn Avenue, Louisville, KY 40206. Robley Rex VA Medical's Therapeutic and Supported Employment Services (TSES) will be holding its 5th Annual Veterans Job Fair. Job Fair will be located at the West Entrance of the VA Medical Center, featuring 30 Veteran friendly employers. All Veterans and their family members are welcome. Contact: Abby Dawkins at (502) 287-6326 or Abigail.dawkins@va.gov | <https://www.louisville.va.gov>.

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 an initiative launched in 2014 by a group of young professionals participating in Leadership Louisville's IGNITE program in conjunction with Volunteers of America Mid-States and Centerstone. 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 about the Mayor's Week of Valor Events and the VCAL, visit www.vcalouisville.org.

