

Veteran's Day 2008

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CAP's 57,000 citizen volunteers will gather with family and friends on Nov. 11 to observe Veterans Day. For all Americans, especially CAP's combat veterans, Veterans Day is an important reminder of the 25 million courageous men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces who valiantly served their country.

In other parts of the world, Veterans Day is celebrated as Remembrance Day or Armistice Day. Regardless of what you call it, Veterans Day is commonly celebrated on Nov. 11, the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I. The major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 with the German signing of the Armistice.

On Nov. 11, I hope you will embrace this opportunity to visit with CAP members who are veterans to reflect on the freedoms we have in America and the sacrifices made by all our nation's veterans to ensure those freedoms. Their devotion and dedication in defense of our country, in times of war and other military service throughout the world, must always be remembered.

We salute our veterans, not just on Veterans Day, but each and every day. Thanks for your great service.