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**HONOR THE MILITARY HEROES OF THE UNITED STATES OVER MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER, SATURDAY, MAY 27, THROUGH MONDAY, MAY 29**

*Free special programming included with museum admission all weekend long*

Philadelphia, PA (May 22, 2017) – The National Constitution Center will honor America’s fallen military heroes over Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday, May 27, through Monday, May 29. 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 29, featured activities include Military Muster and Soldiers Life programs.

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 29, 2017, 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.

**Military Muster**

Monday Only, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

*Front Lawn*

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

**Soldiers Life**

Monday Only, 12 p.m.

*Front Lawn*

Visitors can join a Revolutionary-era soldier as he discusses the daily lifestyle of a typical infantryman in the American Continental Army during the American Revolution. Visitors will receive the proper training of the day and try on equipment and gear.

**Memorials: How a Nation Remembers Show**

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

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.

### **American Flag Etiquette Workshop and Giant Flag Folding**

Daily, 12:30 p.m.

*Front Lawn*

Visitors can learn the history of the American flag, proper flag etiquette, and then help the Center's education staff fold a 20'X30' flag.

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

Daily, 2 p.m.

*Main Exhibit*

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

### **Arts and Crafts Activity Tables**

Daily, Available Throughout the Day

*Main Lobby*

At patriotic craft stations, visitors 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 their hand at Hoop-and-Stick, Graces, Nine Pin, and other popular games played by children during the Revolutionary period.

### **Thank-A-Vet Postcards**

Daily, Available Throughout the Day

*Main Lobby*

Visitors can take a moment to write letters of thanks to the women and men who have served in the country's Armed Forces. Postcards can also be [accessed online](#) and downloaded by virtual visitors.

### **About the National Constitution Center**

The [National Constitution Center](#) in Philadelphia inspires 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 nonpartisan 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](http://constitutioncenter.org).

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