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## **Veterans Day Events – November 11**

Memorial Program at 12 p.m.; "Broadcasting to Our Troops Overseas" at 2 p.m.

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Several free events are scheduled in Yorktown to commemorate Veterans Day, Monday, November 11:

- 10 a.m. Veterans Day Ceremony, Grace Episcopal Church (111 Church St.), Yorktown. This ceremony includes placing American Flags on veterans' graves in the churchyard.
- 12:00 p.m. "Stories from the Monument" Annual Veterans Day ceremony held in Historic Yorktown. Join us in the Board's meeting room (2<sup>nd</sup> flood) inside York Hall, 301 Main Street. This year's ceremony features stories of those whose names are about to be added to the Monument on York Hall's front lawn. Also featured is Guest Speaker Richard Killblane, 1979 graduate of the United States Military Academy, who served as the United States Transportation Corps Historian from 2000 to 2019. The commemoration service includes tolling of the bell, presentation of the colors, National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance, and "Taps." The ceremony includes a special recognition of the veterans of our Armed Forces. For more information about these commemorations, please call York County Parks and Recreation at (757) 890-3500. Sponsored by the York County Historical Committee
- 2 p.m. "Broadcasting to Our Troops Overseas" & Flag Ceremony, American Revolution Museum at Yorktown. Be a part of the audience as Shades of Our Past historical interpreters recreate a World War II Armistice Day Radio Broadcast. (Note: Not an actual radio broadcast.) Immediately following the program, a Flag Ceremony will be held on the lawn in front of the museum. Please join Gene Hough of the Legacy Marker Program in unveiling and

folding the 20'x30' Travelling Flag as a commemoration of the sacrifices of our



soldiers and citizens during World War I and World War II. To date, this flag has visited 11 states and been unveiled and folded by over 5,000 participants. This is the first time the Travelling Flag has been to Virginia. The Legacy Marker Program is dedicated to conducting historical and cemetery monument education and preservation programs.

Escorts will be available to aid those needing assistance to and from the museum building and event lawn. For more information about these events, please call Amy Parker at (757) 890-3495 or <a href="mailto:aparker@yorkcounty.gov">aparker@yorkcounty.gov</a>, or Homer Lanier at (757) 847-3122 or <a href="mailto:homer.lanier@jyf.virginia.gov">homer.lanier@jyf.virginia.gov</a>.