

# What is Veterans Day?

Veterans Day is a holiday celebrated every year on November 11 in the U.S. It honors those men and women who have served in the armed forces and those that have died during wartime. This day was originally known as Armistice Day to commemorate the ending of World War I on November 11, 1918. It was observed by the United States, Great Britain, and France.

After World War II, it was recognized as a day in tribute to the people who served in all of the wars. It is celebrated as Remembrance Day in Canada and as Remembrance Sunday in Great Britain, where it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest November 11.

Veterans Day became an official holiday in the United States in 1954, after the Korean War. It is usually celebrated nationwide with parades and memorial services. There are special services held at Arlington National Cemetery, which is the burial grounds for men and women in the armed forces. There is also a special memorial in Washington, D.C. (pictured above) which specifically honors the people who gave their lives in the Vietnam War. There are more than 58,000 names on the list. Veterans Day is an important holiday in the United States since the people who served their country put their lives at risk everyday for the safety of the nation.

