



**Eighth Annual Field of Honor® Salutes Veterans and Military  
with 1,000 American Flags at Andrew Jackson's Hermitage**

***Open November 2-12, free event includes official  
ceremonies, music and fireworks***

**NASHVILLE** (October 31, 2023) – The Exchange Club of Donelson-Hermitage, in conjunction with the Colonial Flag Foundation, will host the Eighth Annual Field of Honor® on the grounds of Andrew Jackson's Hermitage in Nashville starting Thursday, Nov. 2 and continuing through a closing ceremony Sunday, Nov. 12.

Free and open to the public, the Field of Honor® is a patriotic display of 1,000 3'x5' American flags flying in tribute to the men and women who have served or who are now serving in the U.S. military. The flags will cover Victory Field, a specially designated area at The Hermitage, a 1,120-acre National Historic Landmark and home of the nation's seventh president. The Field of Honor is the only commemorative display of its kind to be held on a presidential homesite.

The Victory Field entrance is located at 421 Highland Drive in Hermitage, Tenn.

"This annual event is a visually stunning tribute to the men and women who have served our country in the uniforms of our Armed Services," said Field of Honor co-chair Desha L. Hearn. "The Exchange Club of Donelson-Hermitage is proud to once again partner with Andrew Jackson's Hermitage, which is the perfect backdrop for this special occasion."

An official dedication ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3. Emmy Award-winning journalist with NewsChannel5, Rhori Johnston, will serve as the master of ceremonies. Phil Ponder, renowned artist and community activist, will give the keynote address. Other remarks will be given by Jody Derrick from presenting sponsor Parkhaven Communities; Wayne Tucker, president of the Exchange Club of Donelson-Hermitage; and Howard J. Kittell, president and CEO of the Andrew Jackson Foundation.

A free fireworks show with patriotic music will be held Friday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. The Field of Honor will conclude with a closing ceremony on Sunday, Nov. 12, at 1:00 p.m.

"As the only presidential site to host a Field of Honor, and as the home of an American president who served in the U.S. military, it is deeply meaningful for these historic grounds to be used to recognize the sacrifice of those who have served in defense of our nation," Kittell said.

Individual flags deployed at the Field of Honor may be sponsored for \$35. After the event concludes, sponsors will be able to take their flags with them to display at their homes or businesses. Proceeds will go toward Exchange Club projects benefiting the local community and the country, including assistance for American veterans and military service members, child abuse prevention and other initiatives.

Veteran and military groups supported by the Field of Honor organization include REBOOT Combat Recovery, The Gary Sinise Foundation and Nashville USO, among others. For more information, visit [www.FOHNashville.com](http://www.FOHNashville.com).

On Veterans Day, November 11, The Hermitage will offer complimentary [Grounds Passes](#) to all veterans and active-duty military with a valid active-duty ID. Discounted admission is always available at The Hermitage for active-duty military and veterans.

### **2023 Field of Honor® Schedule**

#### **Thursday, Nov. 2**

- 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Open to the public.

#### **Friday, Nov. 3**

- 9 a.m. Field opens
- 2 p.m. Dedication ceremony
- 4 p.m. Field closes

#### **Sat., Nov. 4 – Thur. Nov. 9**

- 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Open to the public.

#### **Friday, Nov. 10**

- 9 a.m. Field opens
- 7 p.m. FREE patriotic firework show
- 7 p.m. Field closes

#### **Saturday, Nov. 11 (Veterans Day)**

- 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

#### **Sunday, Nov. 12**

- 9 a.m. Field opens
- 1 p.m. Closing ceremony\*

\*Flags may be picked up at the field after the closing ceremony, Sunday, Nov. 12 at 1 p.m. Afterward, folded flags may be picked up at the following location through Nov. 30 during regular business hours:

Pinnacle Financial Partners  
424 Donelson Pike  
Nashville, TN 37214  
615.743.6010

#### ***About Andrew Jackson's Hermitage***

*Andrew Jackson's Hermitage: Home of the People's President is one of the largest, most well preserved and most visited presidential homes in the United States. Opened to the public in 1889, The Hermitage is one of America's first presidential museums. Today, The Hermitage is a 1,120-acre National Historic Landmark with more than 20 historic buildings, including Jackson's mansion and tomb, restored slave cabins, a church and gardens. In recent years, new interpretive initiatives and educational programs such as the history of slavery have enhanced the experiences of more than 230,000 annual visitors. For more information, visit [www.thehermitage.com](http://www.thehermitage.com).*

#### ***About the Exchange Club of Donelson-Hermitage***

*The Exchange Club of Donelson-Hermitage is a group of men and women who work together to better the community through four programs of service: Americanism, Community Service, Youth Activities and Child Abuse Prevention. The Exchange Club promotes pride in the country, respect for the flag and appreciation of our freedoms. Exchange Clubs across the country spend countless hours and dollars*

*improving their communities each year. In fact, many of the projects within the Program of Service have a common goal of serving and benefiting communities. Through college scholarships, mentoring and guidance, and service recognition, Exchange is making a difference to America's youngest generations. Exchange provides a variety of public awareness materials designed to help inform and increase awareness of child abuse and how it can be prevented, along with supporting its local center, The Family Center. Media Contact: Desha L. Hearn 615-584-1418, [deshahearn@comcast.net](mailto:deshahearn@comcast.net)*

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