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WEST BRANCH, IOWA— In honor of Veteran's Day, the National Park Service encourages U.S. military members and their dependents to visit Herbert Hoover National Historic Site, where they may apply for the free Annual Pass to national parks and other federal recreational lands. Available to US military members and their dependents in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard, as well as most members of the US Reserves and National Guard, the pass covers entrance to lands managed by the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Bureau of Reclamation. Eligible individuals wishing to acquire a pass can do so at the Herbert Hoover National Historic Site visitor center daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The pass must be obtained in person. Proper military ID is required (a CAC Card or DoD Form 1173). The Annual Pass is valid in all states and US territories; the pass expires one year from the month of issue. For more information and answers to frequently asked questions about the military pass, visit http://store.usgs.gov/pass/military.html .

For those traveling over the holiday weekend, America's 398 national parks will offer everyone free admission during the Veterans Day weekend in honor of those that serve and have served in the United States military. Admission to Herbert Hoover National Historic Site is free year-round, so on Sunday, November 11 the bookstore at the historic site's visitor center, run by nonprofit partner organization Eastern National, will honor military members and veterans with a 15 percent discount on all items.

Also on Sunday, November 11, the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum is partnering with the African American Museum of Iowa to present "Unconditional Loyalty," a program about African Americans in the armed forces. The program begins at 1:00 p.m. in the museum auditorium. Following "Unconditional Loyalty" at 2:30 p.m. will be a screening of the 20th Century Fox movie Red Tails. There will be free admission all day on Sunday, November 11 to the museum and the programs.

Herbert Hoover National Historic Site and the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum are in West Branch, Iowa at exit 254 off I-80. Both are open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time. Parking is limited so please allow extra time to find a parking space. For more information go online at www.nps.gov/heho or call (319) 643-2541 .

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