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Red, White and Blue

Fri., Nov. 11

Honor those who served and those still serving this **Veteran's Day**. To commemorate the holiday, the **Newseum** (555 Pennsylvania Ave., NW) offers free admission to members of the military and their families all weekend—it's a great excuse to visit the newest exhibit on the Civil War, "**Blood and Ink: Front Pages from the Civil War.**" Madame Tussauds wax museum grants a special \$11 admission to all of its visitors on Friday; promo must be mentioned.

For a more traditional celebration, head to the **United States Navy Memorial** (701 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; [navymemorial.org](#)) for an "Authors on Deck" book lecture with Dwight Zimmerman and John Gresham, who will talk about their book *Uncommon Valor: The Medal of Honor and the Six Warriors who Earned it in Afghanistan and Iraq*, and stay for the official wreath laying ceremony accompanied by the U.S. Navy Band and Ceremonial Guard. Wreath layings also take place at the **Air Force Memorial** and **WWII Memorial** at 11 a.m. and 9 a.m., respectively. Hear inspiring tales from Vietnam-era veterans and their children at the **Vietnam Women's Memorial**, adjacent to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial; stories take place from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Finally, uniformed military can enjoy a free lunch or dinner (gratuity and alcohol not included) at **Sequoia** (3000 K St., NW) on Friday; ID required.

Foodie Fare

November

From **festivals to brunches to beer**, the D.C. area is always a foodie haven. Throughout November, indulge during the **Mole Festival** at **La Sandia** (1961 Chain Bridge Rd., McLean, Va.), one of Richard Sandoval's Latin-inspired restaurants—five decadent sauces to mix and match with entrée choices such as sautéed shrimp, braised pork, and mixed veggies lead to endless possibilities. We suggest ordering the cheese quesadillas app to try all the sauces at once (and sip your blood orange margarita throughout).



Got beer? **Restaurant 3** (2950 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington, Va.; [restaurantthree.com](#)) always does, and this month is no exception. Mark your calendar for its **five-course beer dinner** with Port City Brewing Company on Tuesday at 7 p.m. Port City founder Bill Butcher will be on hand to pour diners exclusive sips of new—and still unnamed—brews. Don't worry, there's food, too. Beer works its way into every item on the evening's menu, from a beer-and-bacon soup to pork wings and yes, a beer-centric dessert, too. Reservations required; \$50/person; email [events@restaurantthree.com](#).

Brunch plans? Make 'em at **Asia Nine** (915 E St., NW) for its new **pan-Asian tapas brunch** for small-plate heaven. Travel Asia without leaving the table with entrees from all reaches of the continent—and save room for the Thai rice noodle wraps (with fillings like peanuts, shrimp and bamboo). At \$25 (five plates plus dessert), it's a brunch you won't want to miss.

Even after the weekend is over, you can still make Monday nights feel like a refined Friday. Starting this month, you can stop by **Citronelle's** lounge (3000 M St., NW) on Mondays from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. and nosh some of its **signature dishes from chef Michel Richard**, such as his fried chicken nuggets, mushroom cigars and yes, even French fries. Walk-ins only.



One-Stop Shop

Fri., Nov. 11 through March

See a chunk of the **Smithsonian American Art Museum's** (8th and F streets NW) permanent collection in a whole new way in "Multiplicity," opening Nov. 11 and featuring 83 works by contemporary masterminds. Artists such as Kiki Smith, John Baldessari and Vija Celmins make multiple images from the same medium, exploring the ideas of repetition and pairing to make explicitly unique works of art. We especially like "Black Dice," Baldessari's take on a split second divided into nine equal frames to form a whole "scene," and "Father and Son," John Buck's idea of illustrating family ties in an unusual way. Runs through March.

No matter what your age, everyone loves LEGOs. The Great American Hall of Wonders at the Smithsonian American Art Museum's Kogod Courtyard celebrates the colorful blocks during its **First Lego League family day**, Saturday from 11:30 a.m.–5 p.m. The student-designed robots are on display to help solve food safety problems—cheer on your favorite team throughout the day with music, demos and a look into the intricacies of LEGOs; free.

Jazz It Up

Sun., Nov 13

Choose from **two can't-miss music performances** this weekend. Listen in on a night of acoustic jazz as drummer **Ernest "EC3" Coleman** from Rhythm Universal Records travels to the District for a live performance at Bohemian Caverns (2001 11th St., NW). Coleman's repertoire includes stints with "Guys & Dolls" and sharing the stage with Frank Sinatra's pianist and conductor, Vincent Falcone. Two shows on Sunday at 7 p.m. and at 9 p.m.; \$15 in advance [here](#) and \$20 at the door.



Check out another legend in the flesh (sort of) with a tribute to Miles Davis at the GMU Center for the Arts. **The Miles Davis Experience: 1949-1959, a Collaboration with Blue Note Records**, focuses on one amazing decade of the jazz trumpeter's. The multimedia production hits all levels, from live music to film clips and beat poet-style narration—look for trumpeter Jason Palmer as the lead of a quintet performing live versions of Davis' hits from the Blue Note Years. Tickets start at \$22; student tickets available. Buy tickets [here](#).



Dim the Lights

Thurs., Nov. 10

You don't have to be a fan of "Citizen Kane" to enjoy the **Rosebud Film and Video Festival** on Saturday at the **Artisphere**. The day kicks off at 12:30 p.m. in the Dome Theatre to honor and recognize experimental and personal film and video making. In all, you can watch seven hours of 20 different films (some as short as two minutes) from a spread including documentaries, dramas, comedies and animations. The ticket is only \$10, and also includes admission to the award gala on Sunday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Clarendon Ballroom.

Charity Event This Week

Food Drive

Thurs., Nov. 10

Join others at Morton's in Crystal City (1750 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Va.) for a networking-happy hour called "**Meat the Need**," where a donation of 10 pounds of non-perishable food or \$15 is the only entry fee for sampling of appetizers and a cash bar. The event runs from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.; RSVP at 703/418-1444 to Kim or email [cm.mar@mortons.com](#).


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