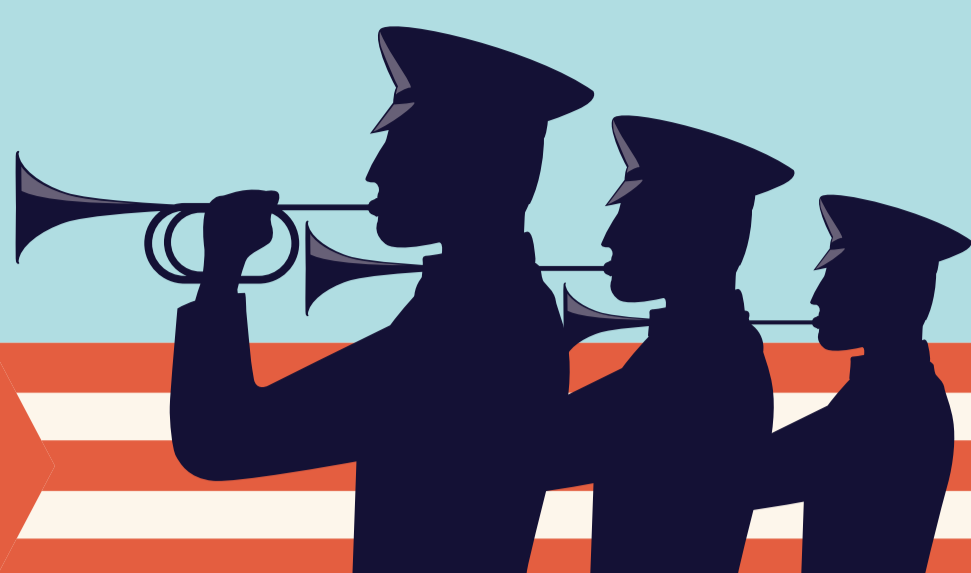
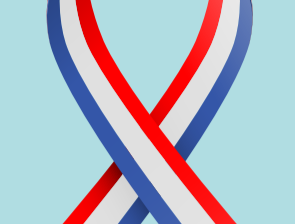


11 WAYS TO HONOR

This **Veterans Day**, we celebrate the more than 22 million fearless heroes who have served in the United States Armed Forces with 11 ideas that pay tribute to their patriotism.



AMERICA'S VETERANS

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OBSERVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE:

on 11/11 at 11:11 am, recognize the day with a moment of silence, whether at work, school or home, to honor veterans who have served our country. Encourage your school, friends and employer to participate.

2

VOLUNTEER WITH A VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION (VSO):

Volunteer with a VSO or nonprofit in your community by assisting with upcoming events or projects. Here are several organization to help you get started: **Give an Hour, Team Rubicon, The Mission Continues, IAVA, TAPS, Operation Homefront, SVA** and more [here](#).

3

EDUCATE YOURSELF & OTHERS ABOUT MILITARY HISTORY AND CULTURE:

Read about military members, veterans and their families:

- ★ *The Things They Carried*, Tim O'Brien, 1990
- ★ *Love Our Vets, Restoring Hope for Families of Veterans with PTSD*, Welby O'Brien, 2012
- ★ *Undaunted, The Real Story of America's Servicewomen in Today's Military*, Tanya Blank, 2013
- ★ **The Veteran's History Project**

4

ATTEND THE NATIONAL VETERANS DAY CEREMONY:

The Veterans Day National Ceremony honors all who have served in the US Armed Forces each year with a wreath laying ceremony at 11:00 am at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on November 11th at Arlington Cemetery.

5

HONOR THE WOMEN OF THE US ARMED FORCES:

Recognize the contributions made by our nation's servicewomen by showing support for organizations that specialize in serving their needs. Organizations to consider:

- ★ **Grace After Fire**
- ★ **Business and Professional Women's Foundation**

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DONATE \$11 ON 11/11:

Donate to a Veterans Service Organization nonprofit to honor a military member or a veteran. Here are a few organizations to check out:

- ★ **Give an Hour**
- ★ **Team Rubicon**
- ★ **The Mission Continues**
- ★ **IAVA**

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HELP A VETERAN IN NEED:

Refer veterans who need a helping hand to **IAVA's Rapid Response Referral Program**, or become a **veteran mentor**.

