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# Six places to honor veterans

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**Outdoors:** Two blocks east, the museum's Pacific Combat Zone displays authentic, restored tanks, a PT boat and other World War II military vehicles in a three-acre indoor/outdoor complex complete with replicated docks, entrenchments and beachheads. The weekend of Nov. 9 and 10, and several other weekends throughout the year, Living History re-enactments enlist the museum's weaponry and equipment in literally explosive events based on history and war strategies. Re-enactors storm the beach firing blanks, ducking enemy fire and torching the Japanese bunker with an authentic World War II flamethrower, rocking the zone with sensational sights and sounds.

[pacificwarmuseum.org/your-visit/guided-tours](http://pacificwarmuseum.org/your-visit/guided-tours)

**Tip:** The Nov. 11 Veterans Day ceremony includes an intense show of war power and live music, presentation of colors and a rifle salute.

**Visitor information:** visit [fredericksburgtx.com](http://fredericksburgtx.com), 888-997-3600

### Norfolk, Va.

Established nearly four centuries ago, this Virginia harbor town at the junction of the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Ocean is home to the world's largest naval installation — making it a military magnet. In recent years, Norfolk has also built a reputation for its lively culinary and military-meets -edgy art scenes.

**Indoors:** MacArthur Memorial features fascinating artifacts, news clips, photographs, medals, uniforms, strategic plans, maps and other objects related to General of the Army Douglas MacArthur and pays tribute to all who served in World War I, World War II and the Korean War. A new exhibition illuminates the 42nd Rainbow Division in the Great War. Surprises include newly uncovered artifacts related to the MacArthur-Truman controversy and moving excerpts from speeches, such as the general's 1951 address to Congress in which he advocates the abolition of war because “its very destructiveness on both friend and foe has rendered it useless as a means for settling international disputes.”

[www.macarthurmemorial.org](http://www.macarthurmemorial.org)

### Outdoors:

The Battleship Wisconsin (BB-64) dominates the waterfront as one of the largest and last battleships ever built by the U.S. Navy. Now docked in the Nauticus museum complex, the lowa-class vessel served in the Pacific Theater of World War II, shelling Japanese fortifications and screening U.S. aircraft carriers as they conducted air raids. During the Korean War, the ship shelled North Korean targets in support of United Nations and South Korean ground operations. Wisconsin's nine 16-inch/50-caliber Mark 7 guns, each 66.6 feet long, could fire 2,700-pound armor-piercing projectiles up to 24 miles.

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