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History and Significance of Veterans Day

Veterans Day isn't just about the past — it's about the people around us who once served and still serve in new ways.

Veterans Day began over 100 years ago as Armistice Day, becoming an official holiday in 1938. This day was set to honor all veterans who served in World War One – The Great War. During this day there were parades, public gatherings, and a moment of silence.

Unfortunately, peace didn't last long. Two more wars happened: the Korean War and World War Two. These wars meant more veterans, which led to the changing of Armistice Day to Veterans Day. In 1954, president Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed Armistice Day to Veterans Day, making the holiday we celebrate, on November 11 every year.

Today, we celebrate Americans who served in the military during times of war and peace. During these times of peace the military helps with things like humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, special operations, peacekeeping, and security. There are also unique jobs like being an Army veterinarian, cyber security specialist, military band member, and Space Force guardian.

After serving in the military, veterans use the skills they learned while serving to do jobs in their communities. Some of the careers they pursue are healthcare, technology, engineering, finance, business, government, skilled trades, technicians, logistics, supply chain, and consulting. Sometimes they even become Mayors!