



## Military Appreciation Day at Purdue Fort Wayne Ushers in New Chapter of Support, Success

Military Appreciation Day at Purdue University Fort Wayne will be observed Thursday on the Science Mall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This annual event highlights PFW's gratitude to those who have served.

The day's schedule is full of opportunities for students, employees, and visitors to take part in hands-on experiences led by campus veterans. The activities, which are open to the general public, include trying on equipment, physical training, and learning more about military service. There is no charge to attend.

The **Center for Veteran and Military** [Student Success](#) at PFW, formerly known as Military

Student Services, is hosting the event. On a daily basis, it is primarily responsible for helping more than 200 students with military backgrounds and their family members access and utilize their Veterans Administration benefits. With the new name, the center's staff hopes to expand their scope and clarify what they do.

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## Panel Discussion Added to Annual Constitution Day Activities on Wednesday

PFW's annual tribute to Constitution Day will be held Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Classic Ballroom at Walb Student Union. This year's event commemorates the 238th anniversary of the original document's signing

The presentations will include a rendition of the national anthem, trivia games, various university and community resource tables, and a patriotic costume contest. The reading of the constitution will include a reenactor from the Old Fort pitching in, along with various members of the campus community.

A panel discussion by the Department of Political Science on the constitution and the



contemporary presidency will start at 3 p.m. in the IDEASpace at Helmke Library. The discussion is being hosted in partnership with the **Allen County America 250 Committee** and **Indiana's state commission** on celebrating July 4, 2026.



## Mastodon Market Returns Thursday with Healthy Food Options

A tasty fall tradition on the campus of Purdue University Fort Wayne returns Thursday. It's the Mastodon Market located under the skybridge between Helmke Library and Walb Student Union.

The market is where students, staff, and community members might find vegetables, fruits, plants, information, and live music from the DeeBees. The goal is to provide easy access to fresh produce and related products for students and employees. This is especially needed because the campus is located in the middle of what's considered a food desert, which is an area with limited access to affordable and nutritious food.

This year's market will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for four consecutive Thursdays. Traditionally, the market is finished by the end of September, but a goal this year is to also coordinate some events to highlight Mental Health Awareness Month in October.

The market is sponsored by the Division of Campus and Community Wellbeing. For more information, email Eric Manor, associate chief of the campus and community wellbeing, at [manore@pfw.edu](mailto:manore@pfw.edu).

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Purdue Fort Wayne Chancellor Ron Elsenbaumer introduces members of his leadership team and other key stakeholders during Monday's presentation on the state of the university. The six participants shared updates on campus resources and future plans. The address took place at Auer Performance Hall. It was followed by a reception.

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