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**VCTC, local transit operators to honor U.S. military veterans, active-duty service members with free bus rides Nov. 10**

CAMARILLO, Calif. – The Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) joins other local transit operators in honoring U.S. military veterans and active-duty service members with free bus rides on Friday, Nov. 10, in observance of Veterans Day.

Operators will provide free rides on fixed routes during normal 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 Nov. 10.

Eligible riders can 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.

VCTC started the Veterans Ride Free program in 2016.

"This is our way of saying thank you to the brave men and women of Ventura County who have served our country in the past and are serving now," said VCTC Executive Director Martin Erickson. "We are honored to welcome them aboard our buses."

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