

Lest We Forget, A Remembrance

Veterans Day
November 11, 2007



**Finally, brothers, whatever is true (Bible Doctrine), whatever is honorable whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is capacity to love, whatever is commendable — if anything is virtue or worthy of praise — let your mind dwell on these things.
Philippians 4: 8**

The Patriot's Heart

Blue is for loyalty, faithfulness, and enduring devotion to duty.

13 stars = 13 original colonies

Freewill + V-

Marriage

Family

Nation

GOD

The Word

Celebrityship of the LORD Jesus

2 Peter 3: 18

RED stands for COURAGE, Deuteronomy 31: 6 Be strong and courageous. "Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you."

WHITE is for RIGHTEOUSNESS, which is TRUTH, Proverbs 14: 34 "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people."

RED, "Take courage (in the LORD), do not fear." Mark 6: 51

"Pursue Righteousness" 2 Tim. 2: 22

"If My people, which are called by My Name, will humble themselves (1 John 1:9, Rebound), and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7: 14 NIV

The Unknown Soldier

by *Rogr J. Robicheau*

You need not ever know my name
This unknown soldier seeks no fame.

I'm here to bring out thought from you;
May your heart see more than your view.

America, we marched with pride.
We gave our life, for you we died.

How well we knew the time might come;
When life could sound that final drum.

Please think of us as life moves on.
We tried so hard till that last dawn.

Do let our spirit fill the land;
Pass treasured freedom, hand to hand.

God blessed this country with such love;
Hold in your heart, abundance of,

And when you stand before my grave
Think not of one, but each who gave.



The Tomb of the Unknown

Veterans Day

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Sky Lark of the Flanders

<http://www.greatwar.nl/>



This is the only color picture known to show poppies on the battlefield. The picture is made in 1915 by an official French war photographer.



The green line shows the western front.
Col. McCrae wrote from Ypres.
Flanders Field is an ancient battlefield.

"Teach me"



In Flanders Fields

by Colonel John McCrae

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
We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

FLAG ETIQUETTE:

Here are some tips to make sure your tribute is a respectful one:

Display the flag only between sunrise and sunset on buildings and stationary flagstaves. The flag may be displayed for twenty-four hours if illuminated in darkness.

Do not display the flag in inclement weather.

Whether displaying the flag vertically or horizontally, make sure the canton of stars is visible on the upper left-hand side.

Do not let the flag touch the ground.

An unusable flag that is damaged and worn and can no longer be displayed should be destroyed in a dignified way by burning.

When not on display, the flag should be respectfully folded into a triangle, symbolizing the tricorne hats worn by colonial soldiers in the Revolutionary War.

The folded flag has 13 folds meaning:

1. Life
2. Eternal Life
3. Deceased Soldiers
4. In God We Trust for guidance
5. Our country, United States of America
6. Where our hearts lie-Pledge of Allegiance
7. Our Armed Forces-Protecting/Preserving
8. Tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death that we might see the light of day; Mother's Day
9. Womanhood - faith, love, loyalty and devotion who mold our men & women
10. Tribute to fathers who gave their sons and daughters for the country's defense
11. Jewish tribute to the Seal of David; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
12. Christian tribute to God the Father, Son and Spirit
13. Thirteen original colonies



Psalm 33: 12 "Blessed is the Nation whose God is the LORD."



Colonel John McCrae
Author of IN FLANDERS FIELD



The poppy is a symbol for sleep.



'In Flanders Fields' is also the name of an American War Cemetery in Belgium, where 368 Americans are buried. This cemetery is situated near the village of Waregem, quite a distance from the place where McCrae actually wrote his poem. The cemetery got its name from the poem though. The bronze foot of the flag-staff is decorated with daisies and poppies.



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Punch
Dec 8, 1915

John McRae

FACTS

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How many veterans are living in the USA today? 19 million

There are actually more than 19 million war veterans in the United States, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs. This includes veterans from World Wars I and II, as well as the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, and the Persian Gulf War.

Imagine 380 football stadiums full of people and you've got the picture. That's a lot of veterans!

How is the best way to honor the veterans? Fly the flag.

Why is Veterans Day on November 11? November 11 marks the end of World War I. To be more precise, fighting officially ended at 11 AM, November 11, 1918--the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month!

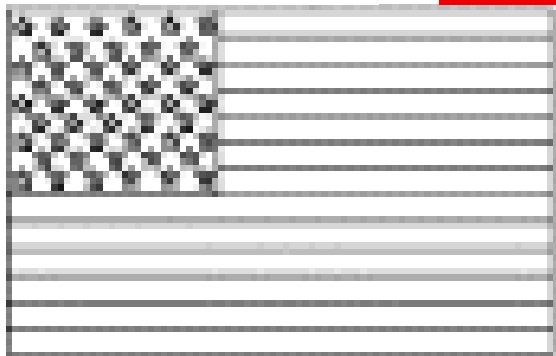
On November 11, 1921, an unknown World War I American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. This site, on a hillside overlooking the Potomac River and the city of Washington, became the focal point of reverence for America's veterans.

"Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope (confident expectation.) We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him. According to the Lord's own Word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words." 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Veterans Day



Veterans Day honors people who served in the United States Armed Forces. Veterans Day is observed each year on November 11.



Veterans Day is celebrated throughout the USA to honor those who served in the US Armed Forces: the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard.



Name: _____

Remembering our TROOPS with thanksgiving and appreciation

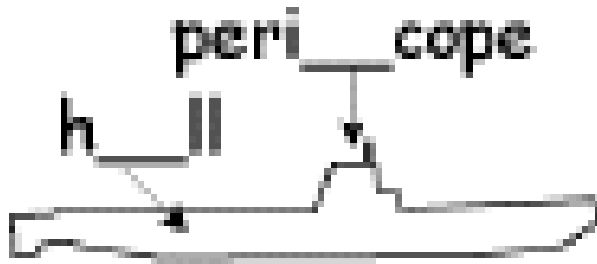


A tank is an armored combat vehicle.

The Army is the branch of the Armed Forces whose troops are trained for fighting on land.



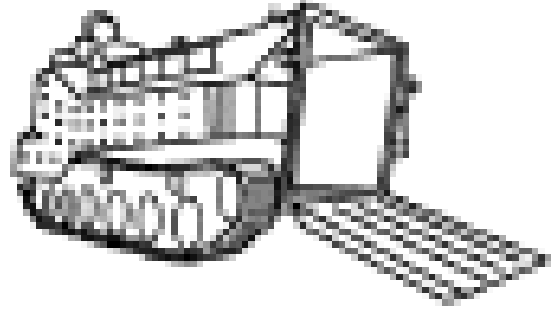
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A submarine is a ship that can travel under the sea.



The Navy is the branch of the Armed Forces whose troops are trained for fighting at sea.



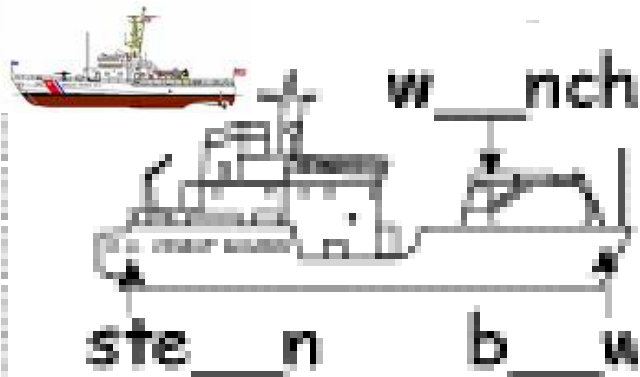
An amphibious vehicle can travel both on land and in water.

The Marine Corps is the branch of the Armed Forces whose troops are trained for fighting on land and at sea.



An F-15 Eagle and F-16 Falcon fighters.

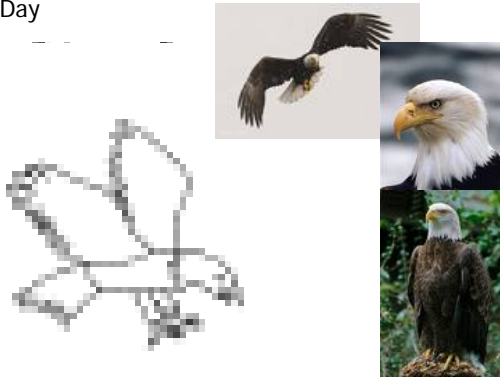
The Air Force is the branch of the Armed Forces whose troops are trained for fighting in the air.



A Coast Guard cutter, a small, highly armored ship.

The Coast Guard is the branch of the Armed Forces whose troops guard the shores of the USA.





There are US war veterans from many wars, including World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, and the Iraq War.

Proverbs 14: 34
"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people."

Song:
Nation blessed, Nation free,
Grace provisions abounding.
Keep God's Word;
Guard the Truth that was part
of our founding.
Pivot of those who have grown
in grace, stabilized the Nation.
Christ the Son, He's the One,
Who is our preservation.



Veterans Day is when we honor and thank those who fought to protect and preserve our freedom by serving in the US military.

Patriot Church Veterans

Pastor Hill, Shepherd
Mr. O'Neal, Army
Mr. Mayberry, Army
Mr. Moser, Navy
Mr. Wofford, Marine
Mr. Rhodes, Coast Guard
Mr. Burrows, Air Force
Mr. Drake, Air Force
Mrs. McKemie, Medical
Mr. Payne, Air Force

TAPS

"Day is gone,
gone the sun,
From the hills,
from the lake,
From the skies.
All is well, safely
rest,
God is nigh."

