

MANAGER'S DESK FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2020

WELCOME TO THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.

AS I SEARCHED FOR SOMETHING TO SHARE TODAY ABOUT VETERANS DAY, I CAME ACROSS THIS INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. IT IS TITLED "5 FACTS TO KNOW ABOUT VETERANS DAY".

**1. Veterans Day does NOT have an apostrophe.**

The holiday is not a day that "belongs" to one veteran or multiple veterans, which is what an apostrophe implies. It's a day for honoring all veterans — so no apostrophe needed.

**2. Veterans Day is NOT the Same as Memorial Day.**

A lot of Americans get this confused. Memorial Day is a time to remember those who gave their lives for our country, particularly in battle or from wounds they suffered in battle. Veterans Day honors all of those who have served the country in war or peace — dead or alive — although it's largely intended to thank living veterans for their sacrifices.

**3. It was originally called Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War I.**

World War I officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919. However, the fighting ended about seven months before that when the Allies and Germany put into effect an armistice on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, Nov. 11, 1918, was dubbed Armistice Day. But then World War II and the Korean War happened, so on June 1, 1954 Congress changed the word "armistice" to "veterans" so the day would honor American veterans of all wars.

**4. For some inexplicable reason, the bill set Veterans Day commemorations for the fourth Monday of every October.**

Congress signed the Uniform Holiday Bill in 1968 to ensure that a few federal holidays — Veterans Day included — would be celebrated on a Monday. It became pretty apparent that most U.S. citizens wanted to celebrate Veterans Day on Nov. 11. So on Sept. 20, 1975, President Gerald Ford signed another law which returned the annual observance to its original date starting in 1978.

**5. Other countries celebrate it, too, in their own ways.**

World War I was a multinational effort, so it makes sense that our allies also wanted to celebrate their veterans on Nov. 11. The name of the day and the types of commemorations differ, however.

Canada and Australia both call Nov. 11 "Remembrance Day." Great Britain calls it "Remembrance Day," too, but observes it on the Sunday closest to Nov. 11.

TO ALL OF OUR VETERANS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

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