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***Mid-Hudson Children's Museum Offers Free Admission  
for Military Families on Veterans Day***

**POUGHKEEPSIE, NY** – The Mid-Hudson Children's Museum is offering free admission on Veterans Day, Sunday, November 11, as well as on Monday, November 12, to all active military personnel, veterans and their families. Valid military identification is required for free admission.

"We recognize that military family life creates unique challenges for families with young children," states executive director, Lara Litchfield-Kimber. "In recognition and appreciation of the many sacrifices made by military families, we offer free admission throughout the year so that the children of military service members can spend valuable time with their families and explore all that we have to offer."

Each year, the Mid-Hudson Children's Museum participates as a "Blue Star Museum," and offers free admission to all active duty, National Guard and reserve military personnel and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The Blue Star Museum program is a partnership among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, Joining Forces, the MetLife Foundation and select museums nationwide. Outside of this program, the Mid-Hudson Children's Museum now extends a standing discount for military families with valid military identification of \$1 off each adult and child ticket on any day that the museum is open.

The Mid-Hudson Children's Museum is the ideal destination for families with young children. Recent awards include Hudson Valley Magazine's "2017 Best Museum" and "2018 Best Birthday Parties," Hudson Valley's "2018 and 2017 Favorite Kid-Friendly Museum" and "#1 in the "2018 Top 20 Places to Take Kids in the Hudson Valley" by Kids Out And About. With exhibits that focus on early literacy, art, STEM, and the local community, the museum provides an educationally rich environment through which children have the opportunity to develop foundational skills, to engage in purposeful play, and to develop interpersonal connections.

The Museum is located in the heart of the historic waterfront in Poughkeepsie, nestled between two city parks, just steps away from the Poughkeepsie Metro-North Train Station and fabulous restaurants. The Mid-Hudson Children's Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm and Sundays from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, and on select Monday holidays. Admission is \$9.00 per person. Children under 1 year are free. Visit [mhcm.org](http://mhcm.org) or call (845) 471-0589 for more information.

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