

Name _____

Date _____



Veterans Day

Today we're going to talk about Veterans Day...in just a minute.

Every year on November 11th, Americans celebrate Veterans Day. A veteran is a person who has served in the Armed Forces. That includes the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, and Coast Guard. Veterans Day honors anyone who has been in the US military, during both war and peace. This makes it different from Memorial Day, when we honor soldiers who have died in wars.

Veterans Day was first called Armistice Day. An armistice is an agreement to stop fighting. President Woodrow Wilson created the holiday to celebrate the end of World War I and to thank the veterans who died in that war. The peace started at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, which is why it is celebrated on November 11th.

In 1954, the holiday's name was changed to Veterans Day to include the lives lost in World War II and to celebrate anyone who has ever fought to protect the United States.

Today, we celebrate Veterans Day with parades, visiting veterans' graves to leave flowers, and having a moment of silence for soldiers who died in combat.

Do you know anyone who has served in the military?