8

DISPLAY THE AMERICAN FLAG:

Show your patriotism and honor veterans by displaying the American flag.

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CELEBRATE IN THE CLASSROOM:

Consider HISTORY'S "**Take a Veteran to School**" initiative that spotlights veterans communicating what it means to serve to students or invite students to make thank you cards for veterans or to create a colorful timeline of US military history.

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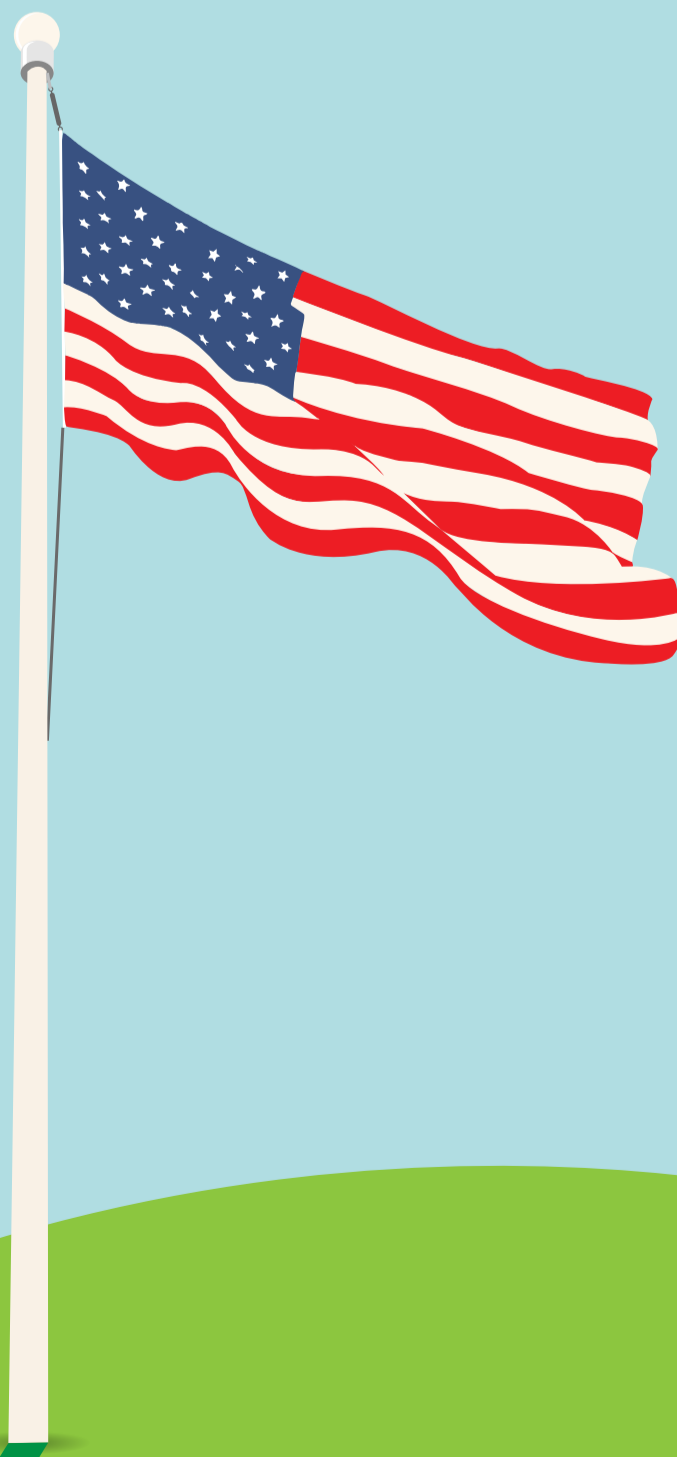
CONTRIBUTE TO THE VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT:

Learn more about the American Folklife Center's **Veterans History Project**. The program collects, preserves and makes accessible the personal accounts of American war veterans so that future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war.

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HEAR FROM A VETERAN:

This Veterans Day, organize a talk with or about veterans and service members at your local community center, school or even a friend's home. Talk about the needs of returning service members and how the community can provide support.



Looking for more resources?

Visit the **Department of Veterans Affairs: www.va.gov**