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Open up and say AHHHH!!!



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Welcome to the November 2022 edition of *The Noodle*, written and published by member of The Florida Youth Council. For this issue of *The Noodle*, members of the FYC wrote about the topic of Veterans Day. This allowed members to share their personal insights, experiences and memories. We hope you enjoy learning about our experiences and our thoughts and opinions in this edition of *The Noodle*!

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History of Veterans Day

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.” In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..." on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.



President Eisenhower signing HR7786,
changing Armistice Day to Veterans Day.



Veteran's Day

Veteran's Day! It's been observed for many years now as a national holiday to take the time to reflect on and honor our military veterans who have served. Every year I take time to do this and personally thank anyone I run into that day who I know is a veteran. I start out thanking my mom. She did 3 years in the Army and another in the Reserves. I know others who have also served, and I try and make a point of thanking them too. Honestly, I really don't do much else to celebrate. My city does put on a parade every year to honor veterans, but I've never made it out to one. I might see about doing that one of these years. These are some of my thoughts on Veteran's Day and how I celebrate it.

By Derek Carraway



Veterans Day 2022

This month's topic is how do you celebrate Veterans Day. My grandfather was a veteran and served right after the end of World War II. He passed away recently. He had a trunk and in his trunk were things from his army days. One of the things was a box of letters. He wrote to his mom regularly and she saved all of them.



Those letters are a glance back in history, what life was like for him stationed in Germany. He was there during the reconstruction of Germany. He talked about army life. And what he did in his free time.

I think about freedom during Veterans Day. I think about the men and women who sacrificed so much to preserve that freedom. And I think about their families. I'm grateful for their service and for the love of This country and its people.

By JJ Humphrey

Honoring My Family's Military Service

Veterans Day is on November 11th every year. It's a day to celebrate the men and women who served in the military to protect our country. It is an official federal holiday, so schools and many businesses close. Sometimes people have parades or go to cemeteries to lay wreaths or place American flags in remembrance of those who served. In my neighborhood they often place flags at the curb where current or former military members live to acknowledge their service.

My family does not typically celebrate Veterans Day, perhaps because all our relatives who did serve are no longer with us or live far away. This does not mean that we don't respect them: in fact, we have great respect for those who perform this service for our country.



My mother has at least two cousins who were in the military, one was in the Air Force and one graduated from West Point. Both my grandfathers were in the military in World War II. Two of my grandmothers' sisters were nurses in the military in that war, and two of my dad's uncles were pilots. My mother's grandfather was in World War I. In fact, I even have a great-great-great-great, Grandfather who served with George Washington during the Revolutionary War, fought with him in many battles and was with him at Valley Forge. I always remember their service and therefore, whenever I see someone who I think served in the military, I make a special point of saying, "Thank you for your service!"

By Serena Wetmore



How me and my family celebrate Veterans Day

First my dad drives me to his house because I live on my own and he lives 30 minutes away from me. so, we usually listen to a radio show called radio classics that is a western show. I also talk to my parents because the drive can be very tire-some. When we get to my dad's road, we all say yay, we have arrived!

Next when my parents and I arrive at my parents house we are greeted at the door by two hyper dogs, Sadie who is my dog, and tilly. Our dogs scratch my leg because they want my attention. Me and Sadie go for a nice walk and then tilly will beg me to take her for a walk. Me and Sadie sit down to relax to a veterans Day movie on turner classic movies. The movie is usually about John Wayne, he is sometimes on a ship and sometimes on land. We then eat lunch while watching a movie. After the movie me and my parents go and take a nap because we get very tired.

Lastly my dad cooks hot dogs on his grill with hamburgers. He is very good at it because his dad taught him how to do it. we eat and watch a movie during supper, and we sometimes watch the news. We talk about what veterans do for our country. After a long day we finally go to bed because we need our sleep.

By Chelle Sandiford



VETERAN STATISTICS



22 MILLION +

Number of veterans who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.



2.1 MILLION

Approximate number of veterans in California, the most of any U.S. state.



2.2 MILLION +

Number of World War II veterans who went to college on the G.I. Bill.

1 MILLION +

Number of veterans who are currently receiving education benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.



1,000 +

Number of hospitals and medical centers the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs operates worldwide.



144

Number of veterans and military service organizations in the U.S.



1930

Year the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs was created.

* Total Servicemembers By War (Worldwide) graph figures as of May 2015. Sources: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; Department of Defense; Defense Manpower Data Center; U.S. World War I Centennial Commission; U.S. Army Center of Military History. Photo Sources: Official U.S. Navy file photo, www.navy.mil. Infographic by Annalisa Underwood, Naval History and Heritage Command Communication and Outreach Division.



How Do I Become Part of The Florida Youth Council?

The Florida Youth Council is a group of youth (between the ages of 15 and 17) and emerging leaders (between the ages of 18 and 30) with disabilities or special health care needs that live in Florida.

The Florida Youth Council is all about getting youth and emerging leaders involved in self-advocacy, peer mentoring and other activities that will improve the quality of life for youth and emerging leaders with disabilities in Florida. The program empowers youth and emerging leaders to decide what issues are important to their generation, to discuss those issues in their state and local communities, and to develop strategies to address them.

We are seeking a group of enthusiastic, motivated youth and emerging leaders to participate. If you would like to take a leadership role in advocating for youth and emerging leaders in Florida, please visit The Florida Youth Council website at www.floridayouthcouncil.com. The program is open to application year round.

We hope to hear from you soon!



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