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## Hawai'i Volcanoes News Release

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### **Military Members, Veterans, and Their Families Admitted Free-of-Charge to All National Parks on Veterans Day**

All military personnel, active and retired, and their families will be admitted free to Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park on Sunday, November 11, 2007 in honor of Veterans Day.

A special Veterans Day Ceremony, open to the public, is set for Sunday at 3:00 pm at the Kilauea Military Camp. Guest speakers include Vice Admiral Robert Kihune, US Navy Retired; Major Frank Box, US Marine Corps, Retired; Chaplain Richard Uejo, US Army Veteran; and Cadet Commander Bryson Miyose, Waiakea High School Navy JROTC.

"I hope that all service members take advantage of this fee-free day and spend Sunday in a park making memories with their families," said National Park Service Director Mary A. Bomar. "I am part of a military family and I know firsthand that time spent together is extremely precious. National parks provide wonderful opportunities for families to connect with each other while they explore our country's natural, historical, and recreational treasures."

The 391 units of the National Park Service preserve and protect some of the country's most significant scenic and cultural places. The website [http://www.nps.gov/pub\\_aff/veterans/honor.htm](http://www.nps.gov/pub_aff/veterans/honor.htm) provides information on National Park Service battlefields, military parks, and historic sites that commemorate the service of American veterans.

Normally, 147 National Park Service sites charge entrance fees ranging from \$3 to \$25. Veterans Day and National Public Lands Day in September are the only dates when entrance fees are waived nationwide.

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