

This week in history: Veteran's Day

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Why is Veteran's Day on November 11th? This may not be a question you have ever asked yourself, but the answer is an interesting one all the same.

At the end of World War I, known then as The Great War, an armistice was signed between the Allies and Germany, it put a stop to the violence on the Western front of the war and went into effect on "the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918.

For those of you who are interested, the Allies of WWI were the Triple Entente (United Kingdom, France, Russian Empire), their allies (Italy, Belgium, Serbia, Montenegro, Greece, Romania, and the Czechoslovakian legions), and the United States.

The day was declared a national holiday in many nations, including the United States by

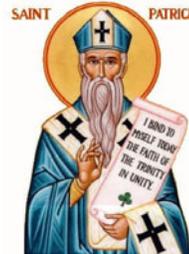
President Woodrow Wilson, and was dubbed "Armistice Day." It was intended to be a day to honor the members of the armed forces who fell during The Great War, World War I.

The name was changed to its current designation of "Veterans Day" in the United States by President Dwight D. Eisenhower after World War II in order to honor all members of the Armed Forces who had taken part in international wars. The name was changed to "Remembrance Day" in the British Commonwealth and remains "Armistice Day" in France and some other nations. There have been times that the legislature tried to change the date of Veterans Day in order to better represent all wars, but none have been successful yet.

This year, Veterans Day falls on a year ending in '11 for the first time, and there will be people throughout the world taking two minutes of silence at 11a.m. Friday morning. This tradition is not one that is generally followed in the United States, but in those places that do, it is intended as a sign of respect for the (approximately) 20 million people who died in World War I, and far more if you include every war since that time.

Every year, the Veterans Day National Committee (a part of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs) chooses many regional sites nationwide for observances, this year, six of those places are in North Carolina: one each in Charlotte, Hubert, Morehead City, Warsaw, and two sites in Fayetteville.

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