



Badger Honor Flight

Serving Those Who Served for **US**

Veterans Day

In November we celebrated Veterans Day, a day set aside to thank, honor, and celebrate ALL those who served honorably in the military – in wartime or peacetime. Veterans day was initially known as Armistice Day and celebrated the end of World War I. The armistice, or "call for peace", by the Germans was signed on November 11, 1918, at the "eleventh hour" and ended the fighting between Allied forces and Germany. President Woodrow Wilson established Armistice Day one year later to honor those who served in WWI and to celebrate the peace that followed. After World War II and the Korean War, Veterans service organizations urged congress to amend the holiday to be more inclusive of all Veterans. Thus, Veterans Day was officially born in 1954 to honor American Veterans, past and present. President Dwight D. Eisenhower was responsible for formally changing the name. In 1968, the day underwent yet another change as the Uniforms Holiday Bill was passed, mandating three-day weekends for federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays. As a result of the bill, Veterans Day was moved to the fourth Monday of October to accommodate the three-day weekend. The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed on October 25, 1971. Unfortunately, it caused great confusion which led many states and local governments to continue to celebrate the holiday on November 11th, because they wanted to mark the date's historical significance. This lasted for several years until September 20th, 1975, when President Gerald Ford signed a law returning Veterans Day's annual observance to its original date of November 11th. The law took effect in 1978, and since then, everyone has been aligned—the Veterans Day holiday is observed on November 11th.

Veterans Day is now always observed on November 11th, no matter what day of the week it falls on. It is a federal holiday, so many government offices, schools, and businesses close. If Veterans Day falls on a weekday, many communities choose to host their events the weekend before or after. Most Veterans will appreciate a brief greeting like "Happy Veterans Day" or "thank you for your service" during this holiday. However, at Badger Honor Flight we celebrate our Veterans and remain grateful to ALL of them 365 days of the year.

MONTH IN REVIEW

- 2nd Annual Veteran Shoot at Dane County Law Enforcement Training Center
- Heroes for Honor Rose Sale at Sauk Prairie Chamber of Commerce
- Veteran's Day Breakfasts
- Madison Capitols Military Appreciation Game
- BS & Bourbon at Red & White Winebar, Waunakee

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Medical Team
- Administration Support
- IT Management
- Newsletter Article Writer
- Photo Storage / Photo Sharing
- Site Maintenance Team
- SignUp Genius Helper
- General Fundraising

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