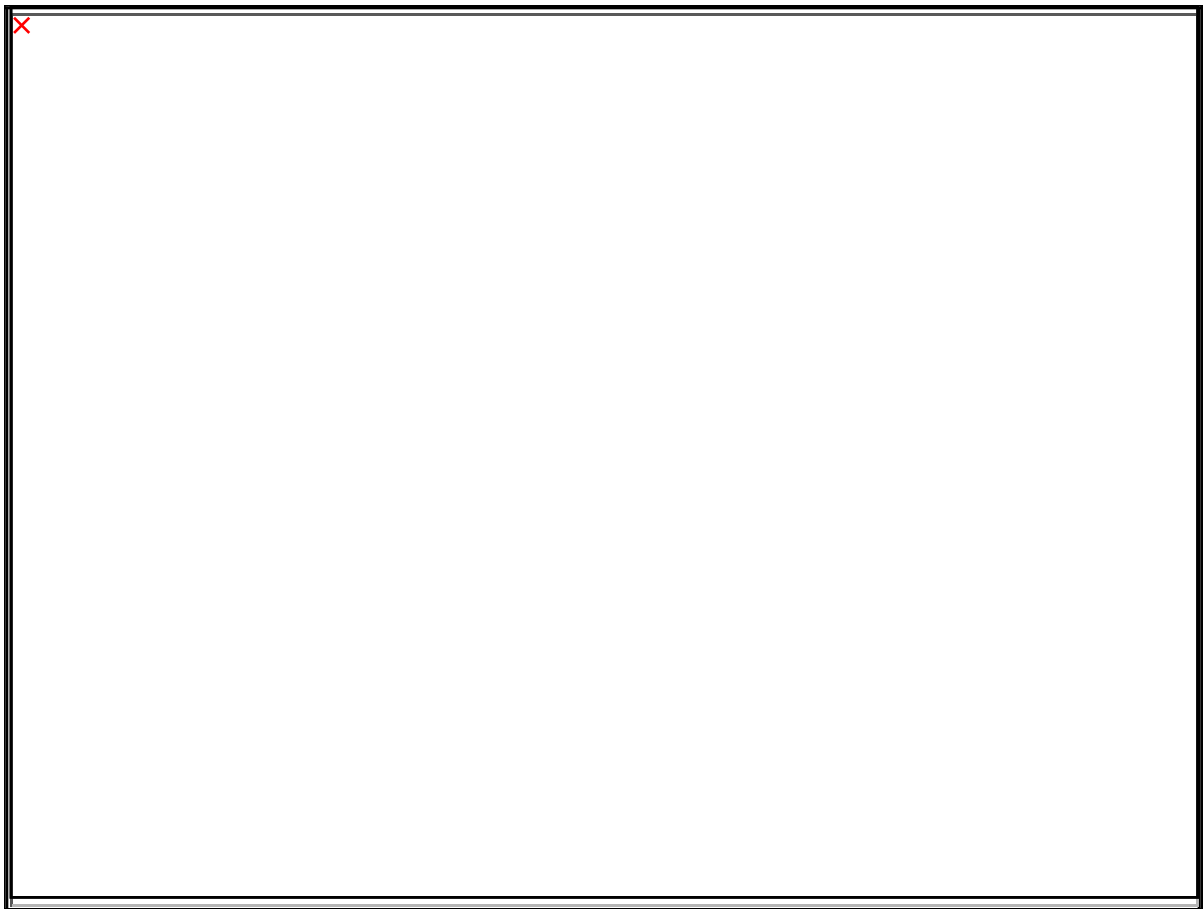


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-- Subway: Select Subway locations offer a free six-inch sub to military veterans on Veteran's Day. However, Subway restaurants are franchises, so this offer may not be available everywhere. Please call ahead.

-- Texas Corral: A free entrée is available to all active -duty members and veterans with ID (dine-in only). Note: All Texas Corral locations also regularly offer a 50 percent discount to active-duty police officers, firemen and military personnel dining in.

-- Texas Roadhouse: Free lunch offered, but hours vary by location. Officials recommend calling ahead for more information.

-- T.G.I. Friday's: Free Lunch offered for all U.S. military and veterans. Uniforms should be worn, if permitted by the service, or military ID (old or current) can be shown.

-- The AARP: From Oct. 30 to Nov. 13, anyone can join the American Association of Retired Persons with 20 percent off membership dues, and when a new membership is purchased, AARP will use a portion of the dues to help provide RealPad computer tablets to veterans to help them stay connected. AARP also offers 20 percent off year-round memberships solely for men and women of the military who are 50-plus years of age, including veterans, active-duty, retirees, National Guard, Army Reserve, and military spouses.

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