



*November 11th*

# VETERANS DAY



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# FYI Network & Purple Heart Homes Join Forces to Honor and Help Two Iraq Veterans Heal at Home

**One-hour FYI TV Special “Hero House”  
Premieres Wednesday, November 9 at  
8pm ET; Repeats on Veterans Day Friday,  
November 11 at 11pm ET**

John Weisbarth from FYI’s “Tiny House Nation” teams up with Purple Heart Homes to construct houses for military veterans who have returned home to living situations that are no longer suitable for them and their families. In this one-hour special, “Hero House,” two American heroes, both struggling with PTSD, will have their houses completely remodeled with ingenious new designs. John and the crew of Purple Heart Homes will work with the veterans – one a single mother of two living in a mill house in North Carolina and the other a retired army scout who supports his elderly parents and whose current 1920’s colonial in Ohio is no longer suitable for their needs – to customize the homes these heroes both deserve.

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While serving our country – every Veteran wants to come home. Home means everything to U.S. Army Veteran Lauren Hogan, who was wounded in the single deadliest suicide attack on U.S. forces throughout the Iraq war. A suicide bomber disguised as an Iraqi National Guard Soldier detonated an explosive vest in a crowded chow hall during lunch killing 22 people and injuring 72 others.



U.S. Army Sergeant Ryan Foote was excited about returning home from Iraq only to learn that his unit was being extended and they were headed to Baghdad. While providing security through one town in their Strykers, an IED went off right next to the vehicle Ryan was in. The force of it knocked Ryan to the floor. Foote lost a lot of guys because of IED’s and sniper fire. He thinks about all of them daily.

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*Veterans Who Care would like to wish every veteran a Happy Veterans Day and would like to thank you for your service to our great nation! To the families and to our brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our freedoms, you will never be forgotten.*

## VETERANS DAY FACTS AND FIGURES

Veterans Day, once known as Armistice Day, was first celebrated on November 11, 1919, the anniversary of the end of World War I. In 1928, the United States Congress passed a resolution for Armistice Day to be an annual observation, and by 1938, the day became a national holiday.

Differing from Memorial Day in May, Armistice Day, which would be renamed Veterans Day in 1954 under President Dwight Eisenhower, pays tribute to veterans who survived various wars. Memorial Day commemorates those veterans who lost their lives.

Americans celebrate Veterans Day, while residents of Great Britain, Canada and Australia celebrate Remembrance Day. Those who want to learn more about Veterans Day can consider the following facts.

- According to the American Community Survey, there were 19.3 million military veterans in the United States in 2014. Of those, 1.6 million were female.
- California, Texas and Florida comprise the states with the largest number of veterans, equalling one million or more.
- Veterans consist of people who served in the military. This includes the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard. Veter-

ans serve in times of war and peace.

- The word "veteran" comes from the Old English language and means "old, experienced soldier." The first use of the word was documented in 1789.
- Although many veterans are working, and the average annual income of male veterans is \$37,000, some veterans continue to be unemployed. According to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the overall unemployment rate for veterans rose to 7.6 percent in January 2013. The unemployment rate of post-9/11 veterans or those who participated in the Gulf War reached 6.2 percent.
- Upon retiring or being discharged, veterans may need help acclimating to life outside the military. The Department of Veterans Affairs says about 30 percent of Vietnam War veterans have been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD.
- Between 1971 and 1977, Veterans Day was celebrated on the fourth Monday in October. It was changed back to its original date, November 11, in 1975 when President Gerald Ford signed bill S.331 into law. The change went into effect beginning in 1978.

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# LORAIN COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

The Lorain County Veterans Service Commission's Service Office has National and State Accredited Service Officers.

Service Officers can assist you with a multitude of items including helping you with your claims and benefits.

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*Information and guidance in obtaining aid from various federal, state, and local organizations*

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*Memorial Day Ceremonies*

*Requesting your discharge papers or medical records*

*Upgrading your Discharge*

*Assist you with obtaining medals or duplicate medals for yourself or a family member*

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# Honor veterans on Remembrance Day

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918, World War I fighting ceased. The war, which had raged on throughout Europe for a little more than four years, claimed the lives of more than nine million combatants and seven million civilians. The Allies squared off against the Central Powers of Germany and Austria-Hungary, and the conflict involved nations from all over the world.

