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NFL strengthens commitment to military community thru Salute to Service ... from sports page 1

League has raised more than \$66M to support nation's service members, veterans and their families.

Kingdom were welcomed and honored by the Atlanta Falcons and Jacksonville Jaguars at the first NFL London Game this season. These military families and the Soldiers', Sailors', and Airmen's Families Association (SSAFA) Armed Forces Charity came together to attend a welcome dinner at the U.S. Embassy, honored their heroes at the Ministry of Defense and laid a wreath at the Cenotaph. The families were able to attend team practices and engaged with NFL staff, players, cheerleaders and legends throughout the weekend and culminated with the families' receiving tickets to the game at Wembley Stadium and custom cleats honoring each fallen hero.

The USA Wheelchair Football League (USAWFL) is a program of Move United made possible in part by support from the NFL and BWF as a part of Salute to Service. The league brings together highly trained coaches with passionate athletes to build skills and inspire athletes to excel both on and off the field through teamwork, dedication and resilience. Since 2020, Move United has helped more than 850 athletes and coaches get off the sidelines and get in the game through learn-to-play clinics, practice and development opportunities, camps, scrimmages and tournaments that bring together the best adaptive athletes from 14 teams across the country. Throughout

the fall, wheelchair athletes from across the country compete in the USAWFL tournaments with the Kansas City team taking the tournament title.

For more than 55 years, the USO and NFL have worked together to deliver programs and events supporting those who serve in the U.S. military and their families across the globe. Ahead of the Germany game between the Colts and Patriots, the USO and NFL will host a tailgate at Ramstein Air Base which will bring together service members and their families stationed in Germany through their shared love of football. The tailgate event will include entertainment, games and activities, food trucks, giveaways and more.

Additionally, the USO is hosting the third annual Salute to Service Showdown, an EA SPORTS™ Madden NFL 24 tournament uniting U.S. active-duty, Reserve and National Guard members around the world through the fun of football and gaming for the opportunity to attend Super Bowl LVIII. The tournament kicked off in September with qualifiers participating from three regions around the world. The top eight service members will participate in the finals at the New York Giants versus Dallas Cowboys Salute to Service game on November 12. The winner of the tournament will receive tickets and travel accommodations to

Super Bowl LVIII in Las Vegas.

Continuing the advancement of USO Centers around the world, the NFL is supporting a new USO center aboard the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) which opened in October 2023. This USO center includes many of the same amenities as a land-based center, such as comfortable seating, TVs, video and board games, USO program kits and snacks.

In celebration of NFL's Salute to Service, the NFL Foundation and Dallas Cowboys have partnered to host the NFL Character Playbook & National Medal of Honor Griffin Institute Partnership Launch Event. This event was held at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas on November 7, hosting over 700 high school students in person and participation from teams across the league virtually. The event celebrates the National Medal of Honor Griffin Institute's sponsorship of three new videos integrated throughout the Character Playbook: Building Healthy Relationships course which is funded by the NFL Foundation. The videos, designed to help guide students' decision-making and choices, focus on the Medal of Honor values of courage, commitment and integrity. During the event, students will have the unique opportunity to engage with members of the Dallas Cowboys organization and a distinguished

recipient of the Medal of Honor. This event will also include a special announcement in celebration of the NFL Foundation's 50th anniversary.

Salute to Service Award Presented by USAA


The NFL and USAA are announcing the 2023 nominees for the annual NFL Salute to Service Award presented by USAA. The Salute to Service Award recognizes NFL players, coaches, staff and alumni with proven commitment to honoring and supporting military and veteran communities, as nominated by NFL clubs. Returning this year is an opportunity for fans to vote for their favorite nominee to help determine the award's three finalists.

To see all the nominees and vote, fans can visit NFL.com/Salute-FanVote from now until November 30. One vote per day, per fan is permitted. The finalists will be announced in January, and the recipient will be recognized at NFL Honors, a prime-time awards special to air nationally in February during the week of Super Bowl LVIII. For more information on how USAA honors and appreciates our military, please visit SaluteToService.com. Fans can join the NFL and USAA in honoring the military community all year long by visiting NFL.com/Salute.

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Crown Royal has a deep tradition of generosity, and as a longstanding supporter of the military community, is proud to give back to the most generous ones who selflessly serve. Programs like "Packages From Home" have supported over 1 million servicemen and women with the Purple Bag Project. This season Crown is taking the bag-packing program that provides food, hygiene and entertainment items to veterans worldwide, the ones that make game day royal through packing events with over a dozen NFL teams across the country.

Additionally, **NBC Sports Next**, the technology division of the NFL's broadcast partner NBC, will help generate funds throughout November for the NFL's Salute to Service partners for a third year through its "Round-Up" campaign. NBC Sports Next's GolfNow and TeeOff websites comprise the largest online tee time marketplace in golf and the industry's leading provider of golf course operations software and services to more than 11,000 courses worldwide. Users booking tee times on GolfNow or TeeOff in November will be provided the opportunity to round up the total cost of the reservation to an even-dollar figure, with the additional contribution going to the NFL's Salute to Service partner.



