



AMERICANISM

PATRIOTISM:

VOTE TO SUPPORT VETERANS

Election Day November 6, 2018

Voter information for your use: elections@sos.ca.gov or 800-345-8683

IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER:

November 4, 2018 – Daylight savings time ends Clock back 1 hour

November 8, 2018 – National Parent Teacher Day

November 10, 2018 – MARINE CORP BIRTHDAY

November 11, 2018 – VETERANS DAY

November 11, 2018 -- Armistice Remembrance Day

November 19, 2018– Gettysburg Address Day

November 21, 2018 – Military Family Appreciation Day

November 23, 2018 – What do you love about America Day

November 24, 2018 -- THANKSGIVING

November 25, 2018 – Native American Day

Warrior Care Month

NOVEMBER IS MILITARY FAMILY APPRECIATION MONTH



Military Family Appreciation Month is a time set aside to recognize you, the military family.

Military families know what it means to serve. Every day, you get up and support your service member, standing by during long trainings and deployments. You know the risks, but you accept this life of service anyway. You know service is an honor. You are the backbone of our military. You are the quiet, but steady fuel at home that keeps the fire burning. You keep track of military pay, benefits and news, because you know they make a daily difference in your life. And when your time as an actively serving family comes to an end, you support your veteran. Serving is just what you do. Traditionally, the president signs a proclamation recognizing that service and declaring November as Military Family Month. Over the month, families just like yours are honored and recognized for their commitment and contributions in support of our military and nation.



NOVEMBER 11, 2018 Veterans Day gives Americans the opportunity to celebrate the bravery and sacrifice of all U.S. veterans.

Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor the end of World War I, which officially took place on November 11, 1918. At the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, fighting between the Allied Forces and Germany stopped, putting an end to the bloodshed of World War I per the terms of an armistice agreement signed in France that same day. In legislation that was passed in 1938, November 11 was "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day.'" As such, this new legal holiday honored World War I veterans.

In 1954, after having been through both World War II and the Korean War, the 83rd U.S. Congress -- at the urging of the veteran service organizations -- amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, Nov. 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Ways You Can Celebrate Veterans

- 1. Organize a care-package packing party.** If you don't know someone currently stationed overseas, contact a nearby base or an organization like Blue Star Moms to identify troops in need. But, first, become familiar with what deployed troops really want in their care packages.
- 2. Visit a veterans' hospital.** If you don't have a local VA office, contact an assisted living or nursing home facility nearby. Chatting with elderly or injured veterans is a great way to brighten their day, plus you're likely to hear some highly fascinating stories about their time in the service. Take flowers or an activity they could do in bed.
- 3. Get creative.** For young children, a fun project is a great way to start teaching about the holiday and its importance.
www.adoptaussoldier.org/ www.operationgratitude.com/writeletters/
soldiersangels.org/ www.operationwearehere.com/
- 4. Encourage your child's teacher to develop a Veterans Day lesson plan.** A timeline or short writing project is a great way for students to learn about the holiday's history. Consider organizing a creative writing contest with the theme of Veterans Day. Talk with the school and understand their requirements. You may find willing volunteer judges among student organizations, local veteran organizations, active duty, reservists, teachers, or professors at a local university.
- 5. Wear a red poppy** to show support for veteran and active duty service members.
- 6. Celebrate with service.** Show service members your gratitude throughout the year with a home-cooked meal, thank you note or day of volunteering.
- 7. Support veteran-owned businesses.** It's not always easy to identify which businesses are founded or operated by veterans. Contact your local chamber of commerce to see if they have any resources and check out this post to help you find veteran-owned businesses near you.
- 8. Express thanks.** Whenever you see someone in uniform, extend a simple word of gratitude or small act of kindness to show how much their service means to you.



AUXILIARY TRADITIONS AND RITUAL:

As a Patriotic Instructor, it is our responsibility to promote, teach and foster Patriotism. All members should make themselves familiar with Flag etiquette and review Auxiliary Traditions. The Patriotic Instructor provides instruction on how to promote patriotism among members and the community. Patriotic Instructors should ensure that the auxiliary room, during meetings, is keeping in line with the Ritual. Auxiliaries should participate in all Patriotic Holidays and ceremonies. Auxiliaries should be participating in schools, teaching our youth about patriotism and how to promote it. The Patriotic Instructor will teach auxiliary members proper auxiliary protocol, auxiliary traditions and flag etiquette, as well as Patriotic Holidays to observe. Patriotic Instructors ensure all are knowledgeable about Americanism and promotion of Patriotism.



CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!

FLAGS ACROSS AMERICA: To date we have **2,205 Flags Across America** right here in **California!** Let's continue to reach out to our cities, neighbors, towns and businesses to fill our state with Patriotic Pride! **Great job!**

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS:

Start a disaster or earthquake kit for your home. You can find the information through FEMA at www.fema.gov. They provide a checklist for your use. I have provided some ideas below:



Portable Emergency Supply Kit

- Food (at least a three-day supply of **non-perishable** food)
- **Battery**-powered radio.
- **Flashlight**.
- Extra **batteries**.
- **First Aid Kit**.
- Whistle to signal for help.
- Dust mask or cotton t-shirt, to help filter the air.
- Moist towelettes for **sanitation**.



The United States Marine Corps Birthday is celebrated every year on **10 November** with a traditional ball and cake-cutting ceremony. On that day in 1775, the Continental Marines were established. Let's give a shout out to all our great Marines. Happy 243rd Birthday!

Please keep reporting all you do for our Veterans, Youth and Military. Keep those reports coming in so we can show everyone we are California Loud and Proud!!!! I am always here to help

Have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving.



"360 Degrees for Our Veterans and Their Families"

BELIEVE – We Can Do It!

One Team, One Organization

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