World War II was even more devastating. Ultimately, 100,000 Canadian soldiers lost their lives in these two wars combined. It is in their honour – and in the name of all the servicemen and women who continue to risk their lives in service of their country – that Remembrance Day was established.

Remembrance Day, sometimes referred to as Armistice Day or Poppy Day, is celebrated each year on November 11. It is a federal statutory holiday in much of Canada. During the holiday, people pause for two minutes at 11 a.m. to remember the many Canadian soldiers who lost their lives. Many people also wear red poppies, a flower that has become synonymous with the holiday.

In addition to the moments of silence and the wearing of poppies, individuals can commemorate Remembrance Day in the following ways.

- Treat a veteran. Take a soldier out for a meal or pay the restaurant bill anonymously. If a family

member or friend is presently in the military or retired from the service, learn his or her interests and plan a special, stress-free day.

• Share a servicemember's story. Speak with a service person who served in World War II about his or her military service, and chronicle this person's story into a living history. Encourage children to take part in learning about this person's history and experiences.

• Volunteer at a veteran's association. Find a department of veteran's affairs and see what you can do to assist veterans. If you have specialized skills, offer your services free of charge to former soldiers.

• Show your patriotism. Be proud of your heritage and the rich history of the country. Fly the flag, participate in the voting process and teach children about the country's founding principles and how much the nation has evolved. Read up on current events and take an interest in domestic and foreign affairs.

• Establish your own traditions. Create your own way to celebrate Remembrance Day. This may include a day of contemplation, spending time with family, visiting historical sites, or watching documentaries on the life-changing wars that transformed the world.

Remembrance Day is a time to honour the patriotism of selfless soldiers who sacrificed their lives to make Canada – and the world – a safer place.



## VETERANS DAY FACTS PAGE 3

• An American soldier was buried at the national cemetery in Arlington on November 11, 1921. His identity was unknown, and the gravesite is known as the "Tomb of the Unknown Soldier." A guard from the Society of the Honor Guard stands watch over the grave each year on Veterans Day, and the president or another high-ranking member of the government places a wreath on the grave.

Veterans Day occurs each year on November 11, marking the end of World War I. The day has evolved into a celebration and remembrance of the heroism of America's brave soldiers.

# It's Your Future. Get Started Now!

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or visit [www.lorainccc.edu/veterans](http://www.lorainccc.edu/veterans)

or email our office at [veterans@lorainccc.edu](mailto:veterans@lorainccc.edu).



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# NEOPAT: *Serving those who serve our country*

NEOPAT was founded in January 1, 2011 by a group of local business leaders who shared a passion for U.S., Northeast Ohio, and local military men and women and their families. NEOPAT is dedicated to promoting patriotic acts that will deepen the sense of patriotism locally. By encouraging non-military individuals and families to share time, talents, and finances to benefit

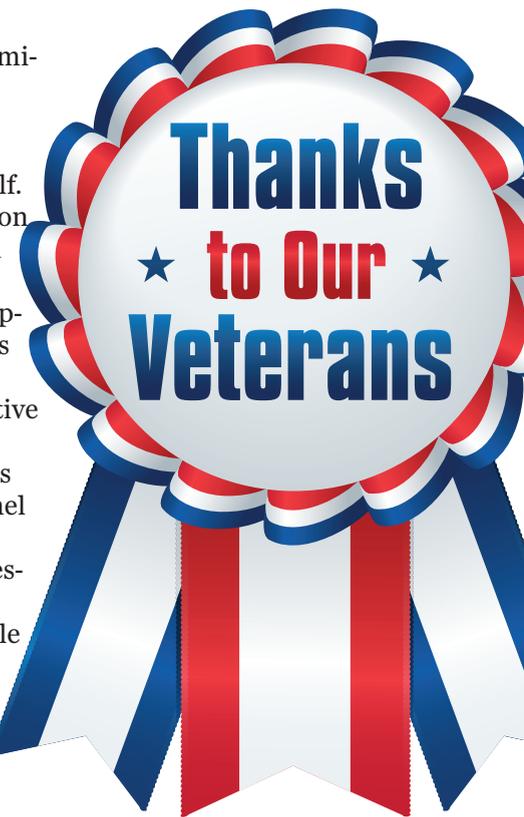
local patriots and creating interaction opportunities between civilian and military families, NEOPAT can highlight the importance of patriotism for generations to come.