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Education is colorless!

Camp Nelson National Monument announces the 3rd Annual Luminaria and Memorial Walk and 2nd Annual #OptOutside Hike for family and all

NICHOLASVILLE, KY – The National Park Service (NPS) is excited to announce the new operating hours and the Fall Calendar at Camp Nelson National Monument. The park's Visitor Center and Museum is open 5-days a week (Wednesday-Sunday). The building will be open 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Guided tours will be offered on Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm, and when staffing allows. The grounds remain open sunrise to sunset.

Saturday, November 11th: 3rd Annual Luminaria and Memorial Walk (6:00 pm – 7:00 pm)

The NPS invites you to participate in the 3rd Annual Remembrance Memorial and Luminaria Walk to mark the anniversary of Camp Nelson's largest expulsion.

On November 23, 1864, the US Army forcibly expelled 400 African American refugees from the camp during a winter storm, resulting in the deaths of 102 people. It was the eighth and largest expulsion of refugees from the base. The November

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The special event will feature interpretive talks by NPS staff and special guests, and a guided-walk to Graveyard No. 1, where over 100 luminaries will be lit to honor the people expelled and other freedom seekers who sought refuge at Camp Nelson.

The event begins outside the park's Visitor Center. The ½ mile walk will be conducted over paved roads and a mowed grass path. Visitors are advised to wear comfortable shoes/boots and warm clothing and bring flash-

lights.

Saturday, November 25th: 2nd Annual #OptOutside Hike (11:00 am – 12:30 pm)

Looking for the perfect, post-Thanksgiving activity to enjoy with your friends and visiting relatives? Join the NPS for the 2nd Annual #OptOutside Hike at the park!

The family-friendly hike takes place at the park on Saturday, November 25th, from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm. This program, "A Bite of History", will cover Camp Nelson's Civil War food history, ranging from the "recipes" and methods that US Army soldiers used to make their meals more palatable to the facilities constructed to feed soldiers, civilians, and refugees here during the Civil War.

This moderate hike will cover 1.5 miles over grassy fields.

Meet NPS staff at the Camp Nelson Visitor Center, bring water, and wear warm clothing and sturdy shoes.

#FindYourPark

Camp Nelson National Monument, the 418th unit of the National Park Service, is located six miles south of Nicholasville, KY on Highway 27 and directly north of the Camp Nelson National Cemetery.

For more information, visit the park's website at: www.nps.gov/cane or the park's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Camp-NelsonNPS>. www.nps.gov

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Honor our Veterans on Veterans Day on Nov. 11!

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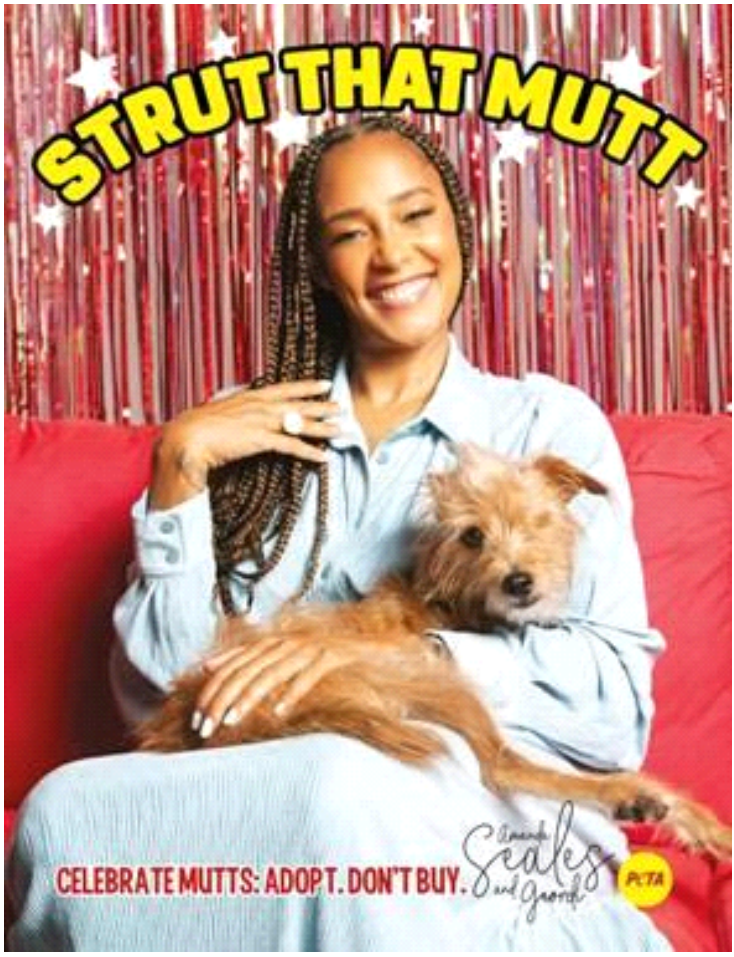
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