

The meaning of Veterans Day

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We have about 20.5 million living veterans in this country right now. In Minnesota, there's almost 335,000. Lake County itself has about 1,100 (only those registered with VA). This number is in dispute, however. And let's not forget family members, which multiply the veteran numbers by about four. This is a day that we veterans obviously consider special.

For me, Veterans Day is one of the two most important days of the year, and it produces sometimes overwhelming feelings. Why should we feel it's special? Sunday, in the United States, Veterans Day commemorates the courage and patriotism of all the men and women who have served in the United States military. Because of that service, we can gather in freedom for commemorative events. We also remember the sacrifice of veterans who died and to honor those still with us. It has been said that this country rose to greatness due to the ideals that men and women veterans fought for.

Who are veterans? I think of the famous ones like Alvin York; George S. Patton, Jr.; Eddie Rickenbacker, the World War I ace; Audie Murphy, or maybe Pat Tillman, the all-pro football player whose call to service was so strong he left a multimillion dollar football contract to enlist after 9/11, and who was subsequently killed in Afghanistan. How about the men and women of the "Old Guard," the 3rd Infantry Regiment, who guard the Tomb of the Unknowns 24/7. And take a look around, wherever you are. What is our common bond as veterans? A belief in freedom and in our country... in some that belief was so strong they sacrificed their lives for it.

Usually on this day, and the several weeks leading up to it, I think constantly of the people I served with. We didn't always agree on what we were doing at a particular time, but we always covered and protected one another. "Cover my six" was the saying. Many of those people I'm still in contact with, and we exchange stories of our service and keep up with each other's lives (meaning we've refined the art of telling good lies).

Maybe it's because of the things we did after answering our country's call, or to protect our country, our buddies, ourselves. Maybe it's the camaraderie we felt and still feel toward one another after having served so closely. Maybe it's the danger that we experienced in many places around the world. Maybe it's the feelings of guilt that so many of us carry with us the rest of our lives, guilt that we came back in varying degrees of "intact" or relatively unharmed.

WHAT THE DAY MEANS TO ME

For me the day is summed up by two sets of words, words that I still revere and I think should be remembered by all.

One, is our oath of enlistment (with slight changes, an Officer's Oath of Office): "I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support and defend the constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; (that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter); and that I will obey the orders of the officers appointed over me; according to regulations and the uniform code of military justice; so help me god." This signifies why we, as veterans do what we do and did what we did.

Two, the words I consider most important to me, words that define us and the core meaning of what it means to wear the uniform: **Article 1 of the U.S. Military Code of Conduct**. "I am an American, fighting in the forces that guard my county and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense." That statement says it all.

OUR LEGACY AS VETERANS AND A CALL TO SERVICE

Our legacy to future Americans? Not a trunk full of souvenirs or mementos. It's conveying, especially to young people, that America is only as strong and united as its people. It's being able to live in freedom, as we see fit and as we choose, as spelled out in the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution. It's a proud and honorable legacy, one that we should never forget. We are caretakers of all that our ancestors created, fought, and died for.

Our call to service? So many U.S. citizens have no experience or connection with the military. Why the disconnect even after years of war? Some veterans don't want to talk about painful memories, are ashamed of something they did in service, or carry survivor guilt.

We veterans are duty bound to insure young people and future generations of Americans fully understand the commitment and patriotism we feel before we explain about the military and why we honor those who have served the country. We are duty and morally bound to infuse into our fellow citizens, especially our young people, those values and American ideals that are worthy of the blood and lives of our military brethren, before those things become nothing but a faded, dull memory in their minds.

My family is heavily represented in the military, in all services. My mom and dad were both veterans; they met during their military service. I wear the

Wallace (Wally) C Kuehl

Wallace Chester Kuehl, age 95, passed away on November 2, 2018 in Finland, MN surrounded by family at his home.



Wallace was born September 1, 1923 to Hugo and Harriet (Kile) Kuehl in Thorp WI. He was a proud WWII Vet, serving in the Army. He married Vera (Cornwell) Kuehl on Jan 4, 1947. They farmed near Thorp, WI. In 1957 Wallace moved to Minnesota to work as a logger, his family followed in '59.

He is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers (Victor and James), sister (Esther) and a granddaughter, Lucinda (Cindy Lou) Kuehl.

He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Vera (Cornwell) Kuehl. Seven Children: Wally (Joyce), Elroy, Linda (Alan Holden), William (Evelyn), Harriet (Roger Moen), Jacqueline (Andres Gomez), and Katherine (Daniel Ojala). Grandchildren: Reggie, Danielle, James, Suzette, Scott, Jessica, Rodney, Aaron, Travis, Roger, Karen, Benjamin, Barrett. A Brother Bernie (Jean) and sister Ruth (Leland) Cornwell and more than 30 great grandchildren.

