

What is Armistice Day?



Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA

(Photo taken by Elizabeth Hall)

How do you fair at history trivia? This Thursday, November 11th, is Veteran's Day, a US holiday designed to recognize the contributions of soldiers from all wars. Most of us know the "why" it's a holiday, but do you know its origin? Do you know the birthplace of our National Anthem?

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in the First World War, then known as "the Great War." Commemorated as Armistice Day beginning the following year, November 11th became a legal federal holiday in the United States in 1938. In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became Veterans Day, a holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars.

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Let us not forget the sacrifices of those before us and amongst us. If you ever get the chance to visit Arlington National Cemetery, you will experience a movement of emotion once you stand among all those headstones; headstones as far as the eye can see. It is a truly an amazing sight; one you will never forget.

PREPAREDNESS FOR THE MILITARY FAMILIES AND THOSE WHO MOVE FREQUENTLY

If you live in Kings County, chances are you are either military or know at least one military family. When I think of living the military life, I automatically think of two things: sacrifice and movement. Whether you are military or just someone who moves around a lot, chances are you will need to update your emergency preparedness information and kits to suit your needs and your new surroundings. Most people don't think about that.

For example, if you move to a different state, you might find the differences to be the type of emergency (*i.e. high winds, tornados, hurricanes, snow storms, flooding*), or a different warning system. If you are military, there maybe a different military threat.

What if you move abroad? You will need to pack your passports, birth certificates and the like. Is there a "911" system in the new area? 911 is not universal. ***Emergency Preparedness isn't just about the "Emergency" that could happen, it's about the "Preparedness" that needs to be taken as a proactive measure for your safety and the safety of your family.***



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If you are looking for the answer to the second trivia question, it is below one of the photos at the end of this story.



To read more about Military Family Preparedness, visit <http://www.ready.gov/america/getakit/military.html>. At the bottom of that web page, there are also individual links for each branch of the military for their specific needs.

For local military information, visit the Kings County Office of Emergency Management's Lemoore Naval Air Station page at <http://www.kingscountyoem.com/CountyKings/lemoore2.htm>.



Korean War Memorial, Washington, DC
(Photo taken by Elizabeth Hall)



Vietnam Wall, Washington, DC
(Photo taken by Elizabeth Hall)



**Tomb of the Unknowns
Arlington National Cemetery
Arlington, VA**
(Photo taken by Elizabeth Hall)



**Fort McHenry, Baltimore, Maryland
Birthplace of our National Anthem**
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Let us not forget!