On November 11th, Veterans Day, we honor our men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. The following is a brief history of the legislation concerning Veterans Day.

- Veterans Day is held on the 11th because in 1918, World War I ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.
- In 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11th Armistice Day. All business was suspended for a two minute period beginning at 11 a.m. The day was also marked by parades and public meetings.
- A Congressional resolution in 1926 directed the President to issue an annual proclamation calling on the observance of Armistice Day.
- Armistice Day became a legal Federal holiday in 1938.
- In 1954, President Eisenhower signed legislation to change the name of Armistice Day to Veterans Day.
- From 1971-1975, most states changed their observances of Veterans Day back to November 11th.
- Legislation was passed in 1975 to officially return the observance of Veterans Day to November 11th, taking effect in 1978.
- October 31, 2006, President George W. Bush proclaimed November 11 as Veterans Day and urged all Americans to observe November 5-11, 2006 as National Veterans Awareness Week.
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