



Veterans (Records Management): Jesus Vargas, Patricio Bernal, Davinder Kullar, Gary Richmond, Robert Myers and Leon Castaneda display their memories from their years of service.
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According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Day was originally called Armistice Day (a celebration of peace). Although World War I officially ended in June of 1919 with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles, fighting actually ended with a 1918 armistice that went into effect at 11:11 a.m. on November 11. The following November, President Woodrow Wilson declared November 11 a commemoration of Armistice Day, and a 1938 act of Congress made November 11 a legal holiday. Armistice Day was originally a day to honor WWI veterans, but following WWII and the Korean conflict, the word "Armistice" was replaced by the word "Veterans," to recognize all members of the U.S. military.

Veterans Day is sometimes confused with Memorial Day. According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Memorial Day is specifically for remembering and honoring deceased military personnel who died serving their country, especially those who died during a battle or as a result of battle wounds. Veterans Day, on the other hand, is meant to thank and honor all members of the military, whether they served during times of war or times of peace. 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.

RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West



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File Assistant

U.S. Army (Retired)
Served: January 1978 - July 1998
Assigned: Ft. Lewis, WA; Ft. Benning, GA;
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Awards: Ranger, Airborne, Jumpmaster, Pathfinder and
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Patricio Bernal
Mail and File Supervisor

U.S. Navy (Retired)
Served November 1982 – November 2006
Assigned: Various duty stations, squadrons, and ships in
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Davinder Kullar
Mail Clerk

U.S. Army
Served: December 2008 – June 2012
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Gary Richmond
Drawing Records Program Manager

U.S. Army (Retired)
Served over 20 years of military service and directly
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Robert Myers
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U.S. Army National Guard
Served: February 2001 – April 2013
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Veteran of: OIF III (Iraq/Kuwait 2005-2006), OIF V
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