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DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY HONORS VETERANS THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER

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DETROIT – In honor of the sacrifices made by our Veterans in conflicts of the past and present, the Detroit Historical Society is giving all U.S. Military Veterans and active-duty personnel free admission to the Detroit Historical Museum, valid any operating day in November.

The Museum is currently featuring two World War II-themed exhibits. Rallying the Home Front showcases a portion of the Museum's collection of World War II posters. This rotating collection of patriotic art is a wonderful example of how advertising was used to unite citizens and inspire involvement.

Additionally, the Museum is currently displaying the traveling Tuskegee Airmen "Signature Collection" exhibit now through Sunday, November 25th. This exhibit features a collection of personally autographed photographs and books detailing the history of the 99th Fighter Squadron, the first all-black fighting squadron in the United States military. In the time of "separate but equal," these men were trained at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, and therefore dubbed "The Tuskegee Airmen." Despite mistreatment, they went on to earn numerous medals and respect. In 1948, President Harry Truman enacted Executive Order Number 9981, which mandated equality in treatment and opportunity for all United States Armed Forces. This act, along with other events that broke the color barrier in other aspects of society, led to the ending of segregation throughout the nation.

The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby) in Detroit's Cultural Center area, is open to the public Wednesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from Noon to 5 p.m. On Mondays and Tuesdays, the Museum is not open to the public but available for group tours by calling (313) 833-7979. Adult admission is \$6. Seniors (60+), college students with valid college ID, and youth ages 5-18 pay \$4. Admission for children ages four and under is free. Parking in the Museum's lot is \$3 at all times. Permanent exhibits include the famous Streets of Old Detroit, Frontiers to Factories, The Motor

City, and The Glancy Trains. For more information, call the Museum at (313) 833-1805 or check out our website at www.detroithistorical.org.