

# Veterans Day Commemoration

## *Valley Forge National Historical Park*



# Sunday, November 11

## ***Ceremony begins at 11 a.m. at the National Memorial Arch***

Valley Forge will commemorate the Continental Army's legacy, and honor all of America's veterans and active military through music, living history, and special guest speakers. Adam Messinger, U.S. Army Veteran and Ashley Shimer, graduate student of public history at West Virginia University will speak on the contributions and selfless acts of the men and women veterans of our nation. Howard T. Reitenbaugh, National Coordinator of Bugles Across America, will play Taps during the concluding wreath laying ceremony, coordinated in part by The Friends of Valley Forge Park.

***All veterans and their families are invited to a reception in their honor in the Education Center immediately following the ceremony.***

## **Additional Programming on Veterans Day**

### **Living History**

Living history interpreters and volunteers will bring to life the story of America's first veterans at the Muhlenberg Brigade from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

### **Ranger-led Walks**

Ranger-led walks will depart from the Visitor Center at 11:20 a.m. and 1:20 p.m. and continue ¼ mile on the Joseph Plumb Martin trail to the Muhlenberg Brigade.

### **Trolley Tours**

Ninety minute guided Trolley Tours at 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. will make extended stops at the Muhlenberg Brigade and Washington's Headquarters. Veterans will receive 10% off tours and merchandise in The Encampment Store, located on the first floor of the Visitor Center.



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Adam Messinger is a U.S. Army Veteran who deployed with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division for peacekeeping operations in Kosovo and combat operations for the initial invasion of Iraq in 2003. He is currently a U.S. History Instructor at Valley Forge Military Academy in Wayne, PA. During the summer he is a Park Ranger here at Valley Forge National Historical Park.



Ashley Shimer is a historian of colonial, gender and military history, with a research focus on colonial women in combat. She works seasonally for the National Park Service, and is finishing her MA in Public History with a certificate in Cultural Resource Management at West Virginia University.