

# What Is Veterans Day?

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Veterans Day is November 11<sup>th</sup>. We have been celebrating Veterans Day for 80 years. Veterans Day was once known as Armistice Day and was the first anniversary of World War 1. There are many ways to celebrate Veterans Day. Some of them are expressing thanks, do a project at school, and show service by helping out.

Veterans are people who have served or are serving in the armed forces. Veterans can serve in the Marines, Army, Navy, Air Force, or Coast Guard. Marines are usually first to battle. The Army is a big group of ground troops. The Navy is group of boats that fight in water. The Air Force is a fleet of planes and helicopters. The Coast Guard protects the waters around the USA.

Veterans Day has many types of celebrations. Many cities around the country have parades, while others have festivals and ceremonies. These events are important, because veterans are special people and served our country. While serving their country, veterans made a big sacrifice to leave their families and friends. Veterans have gone to war to protect our freedom and people that are not being treated fairly in their country. After veterans have finished their service in the armed forces they can look for a job as a civilian. Some of these jobs can be teachers, police officers, veterinarians, doctors, and paramedics. Their military skills helped them prepare for their new jobs.

Veterans have done a lot for their country. You should always respect veterans. Here's why, veterans did a lot for their country, including going to war, making personal sacrifices, and taking care of others. Most veterans do not look for attention. They are normal people who can be neighbors and friends. Veterans are different because they chose to serve their country and defend our freedom. For this we honor veterans on November 11<sup>th</sup> as a way to be grateful to them and say thank you.