# Veterans Day 2012

Armistice Day, traditionally observed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, is now Veterans Day, a federal holiday to honor all veterans who served our country. That date was first observed in 1919. At the 11th hour, parades were halted, businesses closed and traffic stopped while the nation paused for a moment of silence.

By 1938, before we were involved in World War II, Congress made Armistice Day a federal holiday. It was observed by many states but was not a national holiday because the federal government can only designate holidays for its own workers. Individual states must recognize their own legal holidays and usually follow the federal lead.

There was no armistice or negotiations for peace at the close of World War II because unconditional surrender of the axis countries was the only acceptable end to hostilities.

VE Day, victory in Europe, began to happen on May 7, 1945, when the Act of Military Surrender was signed in Reims, France. It was ratified in Berlin on May 8, but the occupying German forces in the Channel Islands did not surrender until May 9.

VJ Day, victory over Japan, didn't come until August. News of the surrender broke on August 14, but the surrender wasn't announced until August 15. That war officially ended with the formal signing ceremony on September 2, 1945.

Whether the end of the war was actually given a name or not, a huge and immediate victory celebration rang out across the country at 7 p.m., on August 14, 1945, when President Truman made the announcement that it was over.

It wasn't until 1953 when Alfred King, from Emporia, Kansas, an active War Dad of America, campaigned to turn November 11 into an observance honoring all veterans. *All* was the key word because previous to that the observance applied only to World War I veterans. A year later, on May 26, 1954, President Dwight Eisenhower signed it into law. The holiday included every veteran who had served this country. That date later changed in accordance with the Uniform Monday Holiday Act but, by popular demand, was moved right back to the original one.

The demand for the change of date was popular and far reaching because the observance included veterans of all our wars. It also implies respect for serving and rewards. The practice of rewards goes back to the Romans and Greeks with land grants and money.

Veterans' benefits started in this country in 1636 for those serving the Plymouth Colony. Men who were disabled or injured would be maintained by the colony for life. In 1776, during the early years of the Republic, states paid medical and hospital care for the disabled. The first federal facility was founded in 1811 and in the early 19th century benefits were extended. By the end of the Mexican War, veterans were numbered in the hundred thousands.

The greatest losses occurred during the Civil War with 1.9 million Union Army veterans on the federal rolls. There were slightly fewer from the Confederate side, but they didn't fight for the Union. It wasn't until 1958, after President Eisenhower recognized all veterans, that Confederate soldiers were pardoned and pensions given to those still alive.

Five million veterans returned from WWI. In 1917 Congress extended benefits to include insurance for active duty personnel and vocational rehab. This was the forerunner of the Department of Veterans Affairs which continued to expand.

In 1944, President Roosevelt signed the GI Bill of Rights, guaranteeing mortgages and making higher education available and accessible to all veterans. It was the most extensive benefit since the Homestead Act of 1812. The GI Bill, a thanks to our veterans, also turned into a huge benefit to everyone by changing the socio-economic condition of the United States.





# Memorial Days

For a while, he aimed toward being a doctor And chemistry sorted him out He thought he avoided the worst of the Army When he joined the Naval reserves He would muster out after graduating To become a Naval Corpsman Supporting Marines in the field Even worse than the Army

But Grace was with him He was older than most of the "boys" Became a Petty Officer 2nd Class He stayed out of the field Putting the boys back together again In the hospital on Guam Putting the boys back together again He remembers dress whites, shorts, long socks Incredible beaches and mitt-sized land crabs Stinging rock fish that could kill you Lush greens and geckos and dune buggies And putting the boys back together again He remembers the C-141s Ferrying in the worst of the wounded The ships bringing the less so The emergency calls to duty stations The boys who wouldn't cry And the boys who couldn't Putting the boys back together again He never stepped on Vietnam's soil But was on a ship that carried the boys to Guam Flying in the worst of the wounded And putting the boys back together again

Now, in shows that are too graphic In interviews that talk to the times "Back in the day..."

He cries

Memorial Day
Veterans Day
He remembers the boys
And putting the boys ba

And putting the boys back together again He remembers no successes only failures The boys he couldn't put together again

And I hold him and share his tears
And think about the boys who wish
They could remember the name
Of the Corpsman who saved their life
The Corpsman who put them back together again

--Patricia Floyd



Gene Bifano United Sates Marine Corps 1962-1965



Harold "Hoover" Austin Moretown 305th SFC US Army Reserve 1965-1972



Lawrence Bennett 6th Infantry Div. WWII Occupation Forces, 1946-1947 Japan & Korea



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Chris LaVanway Duxbury US Navy 85-91



James Allison Hopper Fayston US Army United States Military Academy at West Point 1956-1960



Bruce G. Fowler Warren 1970-2007 5th & 8 Army Infantry, USAR, Btry - 'A' 1st BN. 86FA



