

Press Release



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Veterans invited to Pleasant Valley event

All veterans are invited to the annual Pleasant Valley Middle School Veterans Day assembly at 9 a.m. Nov. 10. The school is at 14320 N.E. 50th Ave. This year's program, directed by sixth-grade teacher Amy Pace, is themed "The Long Brave Line" and will honor veterans of wars throughout U.S. history.

The Prairie high School Air Force Junior ROTC color guard will present the flag and the award-winning Pleasant Valley Middle School band, directed by Evan Irwin, will perform. Pleasant Valley eighth grade classes will make presentations.

Initially called Armistice Day, it was a day to honor the fallen soldiers in World War I. The date, Nov. 11, 1918, marked the end of hostilities between Germany and the Allies, including the United States, France and Britain. The formal peace treaty was signed in Versailles, France, on June 28, 1919, five years after the war began. In 1938 Congress made Nov. 11 a national holiday; in 1954 the name was changed by Congress to Veterans Day to honor U.S. veterans of all wars.

According to firstworldwar.com/features/armistice.htm, "Germany may have agreed to an armistice on November 11, but Bulgaria called it quits on 30 September 1918. Turkey and Austria-Hungary -- the latter having essentially sparked the war in the first place -- concluded an armistice within days of each other, on 30 October and 3 November 1918. The armistice was signed at 5 a.m. on Nov. 11, 1918, and took effect six hours later at 11 a.m., thus the often-heard phrase 'the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.' "

Sources: firstworldwar.com/features/armistice.htm;
www1.va.gov/opa/vetsday/vetdayhistory.asp; www.patriotism.org/veterans_day

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