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**HONOR THE MILITARY HEROES OF THE UNITED STATES OVER MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT THE
NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER, SATURDAY MAY 28 THROUGH MONDAY MAY 30**

**Admission to the Center will be free on Memorial Day, Monday May 30, courtesy of the
John Templeton Foundation**

Philadelphia, PA (May 18, 2016) – The National Constitution Center will honor America’s fallen military heroes over Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday May 28 through Monday, May 30. Visitors can participate in a variety of family-friendly programs and activities including flag etiquette and flag folding workshops, Thank-A-Vet Postcards, and The Star-Spangled Banner: A History of Our National Anthem Show. On Monday, May 30, admission will be free, courtesy of the John Templeton Foundation and programming will include a family concert featuring the Air National Guard Band. Please see below for a full list of Memorial Day Weekend programs.

Memorial Day Weekend Programs

Flag Ceremonies

Saturday, 9:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.

Sunday, 12 p.m. and 4:45 p.m.

Monday, 9:30 a.m., 12 p.m., and 4:45 p.m.

Front Lawn

The American flag will be raised every morning and lowered every evening on the museum’s front lawn. On Memorial Day Monday, May 30, 2016, visitors can view a special ceremony at 12 p.m. as the Center’s education staff raises the flag from half to full staff, in accordance with U.S. tradition.

Family Concert featuring the Air National Guard Band

Monday, 1 p.m.

Main Lobby

The Air National Guard Band, which supports the regional Air National Guard units through performances in ceremonies, activities and recruiting tours, as well as public relations concert tours for the Air National Guard and the “Total Air Force,” will perform patriotic tunes for National Constitution Center visitors.

Military Muster

Monday, 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.

Front Lawn

Visitors can learn the art of marching and musket etiquette from the Continental Army.

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A Soldiers Life

Saturday and Sunday, 12 p.m.

Monday, 11 a.m.

Main Lobby

A Revolutionary-Era Soldier will discuss the daily lifestyle of a typical infantryman in the American Continental Army during the American Revolution. Visitors will have the opportunity to be fitted up with equipment and gear along with the proper training of the day.

American Flag Etiquette Workshop and Giant Flag Folding

Daily, 12:30 p.m.

Front Lawn

Learn fun facts about the American flag's history, as well as proper flag etiquette. Then help members of the museum's staff fold a 20X30 foot American flag.

Memorials: How a Nation Remembers Show

Saturday and Monday, 11:30 a.m. and 1:30

Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

Main Exhibit

This special program illuminates the history of America's famous memorials and how they contribute to popular memory.

The Star-Spangled Banner: A History of Our National Anthem Show

Daily, 2 p.m.

Main Exhibit

Learn the story of Francis Scott Key, the Battle of Fort McHenry, and the flag that inspired the national anthem.

Make-and-Take Projects

Daily, Available Throughout the Day

Main Lobby

At patriotic craft stations, children and their families can make Uncle Sam, Lady Liberty, and George Washington hats, star wands and wreaths, and crepe paper flags.

Eighteenth Century Games

Daily, Available Throughout the Day

Front Lawn

Visitors can try popular lawn games played by children during the Revolutionary period such as Hoop-and-Stick, Graces, Nine Pin, and other popular games.

Thank-A-Vet Postcards

Daily, Available Throughout the Day

Main Lobby

Take a moment to write letters of gratitude to the men and women who have served in the country's Armed Forces.

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About the National Constitution Center

The [National Constitution Center](http://constitutioncenter.org) in Philadelphia inspires active citizenship as the only place where people across America and around the world can come together to learn about, debate, and celebrate the greatest vision of human freedom in history, the U.S. Constitution. A private, nonprofit organization, the Center serves as America's leading platform for constitutional education and debate, fulfilling its Congressional charter "to disseminate information about the U.S. Constitution on a non-partisan basis." As the **Museum of We the People**, the Center brings the Constitution to life for visitors of all ages through interactive programs and exhibits. As **America's Town Hall**, the Center brings the leading conservative and liberal thought leaders together to debate the Constitution on all media platforms. As a center for **Civic Education**, the Center delivers the best educational programs and online resources that inspire, excite, and engage citizens about the U.S. Constitution. For more information, call 215-409-6700 or visit constitutioncenter.org.

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