For Those We Respectfully Remember in
Gratitude and Thanksgiving for Life,
Liberty and the Pursuit of True Happiness



And For Those Defending Our Freedom

A Prayer for Our Troops

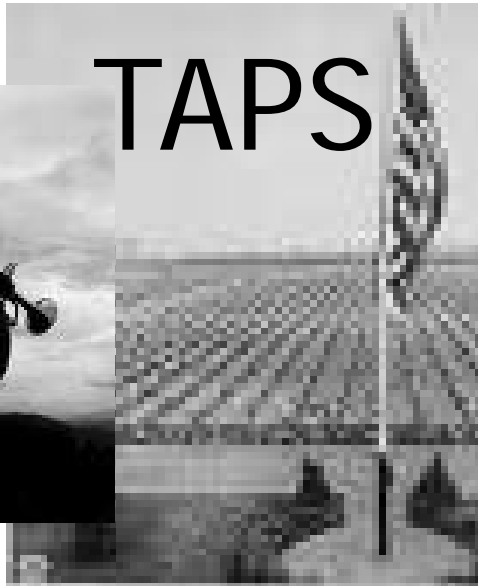
Father, guard and guide the
soldiers who fly
And those who on the
ocean must ply;
Be with our troops upon
the land,
And all who for their
country stand.
Be with these guardians
day and night,
And may their trust be in
Your Spirit's might.

In Christ Name, Amen.
Author Unknown (1955)



"ply" means to work diligently at something; to travel a route regularly.

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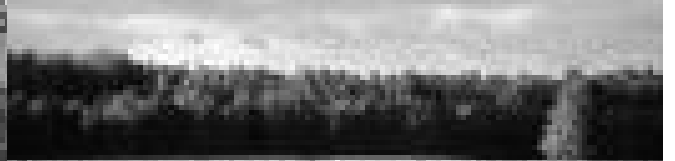
Day is done, Gone the sun,
From the hills, From the lake,
From the skies. All is well,
safely rest, God is nigh.

Go to sleep, peaceful sleep,
May the soldier or sailor,
God keep. On the land
or the deep, Safe in sleep.

Love, good night, Must thou go,
When the day, And the night
Need thee so?
All is well. Speedeth all
To their rest.

Fades the light; And afar
Goeth day, And the stars
Shineth bright, Fare thee well;
Day has gone, Night is on.

Thanks and praise, For our days,
'Neath the sun, Neath the stars,
'Neath the sky, As we go,
This we know, God is nigh.



Military Cemetery at Ypres, Belgium

Remembering,



It is the Veteran
with faith in God who by the grace
and power of God has given us our
FREEDOM.

The LORD Jesus Christ controls
HISTORY.

**"It is not by power, it is not by
might, but by My Spirit says the
LORD." Zechariah 4: 6**

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Here are two websites for lists of American National Cemeteries:

1. For cemeteries located in the United States

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_National_Cemetery

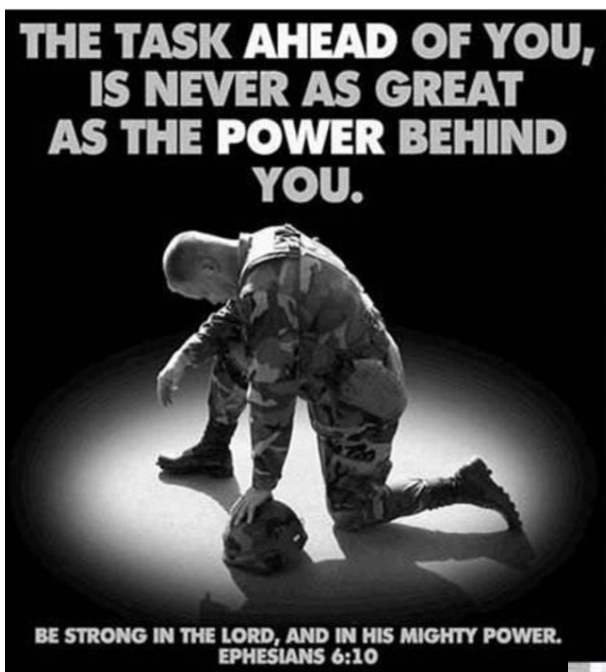
2. For cemeteries located overseas:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Battle_Monuments_Commission

Here is a website for a "Lest We Forget!" Remembrance of The Veteran:

http://www.barefootsworld.net/the_veteran.html

Song: http://www.managedmusic.com/Music/PlayBeforeYou_Go.php



Pray For

Our Troops



"pray continually." 1 Thessalonians 5: 17