By pooling their resources, relationships, and energy the NEOPAT Board set out on a mission to promote patriotism by raising dollars to serve the needs of local military families.

NEOPAT makes it possible for Northeast Ohio businesses and families to express their gratitude and to say thank you to local military for the personal and family sacrifices they make on all of our behalf. NEOPAT is a volunteer organization with no overhead costs associated to staff. This allows 100% of any donation, net of event costs, to support NEOPAT's mission. NEOPAT's Board has made a financial commitment to absorb all administrative costs of the organization.

We enhance the support systems available to local military personnel and their families.

Do you live or serve (past or present) in Northeast Ohio and have basic emergency health and morale needs? If yes, please email [info@neopat.org](mailto:info@neopat.org) or call (216)-520-6164 with your information, detailing your current situation and how you'd like NEOPAT to help.



## Respecting the U.S. flag



### Important Things to Remember

Display the U.S. flag every day, but especially on national and state holidays. On Memorial Day, the flag should be flown at half-staff in the forenoon (sunrise until noon), then raised to its normal position at the top of the staff. When raising the flag to half-staff, first raise it to the top of the staff, then lower it half-way. When lowering a flag that has been flying at half-staff, first raise it to the top of the staff, then lower it all the way. The U.S. flag should be displayed on or near the main building of every public institution, in or near every school on school days, and in or near every polling place on election days. Always hoist the U.S. flag briskly. Lower it slowly and ceremoniously.

### Things Not to Do

Never show disrespect to the U.S. flag. Never dip (lower quickly and then raise) the U.S. flag to any person or thing. Regimental colors, state flags and organization or institutional flags are dipped as a mark of honor. Never display the U.S. flag with the field of stars at the bottom, except as a distress signal. Never let the U.S. flag touch anything beneath it—ground, floor, water or merchandise. Never carry the U.S. flag horizontally, but always aloft and free.

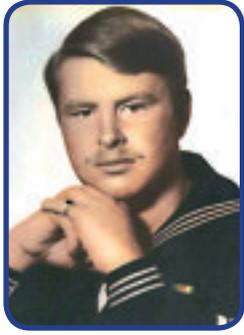
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**VETERANS DAY**



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# Honoring Our Veterans

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# Origins of Veterans Day

Raymond Weeks of Birmingham, Alabama, organized a Veterans Day parade for that city on November 11, 1947, to honor all of America's Veterans for their loyal service. Later, U.S. Representative Edward H. Rees of Kansas proposed legislation changing the name of Armistice Day to Veterans Day to honor all who have served in America's Armed Forces.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11th as Veterans Day and called upon Americans everywhere to rededicate themselves to the cause of peace. He issued a Presidential Order directing the head of the Veterans Administration, now the Department of Veterans Affairs, to form a Veterans Day National

Committee to organize and oversee the national observance of Veterans Day.

The Veterans Day National Ceremony is held each year on November 11th at Arlington National Cemetery. At 11 a.m., a color guard, made up of members from each of the military services, renders honors to America's war dead during a tradition-rich ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown.

The President or his representative places a wreath at the Tomb and a bugler sounds "Taps." The balance of the ceremony, including a "Parade of Flags" by numerous Veterans service organizations, takes place inside the Memorial Amphitheater, adjacent to the Tomb.

## The difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day

Many people confuse Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Both holidays were established to recognize and honor the men and women who have worn the uniform of the United States Armed Forces. But Memorial Day, which is observed on the last Monday in May, was originally set aside as a day for remembering and honoring military personnel who died in the service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle.

While those who died are also remembered on Veterans Day, which is observed on November 11, Veterans Day is intended to thank and honor all those who served honorably in the military -in wartime or peacetime. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank living Veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who served - not only those who died - have sacrificed and done their duty.

*Source: Department of Veterans Affairs*

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### **Bar Louie Free Lunch or Dinner**

Vets and active military receive a free app or entree on Friday, November 11th.

