



Hello my fellow Auxiliary members. I have been doing a lot of research on the holidays and other events for this program. I have found many quite interesting on the differences of history tales that seem to be out there. Thanksgiving has been the most interesting and yet disturbing all at once. I challenge you to look up some information on these holidays as there is much more than I have given you here. Our country has been celebrating days in so many different ways and at times on different days than what we have seemed to be the NORMAL day we know it as. I hope you spend some time to use this article as a stepping stone to plan your events. There are so many great opportunities in the next several months to have an event to educate your community about Americanism. Please send pictures of your events and remember to send a report on each event separately so I don't get confused or have to make a decision on what goes where. I hope lots of POW/MIA flags were given out last month and a ceremony or display of a missing man table was set up. You can do this anytime of the year if you couldn't in September.

Upcoming Patriotic and Lesser-Known Patriotic Days:

October 11th Casimir Pulaski Day We honor and remember Casimir Pulaski, a Polish soldier who died in the American Revolution with various cities holding regional celebrations and parades.

October 13th Continental Navy Birthday In 1775, the Navy was organized, trained, and equipped primarily for the prompt sustained combat incident to operations at sea.

October 14th Columbus Day (Second Monday of October) The United States celebrates this day as "The Discovery of America" by Christopher Columbus in 1492.

October 24th United Nations Day American presidents have recognized U.N. Day through proclamation since 1946 to strive for peace, justice, and cooperation on our shared planet.

October 26th National Day of the Deployed Honors the United States military personnel deployed around the globe and also recognizes their families. It was 1st observed in 2006 then in 2012, every state in the US was observing this day.

October 27th Navy Day This day was to recognize Theodore Roosevelt's birthday since he had been an Assistant Secretary of the Navy and supported a strong Navy as well as the idea of Navy Day which was established in 1922. It is also the anniversary day in 1775 report issued by a special

committee of the Continental Congress favoring the purchase of merchant ships as the foundation of an American Navy. Navy Day was last observed in 1949.

November-Veterans and Military Family Month, Warrior Care Month, Veterans Small Business week (November 11th -15th) approximately 2.5 million veteran-owned businesses in the US generate over \$1 trillion annually.

First Tuesday after the first Monday of November is Election Day. The federal government, as well as state and municipal entities, observes this day for the election of public officials. Voters elect federal officials on even-numbered years; presidential elections are held every four years but congressional elections come every two years. States and municipalities may hold elections on Election Day or during some other months of the year, depending on their state or local government rules.

November 9th World Freedom Day U.S. observance to note 1989's falling of the Berlin Wall in Germany.

November 10th Marine Corp Birthday Marine Corp was established in 1775.

November 11th Armistice Day/Veterans Day Veterans Day is an opportunity to publicly commemorate the contributions of living veterans. Originally called Armistice Day, it officially received its name in America in 1926 through a congressional resolution. It became a national holiday 12 years later by similar congressional action. If World War I had truly been "the war to end all wars," November 11 might be still called Armistice Day. Realizing that peace was equally preserved by veterans of World War II and Korea, Congress decided to make the day an occasion to honor all those who have served America. In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day. (The first Veterans Day parade took place in 1953 in Emporia, Kansas.) A law passed in 1968 changed the national commemoration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. It soon became apparent, however, that November 11 was a date of historic significance to many Americans. Therefore, in 1978 Congress returned the observance to its traditional date.

November 28th Thanksgiving This day celebrates the harvest and other blessings of the past year. It was first recognized in 1621 with a three day feast between the Wampanoag people and the English Colonists (pilgrims) in Plymouth, MA. President Abraham Lincoln signed into proclamation in 1863 to establish this as a national holiday to be celebrated on the last Thursday in November. Fun fact: in 1789, President Washington issued a proclamation this day was to be called a "Day of Publick Thanksgivin".

Fourth Friday of November is Native American Heritage Day, set up to pay tribute to Native American contributions to the United States. The law became official in October of 2008.

I hope you find yourself educated and ready to share these with the community and members.

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