



# ROLL CALL

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## A Special Message to our Roll Call Veterans from the Board of Directors

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Roll Call, we would like to extend our deep and unfailing gratitude for all of our military veterans (and active duty personnel). You are the reason we do what we do. We are so proud and honored to know each of you, to serve each of you, and to call each of you "friend." Our lives and freedom we owe to you. We hope our passion for veterans is evident. We love each of you so much and we truly look forward to seeing you every opportunity we get! ~ Kelli Martin, President

## The History of Veterans Day

WWI officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918 is generally regarded as the end of "the war to end all wars."

Soldiers of the 353rd Infantry near a church at Stenay, Meuse in France, wait for the end of hostilities. This photo was taken at 10:58 a.m., on November 11, 1918, two minutes before the armistice ending World War I went into effect. In November 1919,



President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words:

"To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's

service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926.

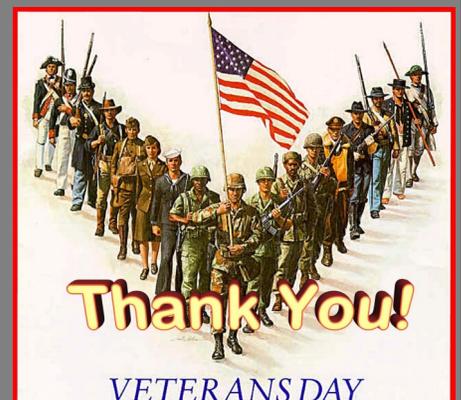
An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day." Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation's history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its

place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.



President Eisenhower signing HR7786, changing Armistice Day to Veterans Day. From left: Alvin J. King, Wayne Richards, Arthur J. Connell, John T. Nation, Edward Rees, Richard L. Trombla, Howard W. Watts II wars.

(The above account was taken from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website.)





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### Special Thanks to our October Luncheon Guest Speaker Paul Kessler

Roll Call, our veterans and attendees would like to extend our heartfelt and sincere gratitude to Paul Kessler, a Jewish Holocaust survivor, who shared his story of tragedy and triumph. I don't think there was a dry eye in the house! I received several emails and phone calls from those in attendance to tell me what a wonderful program it was and how much they enjoyed Mr. Kessler's presentation. Mr. Kessler, Roll Call thanks you so much and we are proud you are part of our "Roll Call family" now.

### Brookdale Ridgmar

Roll Call is excited to announce our new Corporate Sponsor Brookdale Ridgmar located at 2151 Green Oaks Rd. Fort Worth. They offer exceptional independent senior living solutions. Please contact their office at 817-735-0033 for more information.

### Important Special Events

**1st Annual Veterans Ball** on Friday 11/10/17 from 5:30p to 8:00p at Brookdale Ridgmar located at 2151 Green Oaks Rd. Fort Worth. Admission is free. Food and entertainment. Please RSVP to Liz Brooks or Monica Knight at 817-735-0033.

**Tarrant County Veterans Day Parade** in downtown Fort Worth from 10:30a to 12:00p. Come out to show support for Roll Call's participation this year. Vietnam veterans interested in riding the float contact Mark at 817-528-1535.

### Upcoming Luncheons

- **NO LUNCHEON IN NOVEMBER**
- **Friday December 1, 2017 LUNCHEON** will be a **Christmas Party** with live entertainment! Heart over Heels will be performing. And, special prizes thanks to Sandra McKee & her daughter Becky, and other special treats thanks to US Navy at the JRB and Erin McFatridge with VFW post 6872.
- Friday January 26, 2018 will focus on the Vietnam War, since the 50th Anniversary of the Tet Offensive is that month.

**PLEASE RSVP BY FRIDAY 11/24/17 to either Mark Donahew at 817-528-1535 mark@roll-call.org or SFC Roy Davis at 817-727-5030 roy@roll-call.org**

### Luncheon Location

#### MEETING LOCATION:

Birchman Baptist Church  
9100 N. Normandale St.  
Fort Worth, TX 76116  
11:30a-1:30pm

Many people are wondering if and when we will be moving locations. We are going to try and stay at Birchman for as long as possible! They have been so wonderful to us and have a great setup.

We have located another church, Worth Baptist Church, off of 820 & Campus Dr. across from the VA clinic. They have space to accommodate up to 600 people, but they do not have enough tables and chairs to seat even 300 people. However, we are hopeful that if when the time comes that we truly outgrow Birchman we will be able to make it work over at Worth Baptist Church.

### SPECIAL THANKS TO ...

- Senator Kelly Hancock for attending our October Luncheon and presenting Mr. Don Graves with a special proclamation.
- City Manager Stacey Almond, 8 yr. USAF Veteran, SSGT during Desert Storm/Desert Shield for attending our luncheon and inviting veterans to Lake Worth's free lunch for all veterans Thursday 11.9.17 11:30a-1:30p at Splash Dayz Event Center on 8905 Clifford St. White Settlement. RSVP to 817.237.1211, xt. 101.
- Brenda Leonhart and volunteers who help make our luncheons successful.
- Bob Adams & Robert Jones for helping with AV needs at the luncheon.
- Rick Irving, Joe Schneider and Ken Eastwood for always taking great photos!
- Jane Roberts, Liz Brooks & Monica Knight at Brookdale Ridgmar!