



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
GOVERNOR PAT McCrORY



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Governor McCrory Honors Veterans



On Tuesday, November 5, Governor Pat McCrory proclaimed the month of November as Veterans and Military Family Appreciation Month and November 11 as Veterans Day in North Carolina in a public proclamation signing in the Old State Capitol. The proclamations kicked off a week of events honoring veterans and saluting North Carolina's military community.

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On Wednesday, November 6, Governor McCrory joined Department of Public Safety Secretary Frank Perry in Lillington at the grand opening of North Carolina's first veterans drug treatment court.



The first of its kind in North Carolina, the veterans treatment court will help those that have served our nation and honor their service. Through a collaborative effort among the local court, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, community veterans' organizations, and other various community partners, veterans treatment courts aim to reduce recidivism among veteran defendants by providing them with the opportunity to regain stability and lead productive lives.

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Governor McCrory began Thursday, November 7 in Dunn at a World War II veteran send-off ceremony for veterans traveling to Washington, D.C. to tour the World War II Memorial.



Irvin Warren, a local business owner and now recipient of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine by Governor McCrory, funded the all-expense-paid trip for veterans and their guests to travel to Washington from Dunn to visit the WWII Memorial. This was his fifth year funding the trip.

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Later on Thursday, Governor McCrory proclaimed November 10-16 as Employ a Veteran Week in North Carolina to raise awareness about hiring veterans through PSAs, job fairs and other employment programs specifically geared toward veterans.

"Veterans bring skills, experience and a strong work ethic to the available labor pool in North Carolina," said Governor McCrory. "We're committed to helping connect these men and

women who have served our country with companies in North Carolina who want a skilled, dependable workforce.”



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On Friday, November 8, Governor McCrory honored veterans at a U.S. Airways Freedom Breakfast in Charlotte. The governor joined veterans, military personnel and JROTC members at the event hosted by the organization that promotes patriotism and honors veterans.



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The governor participated in the Veterans Day Parade in Fayetteville on Saturday, November 9. Governor McCrory rode with Corporal Rudy Hernandez, Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, Korean War veteran and the parade grand marshal.



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The week's veteran-centered events concluded on Veterans Day with a moment of silence at 11:00 a.m. on November 11 to honor all veterans and their service to our country.



"Nothing is more noble than sacrifice," Governor McCrory said. "The sacrifice put forth by veterans, active military men and women and military families cannot be overstated. Our nation was built by - and continues to be strengthened by - our service members. It is a point of pride that so many of them hail from North Carolina."

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Governor McCrory Convenes Teacher Advisory Committee, Talks Long Term Solutions to Improve Education and Support Teachers

Governor Pat McCrory convened the first meeting of his Teacher Advisory Committee on Tuesday November 5.

Governor McCrory charged the 24-member committee of K-12 teachers with tackling substantive issues such as teacher pay, retention, teacher performance measures, testing and technology in the classroom.



“You are not here for show,” Governor McCrory told the panel. “Your input is critical to moving education forward because you are on the frontline every day. Only you can provide classroom-based experience about what works with students and what doesn’t.”

Governor McCrory re-established the Teacher Advisory Committee in September 2013 and said the committee’s work will be shared with his education advisors, the Education Cabinet, the State Board of Education and the Department of Public Instruction.

[Read more about the committee](#)

[Read more about the members of the committee](#)

AW North Carolina Expanding Existing Facility, Building New Facility to Create 141 Jobs



Governor Pat McCrory and North Carolina Commerce Secretary Sharon Decker announced on Monday, November 11 that AW North Carolina, a manufacturer of automatic transmissions and transmission components, will expand production. It is creating 56 new jobs at its manufacturing facility in Durham County and also purchasing a manufacturing facility in Granville County that will create 85 new jobs.

Combined, the two projects represent a new investment of \$135 million and 141 new jobs in North Carolina.

“North Carolina is a great fit for advanced manufacturers like AW North Carolina, especially companies in the automotive parts industry,” said Governor McCrory. “Our state offers these companies a strong business climate, access to skilled workers and customized training programs.”

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Teleflex Creating 75 Jobs in Morrisville

On Thursday, November 7, Governor Pat McCrory and North Carolina Commerce Secretary Sharon Decker announced that a subsidiary of Teleflex Incorporated will be relocating its existing operations to Morrisville, North Carolina.



The global provider of medical technology products company plans to create 75 new jobs at the facility over the next three years.

Construction of the new facility and Teleflex's lease commitment are expected to generate investment of more than \$20 million over the next several years.

"Companies like Teleflex know that they have a strategic partner in North Carolina," said Governor McCrory. "This development is welcome news to the talented, hardworking and educated workforce in the region, and we are proud to continue our partnership with this great company."

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Touring Klaussner Home Furnishings



On Monday, November 4, Governor Pat McCrory met with employees and toured Klaussner Home Furnishings in Asheboro. Klaussner has showrooms in High Point and Las Vegas.

"It's manufacturing companies like Klaussner that hold the key to strengthening our economy," said Governor McCrory.

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Military Economic Impact Study

The military supports 540,000 jobs in North Carolina, including 340,000 in the private sector, according to a new report released on Wednesday, November 5, by the N.C. Department of Commerce. The report also found the military boosts the state's personal income by more than \$30 billion.

The study, released by the Labor & Economic Analysis Division, concludes the military accounts for nearly 10 percent of all economic activity in North Carolina.



“This report confirms the importance of supporting our bases and the North Carolina businesses that benefit from our significant military footprint,” said Governor Pat McCrory. “We’re committed to strengthening our partnership with the military and defense sectors because they create additional jobs for our state.”

North Carolina has the third-largest military population in the United States. Nearly 110,000 active duty military personnel are assigned to units in North Carolina. However, more than 60,000 individuals are projected to leave the military over the next five years.

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Dog Adoption and Humane Awards

The Governor and First Lady Ann McCrory are hosting a Dog Adoption and Humane Awards event at the Executive Residence on Saturday, November 16, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Please join them and email a list of attendees' names to: eventRSVP@nc.gov by Thursday, November 14.

The Wake County SPCA, Humane Society of Charlotte and Guilford County Shelter will provide as many as 30 dogs for adoption. Kids are welcome to sit down for storytelling or face painting.

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Celebrating the inspiration, example and 95th birthday of the Rev. Dr. Billy Graham

On Thursday, November 7, Governor Pat McCrory joined hundreds from around the world at a birthday celebration for the Rev. Dr. Billy Graham. Dr. Graham celebrated his 95th birthday at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville.

Governor McCrory wished Dr. Graham a happy and blessed birthday on behalf of North Carolinians. While Dr. Graham has gained worldwide acclaim preaching the Gospel, his ministry has never been about him. It's always been about the personal redemption offered by God through Jesus Christ. Governor McCrory was humbled by the opportunity to help celebrate Rev. Graham's inspiration, example and life.



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