



'Thank you' to our veterans

Veterans Day is a time for us to pay our respects to those who have served. For one day, we stand united in respect for the nation's veterans. We celebrate and honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

This holiday started as a day to reflect upon the heroism of those who died in the country's service and was originally called Armistice Day. It fell Nov. 11, because it is the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I, formally recognized on the "11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month" in 1918.

However, in 1954, the holiday was changed to "Veterans Day" in order to account for all veterans in all wars.

We continue to celebrate the day as Veterans Day, still recognizing the original tie with Nov. 11. That means Veterans Day is on the same day every year, Nov. 11. This is regardless of which day of the week it falls. When the date falls on a Saturday or Sunday, government officials or businesses may recognize it on both the official day and the following Monday.

Veterans Day is a federal holiday.

There are various ways to celebrate veterans Nov. 11 and every day.

It seems like we all know someone who has served and Veterans Day is a great time to ask them about their service. If you know a veteran, you can also simply write a postcard or e-card that recognizes them. If you don't know a veteran, look up the closest military installation and send one there. Small acts of recognizing someone's service, even anonymously, are appreciated.

Roy Rogers said, "We can't all be heroes; someone has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by." Veterans Day is a great opportunity to do just that."



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