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**U.S. military veterans, active-duty service members can ride public transit
for free on Veterans Day in Ventura County**

CAMARILLO, Calif. – In honor of Veterans Day, Ventura County’s public transit operators will provide free rides to U.S. military veterans and active-duty service members on Friday, Nov. 11.

Operators will provide free bus rides on fixed routes during regular service hours.

Participating operators are Camarillo Area Transit, Gold Coast Transit District, Moorpark City Transit, Ojai Trolley, Simi Valley Transit, Thousand Oaks Transit, Valley Express, and Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) Intercity.

Camarillo Area Transit, East County Transit Alliance (ECTA), Moorpark City Transit and Valley Express will provide free on-demand dial-a-ride services to veterans and active-duty service members on Veterans Day.

VCTC started the Veterans Ride Free program in 2016. This is the first year that free fares have been offered to active-duty service members.

“This program is our way of saying ‘thank you’ to all members of the U.S. military,” said VCTC Executive Director Martin Erickson. “We are grateful to veterans for their past service and to those who are bravely serving our country now.”

Eligible riders can simply show their valid identification to the bus driver upon boarding any participating fixed-route service. Valid forms of identification include U.S. military ID, Common Access Card (CAC), Veterans Affairs (VA) card, veteran designation on a California driver’s license, DD214, and Retired Military ID. Riders without proper ID are asked to share their branch, dates and location of service with the bus driver.

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