

Times Remembered **Betty A. Young** BYoung505@Outlook.Com

## Veterans Day

Veterans Day this year is celebrated on Wednesday, November 11. Veterans Day gives Americans an opportunity to show their appreciation for some real life superheroes. The brave men and women in World War II (1939-1945) and for the soldiers. You can deliver of the United States Armed Forces the Korean War (1950-1953). who risk their lives to protect the nation's freedom.

commemorates US soldiers who have died or sustained a wound in war. Veterans Day, meanwhile, pays tribute to all American soldiers, both living and dead.

The holiday's primary purpose, however, is to thank living veterans for their service and sacrifices. Armistice Day, as it was originally called, was started by US President 11, 1919, to commemorate World the Allied Nations and Germany to cease all military operations served on November 11, regardat precisely 11:00 am on November 11, 1918. The record eventuwhich ended the "Great War" on June 28, 1919. Armistice Day was declared a federal holiday in 1938 and renamed Veterans Day in 1954

For the next thirty years, Veterans Day continued to be observed There is often confusion be- on November 11. However, that tween Veterans Day and Memorial changed in 1968 with the Uniform Day, which is celebrated on the last Holiday Bill. Enacted by US offi- ing a memorial service on Veter-Monday of May. While both honor cials to enable Americans to enjoy the American military, they serve a three-day weekend, it altered Your Service and Sacrifices

different purposes. Memorial Day the date of four federal holidays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day to Mondays, Under this bill, Veterans Day was moved to the fourth Monday of October.

However, given the significance many states were unhappy with the change and continuing commemorating the holiday on November 11. On September 20, Woodrow Wilson on November 1975, President Gerald R. Ford ended the confusion with a new War I soldier. The day marked the bill reverting the celebration to first anniversary of the armistice, its previous date. The law went or formal agreement, between into effect in 1978, and since then Veterans Day has always been obless of the day it falls on.

Most Americans celebrate the ally led to the Treaty of Versailles, holiday by participating in their city or town's Veterans Day Parade. Restrictions due to COVID-19 have caused many events to be canceled this year, there are other to include the soldiers that fought ways to show your appreciation food and supplies to the nearest veteran center or perhaps write personalized thank you cards to each of the residents.

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## Saturday, December 5th - 10am-1pm **Elizabeth Witt Christmas Party** Has Been Changed to Drive-Thru

The tradition will continue again this year for the 40th annual Elizabeth Witt Christmas Party. It will be held as usual on the first Saturday of December which is December 5 but there are changes this year due to the corona virus. It will be held as a "Drive Through" at the Estill County Fairgrounds with gifts being given from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. as vehicles drive through the line. Gifts will be given to the children in each vehicle. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be present to greet the children in a social distanced safe manner

The Elizabeth Witt party committee hope to make this a special day for Estill County children, age 12 and under. All are invited to attend. Children will receive a Christmas necklace, kettle corn, candy, chocolate milk, apple, banana, orange, and age appropriate toys and books.

Elizabeth Witt started the Christmas Party at her home for the children of Estill County in 1980 and wanted every gift to be wrapped with a ribbon. Upon her passing in 1990 a group of local citizens formed a committee to keep the tradition alive and with the generosity of the community it has continued.

Contributions from the community are necessary for the party to continue. Donations can be made to the "Elizabeth Witt Christmas Party" at Citizens Guaranty Bank. For further information contact Regina Robertson or Francine Bonny.



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