



Children's Museum of Virginia to Host 3rd Annual Military Appreciation Day

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In celebration of the U.S. Navy in Hampton Roads, the Children's Museum of Virginia will host their 3rd Annual Military Appreciation Day on October 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The museum will offer a discounted \$5 admission for active duty members, Department of Defense civilians, and their families (with valid I.D., children under 2 are free).

During the day, volunteers from the U.S. Navy will showcase the latest technology and skills of today's maritime services to the public with various static displays and demonstrations inside the museum.

The birthday observation increases awareness of the Navy's mission, and celebrates and recognizes the sacrifices and contributions of our Navy Sailors, past and present, who are neighbors, volunteers and citizens actively working to enhance the quality of life for Hampton Roads residents and visitors. The partnership also emphasizes the longstanding close relationship the military has with the American public, both home and abroad.

The Navy will celebrate its 243rd birthday on Oct. 13. The Navy was established by the Continental Congress in 1775 after votes were made to fit out two sailing vessels with the intent to send them out on a cruise of three months to intercept transport vessels carrying munitions and stores to the British army in America.

The Children's Museum of Virginia is honored to host this military event again this year, and traditionally observes all of the military holidays by offering admission discounts at the Museum. It's just another way to show their appreciation to them, and their strong military presence in our area.

Representatives from the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, U.S. Army Transportation Museum, and the Lightship *Portsmouth* Museum will have displays and hands-on activities.

In the Museums' *Make It, Take It Room* visitors will have an opportunity to make holiday cards for our military personnel who are deployed.

There will also be a special appearance by mascot *Stewards of the Sea* (NAVY). The City's *Moose*, the police horse, will return, and the Museum's own mascot, Andalo is scheduled to appear.

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