

VETERAN'S DAY FREEBIES

This year (2017), as a vet or active service member, you can enjoy drinks, meals, appetizers, desserts, special services and more at your favorite spots without paying a dime. To take advantage of these exclusive offers, grab your military I.D. and visit one of the food joints, coffee shops and stores listed below this Veterans Day.

And remember – while most of these offers are available only on or around November 11, you can enjoy [military discounts](#) from retailers and restaurants year-round.

Be sure to call your local restaurant or business to see if they're participating. We verified each of these offers at the corporate/chain level, but your nearest franchise may not participate. Also, be sure to inquire what documentation or proof of service is required.

Dining

- **Applebee's** – **Free entree for Veterans** from their special Veterans Day menu which includes: American Standard Burger, Butcher's Meat and Potatoes, Chicken Tenders Platter, Double Crunch Shrimp, Fiesta Lime Chicken, Oriental Grilled Chicken Salad, Oriental Chicken Salad, and Three-Cheese Chicken Cavatappi. Many Applebee's locations go above and beyond to decorate the restaurants in Red, White and Blue, create balloon arch openings, share letters to veterans from local school, as well as performances by local marching bands and color guards. Simply show proof of military service, such as a U.S. Uniform Services Identification Card, DDT214 Citation or Commendation, your U.S. Uniform Services Retired Identification Card, a Current Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) or your Veterans Organization Card.
- **Back Yard Burgers** – **Free Classic Burger** for Vets and active duty military on Saturday Nov. 11. Show military ID or dress in uniform.
- **Bob Evans** – **Free meal** from a choice of six options for veterans and active-duty military personnel on Nov. 11, 2017. Meals valid for the promo include: Stack of hotcakes (buttermilk or multigrain), Freshed Back Brioche French Toast, Country Biscuit Breakfast, Mini Sampler Breakfast, Farm Boy Sandwich, and Country Fried Steak Dinner. Eligible identification includes a U.S. Uniformed Services (current or retired) Identification Card, a current Leave and Earnings Statement (LES), or a Veterans' organization card (American Legion or VFW, for example). Guests wearing a military uniform on Veterans Day also are eligible.
- **Carrabba's** – **Free appetizer** for Veterans and active military members on Nov. 11 with the purchase of an entree and a Coca-Cola beverage. Mention the offer to redeem.
- **Chili's** – **Free entree** to veterans and active military on Veteran's Day, Saturday, Nov. 11. At participating Chili's restaurants, the menu items being offered will include the following: Chicken Crispers, Chicken Bacon Ranch Quesadillas, Oldtimer with Cheese, Classic Bacon Burger and Chili or Soup & Salad.
- **Chipotle** – **Buy-one-get-one (BOGO) promotion** from 5 p.m. to close on the Tuesday before Veteran's Day, Nov. 7. Valid on burritos, bowls, salads and taco orders. All active duty military, reserves, national guard, military spouses and retired military with a valid U.S. military ID and veterans with ID, are eligible for a BOGO at all Chipotle restaurants in the U.S. on this day.
- **Denny's** – **Free Build Your Own Grand Slam** on November 10 for inactive and military personnel from 5 a.m. to noon, at participating locations. Must have a valid military ID for the offer. Includes your choice of breakfast items such as two fluffy buttermilk or hearty wheat pancakes, two eggs cooked to order, two sizzling bacon strips or hash browns.
- **Fazoli's** – **Free Spaghetti with Meat sauce or Marinara** for Veterans and active military with coupon and with valid ID or while in uniform, on Veterans Day Nov. 11 at participating locations. No purchase necessary. E-Family members will be offered a \$1.99 Spaghetti with Marinara or Meat Sauce with Drink Purchase.

- **Friendly's – Free Big-Two-Do breakfast or free burger** on Saturday, Nov. 11. Veterans and active military with a valid military ID or honorable discharge card will receive a free Big-Two-Do breakfast (choice of two slices of French toast, two buttermilk pancakes or two slices of toast; two strips of crispy bacon or two sausage links and two made-to-order farm fresh eggs), or All American Burger (fries and a beverage) during lunch or dinner hours at their local Friendly's restaurant.
- **Golden Corral** – Veterans and active-duty members get a **free thank-you dinner** as part of Golden Corral's Military Appreciation Night. The event will take place Nov. 13, 2017. Plus, enter the Honor Your Hero Photo Contest for a chance to win free dinner every month for a year. [Details here](#) (ends Nov. 14).
- **Hooters – Free Meal for Veterans and Active Duty** on Nov. 11 The Veterans Day menu includes the following items (choose one with beverage purchase): 10-Piece Traditional Wings; 10-Piece Boneless Wings; Buffalo Chicken Sandwich; Buffalo Chicken Salad or a Hooters Burger. The dine-in only offer is valid for all military members – retired and active – with proof of military service.
- **K&W Cafeterias – Free meal** for all who have served with presentation of military ID on Saturday Nov. 11 (11 a.m. to closing). One free meal per ID. Free meal includes entree, two vegetables, bread and refillable beverage.
- **Little Caesars – Free lunch combo** on Nov. 11 between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Includes four slices of deep-dish pizza and a 20-ounce Pepsi product. Must show proof of service. Order must be placed before 2 p.m.
- **O'Charley's – Free meal** for veterans and active-duty military on Nov. 11. Free meal can be ordered from the restaurant's \$9.99 menu. Show military ID or proof of service.
- **Olive Garden – Free entree** from a special menu to active-duty military and military veterans on Veterans Day. The special menu features six of Olive Garden's most popular items. Entrees are served with unlimited homemade soup or famous house salad and warm, garlic breadsticks.
- **On the Border – Free combo meal** for active and retired U.S. military on Saturday Nov. 11. Military guests will receive a free Choose 2 or Choose 3 Combo meal that includes their choice of enchiladas, crunchy or soft tacos, empanadas, chimichangas, soup, salad and more. Present a valid military ID or proof of service.
- **Red Robin – Free Red's Tavern Double Burger and Bottomless Fries** for veterans and active-duty military on Nov. 11. No purchase necessary. Show proof of service. Dine-in only. [See more details here.](#)
- **Shoney's – Free All-You-Care-To-Eat Breakfast Fresh Food Bar** for all veterans and active military (who have a valid military ID). Takes place 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Veterans Day.
- **Sizzler – Free lunch** for veterans and active-duty military Nov. 11 until 4 p.m. Show proof of military service to get a six-ounce tri-tip sirloin steak, Malibu Chicken or six jumbo crispy shrimp with a choice of side dish and beverage at participating locations. Beverage choices are coffee, iced tea or a fountain drink. Proof of service includes a U.S. military-issue or veterans group identification card, appearance in uniform or a photo of the person in uniform. Dine-in only.
- **Texas Roadhouse – Free lunch** on Saturday Nov. 11. Active, former or retired military can order from [special Veterans Day Menu](#). Lunch includes choice of iced tea, sweet tea, soft drink or coffee. Present Military ID card, Veterans Affairs card or discharge papers. Dine-in only.
- **Texas Steakhouse & Saloon – Free meal** for military Nov. 11. Available 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. with identification. Choose from a select menu. Includes free soft drink.
- **TGI Fridays – Free lunch-menu item** up to \$12 for those who have served. Promo runs 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. local time. This promo also includes the Big Ribs entree in the half-rack portion. Military guests will also receive a \$5 coupon for future use. Dine-in only.

