

Newsletter for November 2015

November is one of my favorite months of the year. Not only is the weather getting cooler, but I enjoy the foliage of the trees as the leaves turn different shades of orange, red and yellow.

November is when we celebrate Veteran's Day each year on November 11. Veterans Day is a public holiday that is dedicated to honoring anyone who has served in the United States military. The holiday began as a day to remember the end of World War I and was declared a holiday by President Woodrow Wilson in 1919. Originally known as Armistice Day, the holiday became Veterans Day in 1954.

Most federal workers are given the day off and there is no mail service in the United States on this day. When Woodrow Wilson declared 11 November a holiday, the primary intention was to have a day to reflect on the sacrifices of those who had served in the military during World War I. Observation of the holiday through parades and meetings was envisioned.

Today, many Americans observe the day by attending ceremonies and parades that are dedicated to honoring the troops for their service. These often allow veterans to speak about their time in the service and give Americans the opportunity to personally thank veterans for their sacrifice. Some retail establishments and restaurant chains offer free or discounted meals for people who can prove their veteran status.

Also, and the most important reason it is one of my favorite months, is we celebrate Thanksgiving. ***We have so much to be thankful for.*** Not only do we live in the greatest country in the world, we enjoy the freedom of religion. We can worship God wherever and whenever we want to, without having to be concerned if we will be put in jail. And being thankful for my family and friends is extremely important.

I sincerely hope you have a great month and Happy and safe Thanksgiving. WE WILL **NOT** HAVE AN EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING IN DECEMBER.