A Short History of Veterans Day

Great Britain, France, and other countries celebrate November 11th as Armistice Day to commemorate the ending of World War I on November 11, 1918. Canada celebrates Remembrance Day on this same date. The history of the Veterans Day in the United States is as follows:

1919 - President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11th as Armistice Day to remind Americans of the tragedies of war.

1938 - The day becomes a federal holiday.

1954 - Congress changes the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day to honor all United States Veterans.

Today, in the United States, Veterans Day commemorates the courage and patriotism of all the men and women who have served in the United States military.
## Order of Events

**Call to Assembly**
- Mr. Mason Dixon
  - CBS Radio

**Special Tribute**
- Mr. David Miller

**March of Colors**
- Mr. David Miller
  - American Legion VAVS Rep.

**Musical Performance**
- Keswick Christian School Choir
  - *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*

**Presentation of Colors**
- Dixie M. Hollins High School JROTC

**Placement of Ceremonial Wreath**
- Gold Star Mothers
  - Annette Kirk, mother of U.S. Army Pfc. Paul O. Cuzzupe II, OEF
  - Lorrie Fleming, mother of U.S. Army Sgt. Terry M. Lisk, OIF

**Pledge of Allegiance * **
- Mr. Anthony Rizzo
  - American Legion VAVS Deputy Rep.

**Benediction * **
- Chaplain McConnell

**National Anthem * **
- Keswick Christian School Choir

**21-Gun Salute * **
- Gibbs High School JROTC

**Invocation * **
- Chaplain Larry McConnell
  - Chaplain Service, Bay Pines VAHCS

**Taps * **
- Keswick Christian School Choir

**Welcome Remarks**
- Ms. Suzanne M. Klinker
  - Director, Bay Pines VAHCS

**Cannon Volley * **
- Dixie M. Hollins High School JROTC

**Keynote Speaker**
- Mr. Robert H. Chase, Jr.
  - U.S. Marine Col. (retired)

**Retirement of Colors * **
- Mason Dixon, CBS Radio

**Dismissal * **
- Mason Dixon, CBS Radio

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