Appetizers and treats

- **Bonfish – Free Bang Bang Shrimp** to military personnel in uniform or with military ID on Nov. 11.

- **Cracker Barrel** – **Complimentary slice of Double Chocolate Fudge Coca-Cola Cake** on Nov. 11 at all 640+ Cracker Barrel locations. Cracker Barrel is also running a giving campaign benefiting Operation Homefront. Between Oct. 30 and Nov. 11, it will donate 20% of proceeds from Lodge Cookware online and in store to Operation Homefront to help support military families.
- **Dunkin' Donuts** – **Free donut** for veterans and active-duty military on Nov. 11. Show military ID. Not purchase necessary, while supplies last. Limit one per customer.
- **Huddle House** – **Free sweet cakes** for the military on Nov. 11. Active and retired military, all day. Please provide military ID.
- **IHOP** – **Free order of Red, White & Blue Pancakes** for retired and active-duty military personnel on Friday Nov. 10 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. at participating IHOP locations. Veterans and active-duty military can receive their free Red, White & Blue Pancakes by showing proof of military service, including: U.S. Uniformed Services ID Card, U.S. Uniformed Services Retired ID Card, Current Leave and Earnings Statement (LES), veterans organization card (e.g., American Legion, VFW, etc.), photograph of self in U.S. military uniform, wearing uniform, DD214, military dog tags, and citation or commendation.
- **Red Lobster** – **Free appetizer or dessert** on Saturday Nov. 11, 2017, for veterans, active duty military and reservists. Show a valid military ID or proof of service to redeem this offer. Guests may choose their free appetizer or dessert from a special menu. The appetizers include: Sweet Chili Shrimp, Mozzarella Cheesesticks, Parrot Isle Jumbo Coconut Shrimp, Seafood-Stuffed Mushrooms, Lobster and Langostino Pizza and Signature Shrimp Cocktail. Desserts include: Vanilla Bean Cheesecake, Key Lime Pie, Warm Apple Crostada, Chocolate Wave and Brownie Overboard.
- **Ruby Tuesday** – **Free appetizer** up to a \$10 value for veterans, active duty and reserve service members on Saturday, Nov. 11. To participate, all military personnel can visit their favorite Ruby Tuesday, present military identification and let their server know which complimentary appetizer of their choice they would like to order. Note this offer is valid only for dine-in guests and is not available in Guam, Hawaii, Manhattan, airport and international locations.
- **Outback Steakhouse** – **Free Bloomin' Onion and beverage** to guests with a military ID on Veterans Day. **Military discount of 15% off total** from Nov. 12 – Dec. 31 with valid military ID.
Entertainment, other
- **Chuck E. Cheese's** – **One free personal cheese pizza** with any food purchase on Veterans Day (Saturday Nov. 11, 2017). Must show ID. Coupon code #5500. U.S. locations only. Chuck E. Cheese's also has **ongoing specials for military families**.
- **Great Clips** – **Free haircut** for veterans and current military members on Nov. 11, or receive a free haircut card to use at a later date. Non-military customers who purchase a service on Veterans Day can receive a free haircut card to give to a veteran they know. Haircut cards are redeemable until Dec. 31.
- **Lowe's** – The home-improvement store offers an ongoing **10 percent off discount** to active-duty military and veterans. You must enroll in the discount program to receive this benefit, and you can do so (and see more program details) [here](#).
- **Red Roof Inn** – **40% off the room rate** for online bookings for active-duty and retired military between Nov. 1 and Nov. 22. This "Home for the Holidays" discount is good for stays through the end of February 2018.
- **SportsClips** – **Free haircut** with proof of service. Valid at participating locations only. See a map of participating locations [here](#).
- **Toys "R" Us** – **15% off total store purchase** through Saturday Nov. 11. Valid for all service men and women currently in the Military, reserves, dependents or retired.
- **Tractor Supply Co.** – **15% off entire purchase** on Nov. 11 for current and former military personnel. Present valid military ID or other proof of service.
- **Meineke**:- Free Oil change at participating Meineke locations for all the veterans.