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Veterans Day

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When you think of November, the first holiday that probably comes to mind is Thanksgiving. And while Thanksgiving is an important holiday and a great time to give thanks, there's another holiday that falls in November. And it's a holiday that should also make us give thanks. It's Veterans Day.

Veterans Day is a federal holiday that is observed on November 11. It's a day to honor those who served in the military, known as veterans. The holiday began in 1919, when United States President Woodrow Wilson decided we should have a day to reflect on all the people who courageously fought for our country. It's a time to be thankful for those veterans who died so we could be free.



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In other parts of the world, November 11 is still celebrated as Armistice Day or Remembrance Day because it marks the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I. But whether you call it Veterans Day, Remembrance Day, or Armistice Day, November 11 is a time to honor all those who served in the military.



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In the article, "Veterans Day" you learned about an important holiday in which we give thanks to our country's veterans for their military services.

Imagine you had the opportunity to talk with a Veteran about his or her military service. What would you say to him or her? What questions would you ask? How would you show them you appreciate their service?



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