Funeral will be Friday, November 9 at 11 am at the Clair Nelson center in Finland, MN.

pride of my service at times by donning my dress uniform, or a sharp looking, serviceable utility uniform.

To my fellow veterans, and to those who support them, I say thank you. Thanks for your sense of duty, your sacrifice, and your commitment. If you haven't already done so, may I suggest joining a VSO. Maybe volunteering for your local Honor Guard.

Finally, I'd also like to give recognition to spouses, caregivers, husbands, wives, girlfriends and boyfriends, significant others, who selflessly give and gave of themselves and stayed with so many of us as we went through dark times after military service.

By all means, when you see a veteran on Veteran's Day, thank them for their service.

Sheriff's Report

Monday, October 29, 2018
Inmate Population: 17
•0116 Deputy checks business in SB. All ok.
•0146 Deputy makes traffic stop on Dubbins Pit Rd. Cited for driving after revocation and no proof of insurance.
•1104 Deputy and LCRS respond along with SBPD to report of a suicide threat.
•0640 Deputy and LCRS respond to medical on Hwy 3. One transported by ambulance to Essentia.
•1104 Deputy checks residence on house watch list. All ok.
•1523 Deputy responds to report of an erratic driver on Hwy 2, passing on the right. Driver located.
•1527 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 2. Cited for speed 81/55.
•1739 Deputy assists MSP with traffic stop.
•1954 Deputy serves papers at TH residence.
•2019 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 2. Warn for speed.
•2150 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 61 near Ruth St. Warn for crossing the fog line.
•2200 Deputy assists SBPD with traffic stop.

Tuesday, October 30, 2018
Inmate Population: 16
•0027 Deputy responds along with THPD to report of suspicious activity at TH residence.
•0514 Deputy removes dead deer from Hwy 61.
•0649 Sgt. transports inmate to SLC to catch prison bus.
•0743 Deputy at THHS for the start of the school day.
•1005 Deputy, along with SBPD, attempt to locate possible missing person. Party located safe.
•1010 Sgt. transports inmate from Douglas Co. to LCG.
•1726 Deputy assists MSP with report of suspicious activity in Finland.

Wednesday, October 31, 2018
Inmate Population: 14
•0902 Deputy responds to report of theft on Hwy 3.
•1037 Sgt. and Deputy assist jail with inmate.
•1442 Deputy, along with SBPD, take report of fraud in BB.
•1529 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 2 near Gun Club Rd. Warn for speed.
•1715 LCRS responds to medical on 1st Avenue.
•1900 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 61. Warn for speed.
•1914 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 61 near Gate 8. Warn for speed.

•1954 Deputy makes traffic stop on Outer Dr. near Adams. Warn for speed.
•2002 Deputy makes traffic stop near Hikers Parking Lot. Warn for driving conduct and equipment.
•2026 Deputy makes traffic stop on Stanley Rd near Hwy 61. Warn for headlights and tabs.

Thursday, November 1, 2018
Inmate Population: 12
•0008 Deputy, along with SBPD, respond to report of suspicious activity in BB.
•0314 Deputy out with unoccupied vehicle on Airport Rd.
•0714 Deputy responds to report of suspicious vehicle on Airport Rd.
•0803 Deputy at THHS for the start of the school day.
•1244 Deputy speaks to Ely resident about a lost dog. Dog found safe.
•1505 Deputy posts papers at TH residence.
•1511 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 2. Warn for speed.
•1543 Deputy takes report of fraud in SB.
•1613 Deputy takes report of a school bus stop arm violation near BB.
•2029 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 2 near E Alger Grade Rd. Cited for speed 77/55.
•2052 Deputy responds to report of a vehicle in the ditch on Lax Lake Rd. Tow on the way.
•2120 Deputy responds to medical on 7th Ave.
•One transported to St. Luke's Hospital by ambulance.
•2135 Deputy responds to medical on Ski Hill Rd. One transported to SLH by ambulance.

Friday, November 2, 2018
Inmate Population: 13
•0415 Deputy, along with THPD, responds to report of open door at TH business.
•1128 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 61 near Hwy 1. Warn for speed.
•1134 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 61. Warn for speed.
•1229 Deputy responds to report of car vs. deer.
•1305 Deputy makes traffic stop on Outer Dr. near Adams. Warn for break light out.
•1315 Deputy makes traffic stop on Main St. Warn for speed.
•1451 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 2. Warn for speed.
•1515 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 61 near Reider Memorial Dr. Warn for speed.
•1524 Deputy makes traffic stop on Horn Blvd near Outer Dr. Warn for speed.
•1656 Deputy serves papers at TH residence.
•1751 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 61 near

Split Rock River. Warn for speed.
•1758 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 61 near Split Rock Lighthouse. Cited for speed 75/55.
•1859 Deputy responds to report of damage to property.

