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## Community invited to Valhalla Fall Ball, November 16

*Volunteers plan formal, fun event to benefit local veterans*

**(SCRANTON, PA)** — Civilians will have a unique opportunity to experience military culture and traditions typically reserved for service members at a new, formal event in November — the inaugural Valhalla Fall Ball.

The event will be held on Saturday, November 16, from 6 to 11 p.m., at Genetti Manor, 1505 Main Avenue, Dickson City. Guests will celebrate the ancient traditions of Military Dining-In, a formal military ceremony designed to foster camaraderie among members of a company or unit.

Featuring dining, dancing and more, Warriors and civilians alike will revel in the most formal, yet fun, events the military has to offer. There will be opportunities to make toasts, drink Grog, and experience military humor with the appearance of Mr. Vice, who will be present to ensure good conduct is observed throughout the evening. Active service members, veterans, police, firefighters and EMS are encouraged to wear their uniforms or medals, as prescribed by each service. The attire is black-tie for civilians.

Tickets are \$75, general admission; \$35, Warrior admission; and free to sponsored veterans and active service members. Proceeds benefit Valhalla Veterans' Services, a non-profit organization in Scranton that provides mental health counseling, suicide intervention, and support services to Warriors in northeastern Pennsylvania.

For tickets, sponsorship opportunities, and more information, visit [www.valhallaveterans.com](http://www.valhallaveterans.com), email [valhallaveterans@gmail.com](mailto:valhallaveterans@gmail.com), or call 1.833.467.3838.

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### **About Valhalla Veterans' Services**

Valhalla Veterans' Services is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization serving Warriors in northeastern Pennsylvania. In support of its mission to stop suicide in the Warrior community, Valhalla provides mental health counseling, suicide intervention, and support services. For more information, visit [www.valhallaveterans.com](http://www.valhallaveterans.com).

### **What is a Military Ball?**

The traditions of the military ball can be traced back to the Roman Empire, the Vikings, and into Medieval times. The American tradition dates back to 1776 when General George Washington instituted these formal occasions for the Continental Army. Today, all services of the military practice elaborate versions of military balls, often referred to as "Dining-in," "Dining-out" or a "Ceremonial Mess." Each service observes its own customs and ceremonies, teaching Junior members the traditions and codes of honor for their branch. Valhalla Veterans' Services practices this time-honored celebration to create a welcoming place where Warriors can engage with each other, and with those outside the Warrior community, in a positive and fun way.

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