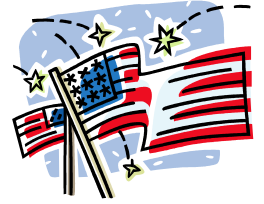


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We Are Thankful for Our Veterans



In our country, **Veterans Day** is always observed on November 11th with speeches, parades, and church services across the United States and in many places the **American flag is hung at half-mast**. A period of silence lasting two minutes is often held at 11am. When the holiday first began, it had a different name, which was Armistice Day. This year, like all years, we honor those who have served our country, whether in the time of war or peace. In our community many have ancestors, grandparents, parents, children, siblings or friends who have given service to our country, ensuring the life that we now enjoy. Sometimes, the impact on those who serve is significant, extracting physical or mental sacrifice.

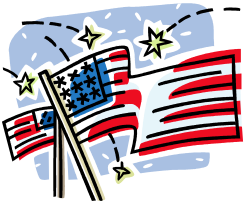
A few years ago, a student in our middle school, expressed her gratitude to those who have served. Below is an excerpt from her paper.

"They have ensured that I will live in a peaceful country where all men are created equal. They have stood up in times of war and bloodshed and gave action to our words and beliefs. They are the people that ensure that our children will keep on living. They fight for truth, liberty and justice. now that they have fulfilled their duty it is our turn to honor them"



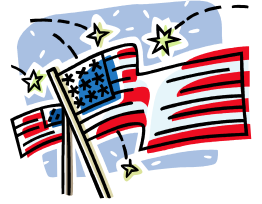
President John F. Kennedy spoke these words, which reflect the commitment of our nation.

"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty."



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Thank you to those who have served and those who continue to serve.

This Neighborhood is Special

As a nation, we have much for which we are thankful. Additionally, as I reflect on this neighborhood, I am thankful for the chance to live with a loving, caring community. Some of the many things for which I am thankful:

- Well maintained homes and property
- Friendly conversations with those who live nearby
- Cheerful hellos to those walking by our home
- Excited young children as they bike around our cul-de-sac
- Our grandchildren, because their mom and dad live near-by
- The Highbanks Metro Park that is next door – with walking trails, a sled hill, the nature lodge, and programs for the children
- Neighbors helping neighbors
- Those cheerfully serving at neighborhood tasks
 - Preparing for and serving at the traditional Independence Day Activities
 - Mowing the grass circle and maintaining our entrance
 - Those volunteers who serve as HACA Trustees
- Neighborhood children playing on our back yard “play-yard” - swing, etc.
- The 4 seasons – previously, we lived in the snow-belt in the Catskills of NY
- Nearby golf courses
- Our local, friendly, mission serving church
- And of course, my loving wife and family

Think ahead to the neighborhood Independence Day, July 4th picnic and parade. It will be another time to honor our veterans. To see a previous, neighborhood Independence Day Video, click here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-Mqe4c_D5k&feature=youtu.be

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