

HONORING VETERANS DAY

Statistics and student stories about Veterans Day



NOV. 11 CELEBRATIONS

How to celebrate Veterans Day, according to honoringamericasveterans.org

★ ORGANIZE A CARE PACKAGE

Send a package to a soldier over seas, or if you don't know anyone currently serving, contact a nearby organization like Blue Star Moms to find troops in need

SCAN ME LINK



Join the Facebook page for the Kansas City chapter of Blue Star Moms

★ GET CREATIVE

Find an educational art project to create, especially with younger kids, on websites such as Pinterest

★ WEAR A POPPY

Contact the local American Legion office to find out where you can get a poppy, and wear it to show support for veterans and active duty service members

SCAN ME LINK



Check out the American Legion's contact information to find a poppy

250 YEARS

About the significance of this Veterans Day, according to military250.org

★ The U.S. **ARMY**, **NAVY** and **MARINE CORPS** are celebrating their 250th anniversary

STUDENT TRADITIONS

Students share their celebrations of Veterans Day



“ JOHN MARSH
FRESHMAN

I STARTED VOLUNTEERING

on Veterans Day with my sister. When I started, I was just going because she's my sister, but now I really want to go.



ABOVE Marsh poses with Jessy, a comfort dog at a Veterans Day volunteer event.



“ GRACE O'DONNELL
SENIOR

I CELEBRATE VETERANS

Day because I have grandparents and great grandparents who were in different wars and are veterans. I do a lot of projects to help celebrate veterans, not necessarily just on Nov. 11.



ABOVE O'Donnell and her friends pass out toiletries at the 2025 Stand Down.

POPPY SYMBOLISM

The origins and meaning of the traditional motif of Veterans Day, according to arlingtonva.us

- The tradition began during World War I when Moina Michael was inspired by the poem **"IN FLANDER FIELDS"**
- Michael sold poppy corsages to raise funds for veterans and their families, and swore to wear a poppy every day to remember those who were serving

“ **"IN FLANDERS FIELDS"**
poem by MAJOR JOHN MCCRAE

In Flanders fields **THE POPPIES** blow
BETWEEN THE CROSSES, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still **BRAVELY SINGING**, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