Saturday, November 3, 2018
Inmate Population: 14
•0126 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 61 near Hwy 1. Cited for speed 78/55.
•0148 Deputy, along with SBPD, responds to report of an intoxicated person in SB. One brought to LCU by SBPD.
•0809 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 2. Warn for speed.
•1345 Deputy makes traffic stop on Penn Blvd near Reed Rd. Warn for stop sign and speed.
•1354 Deputy responds to report of truck and trailer parked unsafely on hill and partially blocking roadway on Hwy 1. Owner located and moved truck.
•1405 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 1 near Klinker Rd. Warn for speed.
•1415 LCRS responds to medical on Hwy 3. One brought by ambulance to LVMH.
•1556 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 2. Warn for speed.
•1621 Deputy responds, along with THPD, to report of a suicide threat. One brought to SLH by ambulance.
•1720 Deputy speaks to party about an unwanted person.
•1919 Deputy responds to security alarm at TH residence. False alarm.
•2310 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 61 near Split Rock Lighthouse. Warn for speed.
•2346 Deputy responds, along with THPD, to report of suspicious activity at residence on Hwy 61.

Sunday, November 4, 2018
Inmate Population: 15
•0135 Deputy assists THPD with intoxicated party in TH.
•0309 Deputy responds to report of suspicious vehicle at Finland business.
•0546 LCRS responds to medical in TH.
•0643 LCRS responds to medical in TH.
•1044 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 61 near Ruth St. Cited for small amount of marijuana, warned for speed and failure to produce yellow papers with expired driver's license.
•1508 Deputy transports inmate to LVMH.
•1637 Deputy responds to report of suspicious person at Tettegouche State Park.

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Silver Bay & Surrounding Area

- 1848 Hwy 61, Two Harbors, MLS6076141: Lake Superior property with cobblestone beach and frontage on Silver Creek too. Kayak on Lake Superior or fish in the creek and enjoy the wildlife from the deck of this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with a large lakeside deck, gas fireplace, new detached 2 car garage and more. Furniture, appliances and other furnishings are included. **REDUCED \$690,000**
- 54 Banks Blvd, SB MLS6076423: 3 BR, 1 BA home, detached 1 car garage w/distant view of Lake Superior. **\$53,500**
- 7 Kent Lane, SB, MLS 6078837: Enjoy the views of Lake Superior from the livingroom, dining room, bedroom, family room, laundry room & balcony of this 3 BR, 3 BA home w/hardwood floors, 2 wood fireplaces, newer shingles, walkout basement, & 2 car garage **\$239,000**
- 22 Law Dr., SB: 2 BR, 2 BA house w/full basement, det'd 1 car garage, back to the woods location. **\$67,500**
- 61 Adams Blvd, SB MLS6026996 : 1.7 story, 4 BR, 2 BA house back to the woods. updates incl: siding, windows, shingles, 2nd floor add'n, new garage roof, no maint. decks, hwd floors, new Kit. countertops & backsplash, oak cabinetry, hearth stove, new carpet, & landscaping. Full basement, att'd 2 car garage, shed & lg. side yard. **\$218,900**
- 44 Aiken Cir., SB, MLS6079093: 2 BR, 1 BA house w/det'd 1 car garage on a well landscaped site. Many updates! **\$64,500**
- 45 Horn Blvd, SB MLS6076737: 2 BR, 2 BA house full basement, deck, & det'd 2 car garage in convenient location. Features: vinyl siding, newer windows, shingles, & private yard w/a glimpse of Lk Superior. New curb, gutter, sidewalk & street in '17. **REDUCED \$97,500**
- 6990 Air Base Rd, Finland MLS6030813: Listen to Tower Creek from the quiet setting of this 3 finished BR, plus a potential master BR suite, house w/ull walkout basement, deck, det'd 2 car garage & many updates including several windows, patio door, shingles, furnace, stainless appliances, remod. BA, hwd floors & paint. **\$154,900**
- XX Burk Dr., SB MLS6031120: Wooded vacant lot w/view of Lk Sup., city water/sewer nearby. **\$18,500**
- 61XX Little Marais Road Lot B, Silver Bay, MN: 10 acre lot with views of Lake Superior near Little Marais. reduced to \$59,900. MLS #6076208
- XXX Hwy 61 & Onion River Rd. MLS6005052: 18 Acres commercial resort bldg site between Toftte & Lutsen on Onion River Rd. Great views of Lk Sup. High ground w/pwr at rd. Close to Sup. Hiking trl & rec. activities. **\$173,500**
- XX Marks Drive, Silver Bay: 5 - Large residential building sites w/city water, sewer, curb & gutter and back to the woods **\$45,000 each** or **\$205,000 for all 5**