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VA NorCal Celebrates National Veterans and Military Families Month

SACRAMENTO – Today President Donald Trump [declared November 2018 the second annual National Veterans and Military Families Month](#) to “salute the brave and dedicated patriots who have worn the uniform of the United States, and...celebrate the extraordinary military families whose selfless service and sacrifice make our military the finest in the world.”

In 2017, [President Trump proclaimed November Veterans and Military Families Month](#), marking the first time America celebrated Veterans and military families for an entire month.

That tradition continues again this year with more than 300 events at VA hospitals, benefits offices, and cemeteries across the nation. Locally, VA Northern California Health Care System (VA NorCal) will host a Veterans Day ceremony Sunday, Nov. 11, at the Sacramento VA Medical Center in Mather to honor Northern California Veterans and their families.

This year’s celebration of Veterans and Military Families Month caps an [unprecedented period of improvement for VA](#), as the department has made groundbreaking progress over the last two years in the areas of accountability, transparency, and efficiency across the department.

“At VA, Veterans and their families are at the center of everything we do. Veterans and Military Families Month is an opportunity for us to honor the service of these patriots while educating communities about VA benefits and services and our commitment to customer service improvement,” VA Secretary Robert Wilkie said.

“Veterans and Military Families Month serves to remind us that the military and Veteran community is just that - a community,” said VA NorCal Director David R. Stockwell. “It’s active service member, Veterans, their families and VA professionals working together to keep our military responsive and our Veterans strong. There is no other community quite like it.”

The full list of national events for Veterans and Military Families month is available [at this link](#).

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