

Veterans Day Free Meals Cheat Sheet, 2026

Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2026 · check a box when you go · participating locations only; call ahead · tags: Dine-in only, bring ID, Family included, set Hours

Nov. 11
Veterans Day

CONFIRMED FOR 2026

☐ Bob Evans	Free meal, select menu	Dine-in
☐ Bonefish Grill	Free Bang Bang Shrimp + nonalcoholic drink	ID Family
☐ Chili's	Free meal, select items	Dine-in
☐ Golden Corral	Free thank-you meal, 4 p.m. to close	Dine-in Hours
☐ Hoss's Steak & Sea House	Free soup, salad and dessert bar + iced tea	Dine-in
☐ In-N-Out Burger	Free burger, fries and drink + decal	ID
☐ Marzoni's Brick Oven	One free draft beer or nonalcoholic drink	Dine-in
☐ Rubio's	Buy one entrée, get one free (code VETS26)	ID
☐ Sizzler	Free lunch + drink, open to 4 p.m.	Hours

Also on Nov. 11, 2026

- National parks: free entrance for U.S. citizens and residents
- Free Military Lifetime Pass for veterans, year-round
- Closed: federal offices, banks, post offices · Open: stock markets

Year-round store discounts

- Home Depot: 10% off, up to \$400 a year (register in the app)
- Lowe's: 10% off most full-price items (verify with ID.me)

OFFERED IN 2025: BREAKFAST AND COFFEE

☐ Denny's	Free Original Grand Slam, 5 a.m.-noon	ID Hours
☐ IHOP	Free Red, White & Blueberry Pancakes	Dine-in
☐ Cracker Barrel	Free Sunrise Pancake Special	ID
☐ Wendy's	Free breakfast combo, breakfast hours	Hours
☐ Starbucks	Free tall brewed coffee	Family
☐ Dunkin'	Free donut, in store	
☐ Krispy Kreme	Free doughnut + small coffee	

OFFERED IN 2025: LUNCH AND DINNER

☐ Applebee's	Free meal, select menu	Dine-in
☐ Olive Garden	Free entrée, special menu	Dine-in ID
☐ Red Lobster	Free Shrimp & Chips	Dine-in ID
☐ Red Robin	Free Big Tavern Burger + side	Dine-in
☐ Texas Roadhouse	Free meal voucher for a later visit	
☐ Outback Steakhouse	Free 3-course meal, Nov. 10-11	Dine-in ID
☐ Buffalo Wild Wings	10 free boneless wings + fries	Dine-in ID
☐ Chipotle	Buy one entrée, get one free, 4-8 p.m.	ID Hours
☐ Little Caesars	Free lunch combo, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.	Hours
☐ Shake Shack	Free Big Shack	ID

✂ Wallet card: bring one of these

1. Veteran ID Card (VA) or Veteran Health Identification Card
2. Military ID: Common Access Card or Uniformed Services ID
3. Driver's license or state ID with a veteran designation
4. DD-214 (a copy or a photo on your phone)

Before you go

Most offers are for the veteran only, not guests; drinks, tax and tip are usually extra; many are dine-in only and limited to Nov. 11. Wear the uniform only where the offer says it counts.

Green boxes: offers announced for 2026 (Military.com list updated Oct. 20, 2026). Gray boxes: offered in 2025; watch for each chain's 2026 announcement. National Park Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, Home Depot and Lowe's terms as published. Updates: freshcalendars.com/news/veterans-day-free-meals-discounts/