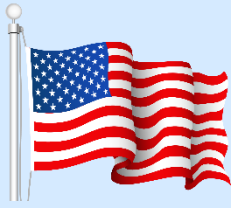


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Thank you Veterans

Veterans hold a special place in our hearts because they place their lives at risk to protect our liberty. Thank you is hardly enough for what our military veterans have sacrificed for our freedoms.

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, World War I hostilities ended. On November 11, 1919, the first anniversary, President Wilson declared November 11 as “Armistice Day.”

The United States Congress adopted a resolution in 1926 requesting President Coolidge issue an annual proclamation calling for the observance of November 11 with appropriate ceremonies. In 1938, the day was made a legal holiday by Congress.

In 1954, President Eisenhower changed the name to “Veterans Day” to honor all military personnel who served the United States in all wars, particularly living veterans.

Great Britain, France, Australia, and Canada also commemorate the veterans of World War I and World War II on November 11.

Of the 16 million Americans who served during World War II, about 558,000 still live.



Jose Narosky



Much has changed in the 99 years since we first observed Armistice Day. Now we honor not just servicemen—but servicewomen. We no longer fight with cannons—but with drones and missiles. The “*war to end all wars*” did not end war at all. However, the purpose of the day remains the same as it did in 1919—to say “thank you” to our veterans.



Left: American soldiers raise the US Flag on the island of Iwo Jima during World War II.

Left: Soldiers of the 353rd Infantry near a church at Stenay, Meuse in France, wait for the end of hostilities. Photo taken at 10:58 am on November 11, 1918 two minutes before the armistice ending WW I.



Above: An American female medic from the 82nd Airborne Division’s 1st Brigade Combat Team serving in today’s Army.