

How can it already be the end of October? I love seeing all the projects around the state. Keep up the great work posting on Facebook or publishing in your local papers.

Pictures, Articles and Press Releases: What to Include

Be Concise and Get to the Point Always include the who, what, where, when and why

- 🚩 Who – Who are you talking about? Can you include a quote from them? ☑
- 🚩 What – What is the event or activity?
- 🚩 Where/When – Where and when is the event?
- 🚩 Why – Why would the reporter or person want to cover or come to your even? How is it interesting or unique?

I am unable to help decorate the tree at the SD capitol building. Did you know you can view the trees 7 days a week. Christmas at the Capitol is open November 27 – December 26, 2024. From 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM, daily. Including Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

I am including a fun word search. See if you can find all the words below as well as a few other words. I see the word smile. I loved all the smiles at our Fall Council in Oacoma at the Denim and Diamonds Banquet.



10 Things You May Not Have Known About Veterans Day

- It was originally called Armistice Day. Hostilities in World War I ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the Armistice, or peace agreement, with Germany went into effect. [Armistice Day](#) began as a celebration recognizing the victory of the allied forces

of WWI. It was renamed Veterans Day by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1954 and is now dedicated to veterans of all wars.

- There is no apostrophe. There is often confusion about the punctuation. The holiday is not a day that “belongs” to one veteran (Veteran’s) or multiple veterans (Veterans’), which is what a possessive apostrophe would signify. It is a day for honoring all veterans, so no apostrophe is used.
- Veterans Day hasn't always been celebrated on November 11th. In 1968, Congress passed the [Uniform Holiday Bill](#), which ensured three-day weekends for federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington’s Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. This bill assigned the fourth Monday of October as Veterans Day, but many states disapproved of this decision. In 1975, President Gerald Ford returned Veterans Day to Nov. 11, anchoring it to this historically significance day.
- Arlington National Cemetery holds an annual service at 11 am on each November 11th. The cemetery, just across the Potomac River from Washington D.C., is home to the graves of over 400,000 military personnel and their families. A [National Veterans Day Ceremony](#) is held at 11 a.m. each Nov. 11. During the commemoration, guards lay a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and veterans organizations hold a parade of colors. The ceremony is free and open to the public.
- The New York City parade is the oldest in the country. The [New York City Veterans Day Parade](#) takes place along Fifth Avenue. It is both the largest and oldest Veterans Day parade in the country. The first one was held in 1919.
- Alabama held the first known veterans celebration in Birmingham, Alabama on Nov. 11, 1947.
- Other countries also honor their veterans on Nov. 11th, but they call it Remembrance Day.
- Veterans Day Moment of Silence Act was passed in 2016. In 2016, President Barack Obama signed the Veterans Day Moment of Silence Act. At 2:11 p.m. EST each Veterans Day, the current president will order a moment of silence lasting two minutes.
- Americans honor veterans on many other holidays. AARP [publishes a calendar](#) of all these days. Among them are Medal of Honor Day on March 25, Vietnam Veterans Day on March 29, Former POW Recognition Day on April 9, Armed Forces Day on May 20, Women Veterans Day on June 12, Korean War Veterans Armistice Day on July 27, Purple Heart Day on Aug. 7 and Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day on Dec. 7.
- Millions of Americans have served. According to the Census Bureau, in 2021 there were [16.5 million](#) veterans living in the United States, about 6.4 percent of the adult population.

16 million Americans served in WWII. In 2022, just over 167,000 of them were alive.

1.8 million served in the [Korean War](#).

2.7 million served in the [Vietnam War](#).

650,000 served in the Gulf War.

November is always a busy time for most chapters. Remember to be kind to our Veterans. Offer them a ride if they are no longer able to drive themselves. Give them a call just to say hi. Winter will be here, and it is hard for many to get out of their homes to see a friendly face. It is great to just hear a smile in a person's voice. This year on Veterans Day be sure to thank a veteran for their service and — even better — strike up a conversation about what they did when they were in uniform. Without them, our country would not be what it is today.

Please reach out if you have any other questions. Let me know if you have recycled any items that you repurposed as something wonderful. I plan to get together with family over Thanksgiving and make some fun Christmas ornaments or decorations.

Take care,

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