



VETERANS DAY

we honor all who served

Why is it on November 11th?



Veterans Day was originally called Armistice Day. It celebrated the end of World War I which ended on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of November in 1918.

When was it changed?

**In 1954,
President Dwight D. Eisenhower
officially changed the name of
the holiday from Armistice Day
to Veterans Day.**



It was changed again!

In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed by Congress, which moved the celebration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October.

That decision was reversed in 1978 when it became obvious that Americans wanted the holiday to be celebrated on November 11th.

How many wars?

Although U.S. troops have gone to war many times since 1776,
Congress has only declared war 11 times.

- Declaration of war with Great Britain (passed June 17, 1812) [War of 1812]
- Declaration of war with Mexico (passed May 12, 1846) [Mexican-American War]
- Declaration of war with Spain (passed April 25, 1898) [Spanish-American War]
- Declaration of war with Germany (passed April 6, 1917) [World War I]
- Declaration of war with Austria-Hungary (passed Dec. 7, 1917) [World War I]
- Declaration of war with Japan (passed Dec. 8, 1941) [World War II]
- Declaration of war with Germany (passed Dec. 11, 1941) [World War II]
- Declaration of war with Italy (passed Dec. 11, 1941) [World War II]
- Declaration of war with Bulgaria (passed June 4, 1942) [World War II]
- Declaration of war with Hungary (passed June 4, 1942) [World War II]
- Declaration of war with Romania (passed June 4, 1942) [World War II]

**Since World War II,
the United States has fought
five major wars — Korea,
Vietnam, the Gulf War, Iraq,
Afghanistan — and only the
Gulf War in 1991 can really
be classified as a clear
success.**





THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AMERICANS KILLED
IN ALL U.S. WARS IS MORE THAN 1.1 MILLION

★ War Time U.S. Military Deaths ★

Revolutionary War	4,435
War of 1812	2,260
Indian Wars	1,000
Mexican War	13,283
Civil War	498,332
Spanish-American War	2,446
World War I	116,516
World War II	405,399
Korean War	54,246
Vietnam War	90,220
Persian Gulf War	1,565
Global War on Terror	6,852



Why the poppy?

It is worn to remember those who died in trenches of Western Europe during World War I.

Today it is the official emblem for both Armistice and Veterans Day.



In Flanders fields
the poppies blow.
Between the crosses,
row on row,
That mark our place;
and in the sky.
The larks,
still bravely singing, fly.
Scarce heard amid the guns
below.

Coming Home!



The background of the image is a stylized American flag with red and white stripes and a blue field with white stars. The text is overlaid on this background.

Thank You

*for serving our country &
protecting our freedoms!*