



# SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

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#### How are you commemorating Veterans Day?

Veterans Day has its origins at the end of World War I, when at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, the fighting ended with the signing of an armistice.

Veterans Day is coming up, and although I know we all honor our veterans on a daily basis, it's still special to take this day to thank our veterans for their service and to remember those who gave their last full measure for our freedom.

If your squadron is conducting a Veterans Day event, please feel free to use [the Veterans Day speech](#) available through the Media & Communications Division at American Legion National Headquarters.

A few weeks ago on the SAL Facebook page, we asked you to share how your detachment or squadron was planning to commemorate Veterans Day.

- Squadron 189 in Sebastian, Fla., will place flags on 1,000 veterans' graves in the days leading up to Veterans Day, and squadron members will participate in honor guard ceremonies at four different events on Veterans Day itself.
- The Legion Family at Post 192 in Canton, Kan., are hosting a pork chop dinner and auction on Nov. 11.
- The SAL and local Scouts in Northumberland, Pa., will handle flag removal at Riverview Cemetery after the Post 44 Legion Family's Veterans Day Service on Nov. 13.

Thank you for sharing your plans. And I'd like to remind you that you can share details on your Veterans Day events - and your other activities - on the SAL page at [Legiontown](#).

I look forward to seeing how the Sons of The American Legion honor our veterans on Veterans Day and beyond!

I also want to encourage you to submit entries to the SAL Snapshots of Service, and the new SAL Videos of Service. These annual contests are open to all members of the SAL, and are aimed at showing the SAL supporting the Four Pillars, through the Snapshots of Service; and encouraging membership renewal and growth, promoting American Legion programs, and working in our communities, through the Videos of Service.

More details on both contests are available at [Legion.org/sons/publications](http://Legion.org/sons/publications).

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With passion and purpose.

Sincerely,

Christopher Carlton  
Sons of The American Legion  
National Commander

*"Purpose is why we journey; passion is the flame that lights the way."*