### **Buffalo Wild Wings Free Wings**

All day long on Friday, November 11, veterans and active duty military who dine at their local B-Dubs can receive a free small order of 10-12 traditional or boneless wings and a side of fries. At participating U.S. locations only.

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### **Denny's All You Can Eat Pancakes**

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### **Marco's Pizza**

Marco's Pizza will host free pizza parties for military veterans at local VFW posts, VA hospitals and American Legions nationwide, with certain pizza boxes containing certificates for special surprise gifts, such as much-needed wheelchair ramps, medical bill assistance or plane tickets to visit family.

### **Read more at:**

**[militarybenefits.info/veterans-day-discounts-sales-deals-free-meals](http://militarybenefits.info/veterans-day-discounts-sales-deals-free-meals)**



# Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

In 1921, an American soldier – his name “known but to God” – was buried on a Virginia hillside overlooking the Potomac River and the city of Washington, DC. The burial site of this unknown World War I soldier in Arlington National Cemetery symbolized dignity and reverence for America’s veterans. Similar ceremonies occurred earlier in England and France, where an “unknown soldier” of the Great War was buried in each nation’s highest place of honor (in England, Westminster Abbey; in France, the Arc de Triomphe). These memorial gestures all took place on November 11, giving universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I hostilities at 11 a.m., November 11, 1918 (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month). The day became known as “Armistice Day.” Armistice Day officially received its name in America in 1926. It became a national holiday 12 years later. If World War I had indeed been “the war to end all wars,” November 11 might still be called Armistice Day. But in 1939, World War II broke out and shattered that dream. Of the 16 million Americans who served in the Armed Forces during World War II, more than 400,000 died.

*Source: Department of Veterans Affairs*



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**COURAGE**

**VETERANS DAY**  
NOVEMBER 11, 2016

**HONORING ALL WHO SERVED**

[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

Bill Squire's iHeartRadio  
**SHOW YOUR STRIPES**  
COMEDY EVENT FOR AMERICA  
WITH FRIENDS MIKE HEAD & MARY SANTORA



**QUAKER STEAK & LUBE**

**4900 Transportation Dr., Sheffield Village OH 44054  
Friday, November 11, 2016 • 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.**

