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***Veterans Day, observed annually on November 11, is a tribute to  
Military veterans who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces***

## ***History of Veterans Day***

Veterans Day, which was originally celebrated as Armistice Day, was first issued on November 11, 1919 by President Woodrow Wilson a year after the end of World War I. Armistice Day was established to honor the fallen soldiers of The Great War for their sacrifice and bravery. Then in 1926, Congress adopted a resolution requesting President Coolidge issue an annual proclamation on November 11, setting up Armistice Day as a legal holiday.

In 1945, World War II Veteran Raymond Weeks recommended to make Armistice Day a day to celebrate all veterans not just those who lost their lives in World War 1.