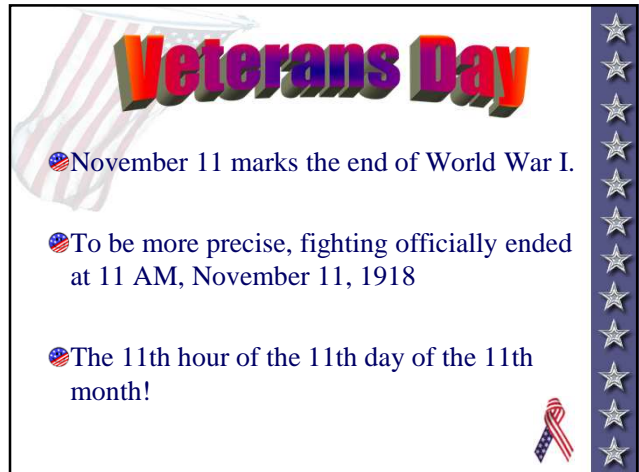




Veterans Day


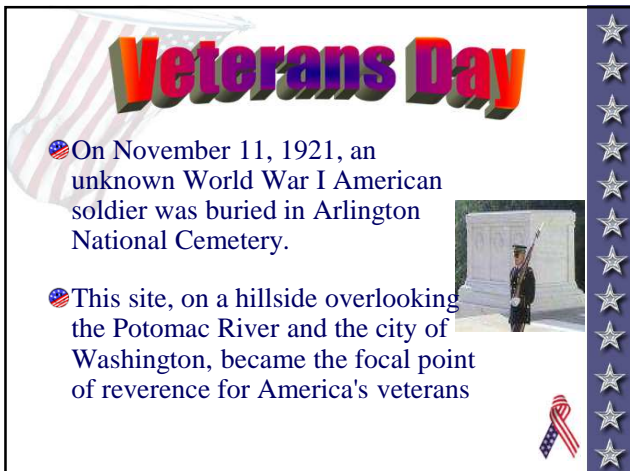


November 11, 2011



Veterans Day

- November 11 marks the end of World War I.
- To be more precise, fighting officially ended at 11 AM, November 11, 1918
- The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month!

Veterans Day

- On November 11, 1921, an unknown World War I American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.
- This site, on a hillside overlooking the Potomac River and the city of Washington, became the focal point of reverence for America's veterans


Veterans Day



Marines



Navy



Veterans Day

- 🇺🇸 **Veterans Day** was originally called Armistice Day.
- 🇺🇸 It was originally meant to honor **World War I veterans**.
- 🇺🇸 **Armistice Day** officially received its name in America in 1926 through a Congressional resolution and became a national holiday 12 years later.



Veterans Day

- 🇺🇸 **Armistice** – *noun* - a state of peace agreed to between opponents so they can discuss peace terms
- 🇺🇸 **Veterans Day** is to appreciate all who have served their country especially those who are still living.
- 🇺🇸 **Memorial Day** honors the American Military who have died in their service for the country.



Veterans Day



National Guard



Coast Guard



Veterans Day

- 🇺🇸 Realizing that peace was equally preserved by veterans of WW II and Korea, Congress decided to honor those who have served America in all wars.
- 🇺🇸 In 1954, President Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day.



Veterans Day

There are actually more than 19 million war veterans in the United States, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

This includes veterans from World Wars I and II, as well as the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan.



Veterans Day

The **Poppy** was adopted as the symbol of remembrance because it was so widespread on the sites of the battlefields of Europe after the First World War



Veterans Day

In Flanders Field

In Flanders Field the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Field.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from falling hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Lt. Col. John McCrae, M.D.
Canadian Army
Dec 8, 1915



Veterans Day

Flanders Field



- is a United States military cemetery near Waregem, Belgium.
- Buried in this cemetery are the bodies of 368 members of the armed forces who died in World War I (1914-1918).
- Canadian poet John McCrae wrote the famous poem, "In Flanders Fields"



Veterans Day



Air Force



Army



Veterans Day

- The best way to honor veterans is to fly the **American flag**. The flag is flown to show respect for American veterans, and is a symbol of their service to the country.
- Some people celebrate the holiday by attending ceremonial flag raisings and reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance**.



The Pledge of Allegiance

I Pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Red Skelton on TV Show January, 1969



Star Spangled Banner

Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave?

Francis Scott Key



Veterans Day

We want to thank all Americans who have served in the Military, whether in war or peace.

 Army

 Marines

 Navy

 Coast Guard

 Air Force

 National Guard

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