

Veterans Day was originally called Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War I

World War I officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919. However, the fighting ended about seven months before that when the Allies and Germany put into effect an armistice on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

For that reason, Nov. 11, 1918, was largely considered the end of "the war to end all wars" and dubbed Armistice Day. In 1926, Congress officially recognized it as the end of the war, and in 1938, it became an official holiday, primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I.

But then World War II and the Korean War happened, so on June 1, 1954, at the urging of veterans service organizations, Congress amended the commemoration yet again by changing the word "armistice" to "veterans" so the day would honor American veterans of all wars.

It is NOT Veteran's Day and is NOT Veterans' Day. It is VETERANS DAY, no possessive apostrophe. The day belongs to ALL people who have served in the armed forces of the USA.

Please let the Veterans in your life know you appreciate the service and their sacrifice for your safety and way of life.