

## Attention Veterans

### *Eligibility Requirements for American Legion Membership*

Served in the Armed Services and was awarded an Honorable Discharge.

### *Benefits of Membership*

#### **Discounts**

Your membership gives you and your family practical, money-saving discounts that can easily save you many times the cost of your annual membership dues.

#### **Monthly Magazine**

Our nation's leaders speak directly to citizens on the pages of The American Legion Magazine. The Legion's organizational goals are promoted using the words of talented writers, professional journalists, and world leaders.

#### **A Powerful Force in our Nation's Capitol**

The American Legion is the nation's most influential, effective and dependable advocate of veteran affairs fighting for better active-duty pay, improved housing for active-duty families and helping to ensure that the VA's medical system can properly care for veterans.

#### **VA Benefit Assistance**

Your membership helps support Department Service Officers nationwide who assist veterans in preparing claims and obtaining their full military healthcare benefits through the VA.

**Call Vice Commander Ray Wareham, 540-207-2920, for an application to join.**

**Check our web site at [www.vaalpost156.org](http://www.vaalpost156.org)**

## **American Legion Post 156 Orange County, Virginia**



### **Veterans Day Observance Monday, November 11, 2019 11:00 AM**

**Interlude, An Armed Forces Salute**, Orange Community Band,  
Tracey Stakem, Director

**Welcome and Opening Remarks** - Alan Drinkwater, Post  
Commander

**Posting of Colors**, OCHS JROTC Corps

**The National Anthem**, Orange Community Band

**Invocation** - Ronald Hogstein, Post Chaplin

**Pledge of Allegiance** - Rayond Wareham, 1st Vice Commander

**Words from the Post Commander** - Alan Drinkwater,  
Post Commander

**Patriotic Music** - Orange Community Band

**Closing Remarks**, Alan Drinkwater, Post Commander

**Benediction** - Ronald Hogsten, Post Chaplin

**Retire Colors** - OCHS JROTC Corps

# **HISTORY OF VETERANS DAY**

**World War I - “The Great War”, officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 29, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting had ceased seven months earlier when an armistice of temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany, went into effect at 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 11th 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 things 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.”**

**The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I and named the day Armistice Day. In 1954, Congress changed the name to “Veterans Day” and President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first “Veterans Day Proclamation.”**

# **OUR THANKS...**

**To the Orange County High School JROTC for their assistance with our observance.**

**To the Orange County Community Band led by Mrs. Tracy Stakem, for their wonderful music.**

**To the East Orange Ruritan Club of Unionville for honoring our county Veterans by providing a delicious luncheon after our Veterans Day Ceremony. Our special thanks to President and Luncheon Chair Linda Wilson.**

**To everyone who came out today to show their warm support for our veterans.**