**"Veterans, Active-Duty, National Guard, & Reservists admitted FREE"**

**ADMISSION: 3 non-perishable food items or \$5 cash donation.**

**All proceeds to benefit the 2nd Harvest Food Bank.**



**Presented by:**

**THE LORAIN COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION**

**21 & Over ONLY Event • For more information call Martha at 440.284.4625**

# VETERANS DIRECTORY

**American Legion Post 8**  
518 South Main St.  
Wellington, OH 44090

**American Legion Post 12**  
393 Ohio St.  
Elyria OH 44035

**American Legion Post 30**  
1112 West Erie Ave.  
Lorain OH 44052

**American Legion Post 102**  
12725 Pyle S. Amherst Rd.  
Oberlin OH 44074

**American Legion Post 118**  
921 N Lake St.  
Amherst OH 44001

**American Legion Post 197**  
204 Erie St.  
South Amherst, OH 44001

**American Legion Post 211**  
31972 Walker Rd.  
Avon Lake, OH 44012

**American Legion Post 656**  
PO Box 35  
Oberlin, OH 44074

**American Legion Post 717**  
8820 Bender Rd.  
North Ridgeville, OH 44039

**AMVETS Post 32**  
11087 Middle Ave.  
Elyria, OH 44035

**AMVETS Post 47**  
3009 Broadway Ave.  
Lorain, OH 44052

**AMVETS Post 55**  
530 Abbe Rd.  
Sheffield Lake, OH 44054

**AMVETS Post 162**  
PO Box 374  
Wellington, OH 44090

**Catholic War Veterans 1905**  
PO Box 231  
Amherst, OH 44001

**DAV Chapter 20**  
1319 W Erie Ave.  
Lorain, OH 44052

**DAV Chapter 49**  
PO Box 37  
Elyria, OH 44035

**IAV Post 1**  
4569 Oberlin Ave.  
Lorain, OH 44053

**Jewish War Veterans Post 222**  
Lorain, OH 44053

**Korean War Veterans**  
620 Gulf Rd.  
Elyria, OH 44035

**M.O.P.H. Chapter 473**  
1622 W 30th St.  
Lorain, OH 44052

**Marine Corps League**  
12207 West Ridge Rd.  
Oberlin, OH 44074

**Marine Corps League 474**  
Lofton Henderson Detachment  
PO Box 3313  
Lorain, OH 44052

**NABVETS 74**  
1319 W Erie Ave.  
Lorain, OH 44052

**VFW Post 451**  
4562 Oberlin Ave.  
Lorain, OH 44053

**VFW Post 1079**  
500 South Abbe Rd.  
Elyria, OH 44035

**VFW Post 1662**  
165 Cleveland Ave.  
Amherst, OH 44001

**VFW Post 3341**  
781 Huron  
Grafton, OH 44044

**VFW Post 6273**  
42369 Oberlin Elyria Rd.  
Elyria, OH 44035

**VFW Post 6941**  
207 North Main St.  
Wellington, OH 44090

**VFW Post 7035**  
36950 Mills Rd.  
Avon, OH 44011

**VFW Post 8686**  
577 Harris Rd.  
Sheffield Lake, OH 44054

**VFW Post 9340**  
25742 Royalton Rd.  
Columbia Station, OH 44028

**VFW Post 9871**  
6805 Lear Nagle Rd.  
North Ridgeville, OH 44039

# LORAIN COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

1230 North Abbe Rd., Elyria, OH 44035 • [www.LorainCountyVeterans.com](http://www.LorainCountyVeterans.com)

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Temporary financial assistance may be available to Veterans or their widow who show a need and meet eligibility requirements.

Assistance may be given for rent, mortgage, property tax, utilities, car payment, insurances, and food or personal items.

The commission considers household income, living expenses, available assets, medical expenses, and the special needs of each applicant when determining eligibility.

The Veteran must have been discharged under honorable conditions and must have served on active duty for purposes other than training. Applicant must be a resident of Lorain County for 90 days prior to application.

## VETERAN ID CARD

**THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS**

**9:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

### • REQUIREMENTS •

HONORABLE DISCHARGE or  
UNDER HONORABLE CONDITIONS  
RESIDENT OF LORAIN COUNTY  
DD214 • VALID PHOTO ID

## RESOURCE ROOM

**440.284.4625**

## VA CLAIMS ASSISTANCE

Our Veterans Service Officer's assist Veterans and their families in obtaining possible benefits through the Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA). They also assist Vets in obtaining their DD 214, applying for reissue of medals and a high school diploma for wartime Veterans.

The Veteran must provide their DD 214, proof of residency and other vital documents such as marriage and birth certificates, divorce decree, custody papers, verification of household income as required for VA claims assistance.



## OFFICE HOURS

excluding holidays

**M - F • 8:00 am - 4:30 pm**

## TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is provided to and from the VA Medical Facilities in Wade Park & Parma and the VA Clinic in Sheffield Village. Availability is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

A morning shuttle is available to Wade Park & Parma. Home pick-ups are provided for appointments at the VA Clinic in Sheffield Village ONLY.

Wheelchair accessible service is available.

**TO SCHEDULE A RIDE CALL  
440.284.4624**

### WADE PARK & PARMA SCHEDULE

Departs LCVSO ..... 7:15 a.m.\*1  
Departs JFS ..... 7:30 a.m.\*1  
Departs Valor Home ..... 7:45 a.m.\*1  
Departs Elyria ..... 8:00 a.m.\*1  
Arrives W/P ..... 9:15 a.m.\*2  
Departs W/P ..... 3:00 p.m.\*3  
Arrives LCVSO ..... 4:30 p.m.\*3

### PICK-UP & DROP OFF LOCATIONS

**LCVSO: 1230 N Abbe Rd.**  
**JFS: 42495 North Ridge Rd.**  
**Valor Home: 221 W 20th St., Lorain.**  
**Elyria: Admin. Bldg., 226 Middle Ave.**

\*1 May depart earlier if all scheduled riders are present.

\*2 Approx. time, add 20-30 min. if shuttle goes to Parma.

\*3 May depart earlier if all riders are done with their appt.

**SERVICES ARE PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE TO VETERANS OF LORAIN COUNTY ONLY**