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Holiday Festivities & Patriotic Tributes Abound at the National Museum of Funeral History
Celebrating our freedoms, history, livelihood and loved ones with a variety of holiday activities

NOVEMBER OVERVIEW

WHAT: **Food = Life: Holiday Can Food Drive**
DATE: November 1 – December 31, 2016
DETAILS: \$2 OFF MUSEUM ADMISSION with a non-perishable canned food donation, benefitting the Houston Food Bank

WHAT: **Day of the Dead / Dia de los Muertos Celebration**
DATE: Saturday, November 5, 2016
TIME: 12 pm – 5 pm
DETAILS: There will be sweet treats, fun activities and a story time for kids from 3:30 - 4:30 pm with special costumed characters. Included with general museum admission.

WHAT: **Veterans Appreciation Week**
DATE: November 5 – 13, 2016
DETAILS: The museum extends its appreciation to veterans for their service by providing all veterans and active military with free admission to the museum the week of Nov. 5 – 13, 2016



DECEMBER OVERVIEW

WHAT: **Community Memorial Tree**
DATE: December 1 – 31, 2016
DETAILS: With the help of the local community, the National Museum of Funeral History will decorate a special holiday tree to recognize and honor our departed friends and family. Visitors can create a holiday ornament at the museum for the tree in memory of their deceased loved ones. Museum admission includes Community Memorial Tree activity.



Houston, Texas (September 29, 2016) – What do veterans, departed loved ones and the fight against hunger have in common? They are all being celebrated at the National Museum of Funeral History in November and December. From a can food drive and traditional *Dia de los Muertos* festivities to the remembrance of deceased ancestors and special Veterans Day offers, the National Museum of Funeral History is getting into the holiday spirit with activities to entertain and educate the families of Houston. *Please note - all events and activities are included in paid general admission to the museum unless otherwise noted.*



Food = Life: Holiday Can Food Drive
Since millions of people die each year of hunger, the National Museum of Funeral History is taking a stand and joining the fight against hunger. In the spirit of the holidays, give back to the community and give life to those in need by bringing a can food item(s) to the Museum. During November and December, visitors to the National Museum of Funeral History will receive \$2 off admission with a non-perishable can good donation, benefitting the Houston Food Bank.

Day of the Dead / Dia de los Muertos Celebration
Visit the National Museum of Funeral History on Saturday, November 5 to learn more about the Latin customs surrounding the Day of the Dead / *Dia de los Muertos* celebrations held for deceased loved ones. Explore authentic altars made by local artists, commemorate your loved one by leaving them a message in the *Book of the Dead* and bring mementos of the dearly departed to help build the museum’s community altar (*please note - contributed items should*

be picked up December 1 – 15; contributed items remaining after December 15 will be discarded). There will be sweet treats, fun activities and a story time for kids from 3:30 - 4:30 pm with special costumed characters.



Veterans Appreciation Week

In remembrance of Veterans Day, the National Museum of Funeral History is saying “thank you” to veterans by offering free general admission to veterans and active military servicemen and women the week of November 5 – 13. The Museum is a great place to pay respects to all who serve and have served by exploring the Museum’s military related exhibitions, including the *Tomb of the Unknown Soldier*, *Reflections on the Wall*, a photography exhibit on the dedication of the Vietnam War Memorial, learning about military funeral traditions and more.

Community Memorial Tree

With the help of the local community, the National Museum of Funeral History will decorate a special holiday tree to recognize and honor our departed friends and family. During December, visitors can create a holiday ornament at the Museum and include the name of a deceased loved one on it in their memory. The ornament will be displayed on the holiday tree in the Museum’s rotating exhibit space. Families are welcome to decorate and take home a special ornament for their own tree.

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About the [National Museum of Funeral History](#)

The National Museum of Funeral History houses the country's largest collection of funeral service artifacts and features renowned exhibits on one of man's oldest cultural customs. Visitors can discover the mourning rituals of ancient civilizations, see up-close the authentic items used in the funerals of U.S. Presidents and Popes and explore the rich heritage of the industry which cares for the dead. The museum is located at 415 Barren Springs Dr., Houston, TX 77090 and is open Monday – Friday from 10 am – 4 pm, Saturday from 10 am – 5 pm and Sunday from 12 pm – 5 pm. Admission is \$10 for adults and children age 12 and older, \$9 for seniors and veterans; \$7 for children 6 – 11 years old; and free for children age 5 and younger. For more information, visit www.nmfh.org, like us on [Facebook](#) or call 281.876.3063.