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Wes Wright Warren 1953, Korean War Hospital Corpsman , US Naval Hospital, Camp Lejeune, NC



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Monte Bell Warren Royal Canadian Navy Cadets 1953-1958 H.M.C.S. "Discovery"



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William E Carnright Jr. FT 3 Waitsfield US Navy 1958-1962 USS Forrest B. Royal DD 872 USS Charles F. Adams DDG2



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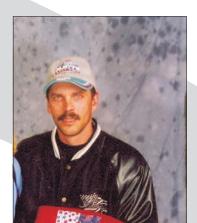
Jack Lindner Aviation Cadet, US ARMY Air Corps WWII



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Bernard Viens, Wendal Sykes, Norman Neil Waterbury Vt. National Guard 1954 - 1957



Dick Viens, Cedric Dunbar (dec.) Waterbury Vt. National Guard 1954 - 1957



Michael Viens USMC Vietnam, 1968



Scott Emmons Waterbury Pvt. US Army, 88 M. F Company, 27th Infantry Currently stationed in Hawaii



Charles Snow Warren E-3 US Navy USS Mount Baker AE34 1973-1976



Paul Marble Fayston Tec. Sgt. US Air Force, 1951-1955 Air National Guard, 1955-1980



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Richard S. Smith Photographer US Navy 1954-1956 USS Midway (CVA-41) Heavy Photographic Squad (VAP - 61) Awarded China Service Medal



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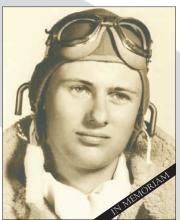
Clayton Kingsbury Waitsfield US ARMY WWII Forward Observer



Parker Lee McCuin Waitsfield US ARMY-Korea WWII 1940-1945



Lt. Norman Langevin North Fayston 1942-45 WWII 976th Field Artillery, Europe 5 Theaters under 5th, 7th & 83rd Armies



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Leon Bruno Warren Counter Intelligence, US Army 1952-1954



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Steve Joslin Sgt. Army – 1965-1967 Germany, Bavaria



Eugene C. Moulton Pfc. Army S.C., Alaska, MD, CA. 1945-1946



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James Burbank United States Air Force, Korea, Vietnam 1966



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Frank Covino Fayston Sgt. U.S. Air Force 1953 - Korea



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Eugene (Gene) D. Shapiro Warren - Framingham, Mass US ARMY, 64th Armor Battalion of 3rd Infantry, 1961-1965 - Germany



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Merrill Johnson Waitsfield U.S. Army 1942-1945



Jim Leyton Waitsfield U.S. Army 1945



Arthur A. Rivers Waitsfield U.S. Army 1945-1948



Peter Piliero Fayston Cpl. USMC 1963-1967 Vietnam



Marvin Johnson Warren U.S. Army WWII 2 Purple Hearts



Forest Johnson Waitsfield VT Air Guard, 1957



Earl Harrington Waitsfield U.S. Army 1944-1945 South Pacific



Douglas Harrington Waitsfield USMC 1969 Vietnam



Gerson "Mark" Markowitt Warren U.S. Navy 1945 U.S.S. Alabama



George Gabaree Waitsfield U.S.Army 1965-1967



John Miller Fayston US Navy WWII 1941-1945 Gunners Mate Armed Guard Gun crew of merchant



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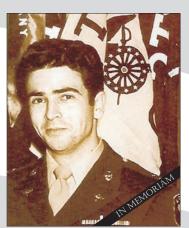
Ken Quackenbush Fayston USMC



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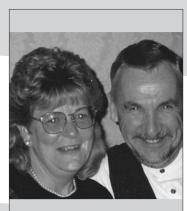
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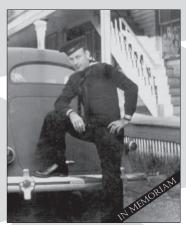
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Robert Tracy Waitsfield U.S. Army 1945-1948 Germany-Am. Occupation Forces



Andrew Baird Jr. Waitsfield U.S. Air Force 1956-1959



Alden Bettis Waitsfield U.S. Navy 1945



William Peatman Warren U.S. Navy 1945-1946



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Gilbert S. Edwards Fayston U.S. Navy 1968-1988



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John De Jesus Waitsfield Korea 1953



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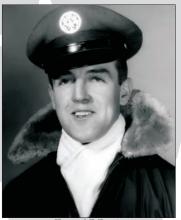
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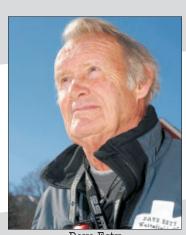
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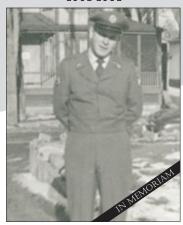
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