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Women's Memorial Observes Veterans Day

The 17th annual Women's Memorial Veterans Day ceremony will begin at 3 p.m., Nov. 11, 2014. The ceremony, one of the major observances in the nation's capital, is free and open to the public and will include formal military honors, a keynote address, veterans' remarks, and a wreath laying.

Delivering this year's keynote address is photojournalist Therese A. Hughes whose photography exhibit "*In a Heart Beat*" will open at the Women's Memorial on Nov. 7. Part of the larger project "Military Women: WWII to Present," which is projected to include 1,200 women from all ranks and service branches, Ms. Hughes has interviewed and photographed some 750 former and current servicewomen for the project. The daughter of two Navy veterans, Ms. Hughes brings a civilian's perspective to the military and a dream to better understand why her mother served and why many women continue to serve. Five servicewomen, one from each military service, will join Ms. Hughes, in paying tribute to the nation's military veterans. A special presentation of Quilts of Honor will also be part of the 17th annual Veterans Day ceremony.

For more information call 800-222-2294 or 703-533-1155. The Women's Memorial is located at the gateway to Arlington National Cemetery. To accommodate the large audience expected for The Concert For Valor to be held on the Mall later in the day, METRO has made adjustments to the METRO rail service. Blue Line trains will not be running on Nov. 11. METRO, however, will have a special Yellow shuttle train that will run continuously from National Airport to Arlington Cemetery, 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. The train will also make stops at Crystal City, Pentagon City, and the Pentagon where riders may board or exit. A free shuttle bus will run every 12 minutes from 5 a.m. until midnight to transport riders from the Rosslyn station to the Pentagon. Visit the METRO website (www.wmata.com/) for more information about Nov. 11 METRO rail service.

The Women In Military Service For America Memorial is the nation's only major memorial honoring all servicewomen, past, and present. Featuring an exhibit gallery, theatre, Register of women who have served and a gift shop, the Memorial is open to the public, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily.