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Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers at Arlington, Va.

Veterans Day had it beginnings in War to endall Wars'

has become the focal point for remembrance for America's veterans.

World War I was buried in Arlington National Cemeterv in 1921.

Arc de Triomphe, and in England at war. Westminster Abbey. The ceremonies took Nov. 11 became known at "Armistice Day." burials honored World War II and Korean

A memorial on a hillside overlooking the hope that World War I was "the War to end others. Potomac River and the city of Washington all Wars" never materialized, though. World War II started only a few years later. 16,500,000 Americans took part in that war, night at the tombs. It started when an unknown soldier from and 407,000 died in the service, 292,000 in battle.

England and France had similar ceremo- bill turning Nov. 11 into Veteran's Day honnies. In France, the soldier was buried at the oring all who served America in time of though, so in 1978 Congress moved Veter-

On Memorial Day 1958, two more

An Army honor guard from the 3rd Infantry (The Old Guard) keeps vigil day and

In 1968, Congress moved Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. It soon In 1954, President Eisenhower signed a became apparent that November 11 had historical significance to a lot of people, ans Day back to Nov. 11.

The national ceremonies for Veterans place on Nov. 11, recognizing the end of American war dead were brought from Day will be 11 a.m. Friday at the memorial World War I at 11 a.m. Nov. 11, 1918 — the overseas and buried in the plaza beside the amphitheater built around the Tomb of the A combined color guard from all the military services will execute "Present Arms" In 1984, an unknown serviceman from at the tomb. A presidential wreath will be





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A congressional resolution in 1926 officially designated Armistice Day. Nov. 11 became a national holiday in 1938. The the Vietnam War was placed along side the placed, and "Taps" played.

11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. unknown solder from World War I. These Unknowns. veterans.

Veterans plan observance here

eign Wars Voice of Democracy oratory con- ticipate. The local winner goes on to comtest, Michael Smith, will deliver his speech pete at the state and national level, competon Veterans Day at the VFW ceremony at ing for more than \$250,000 in scholarships. the post hall, 824 Main.

of the 11th day of the 11th month," 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 11. The public is invited

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Smith won the contest at the local and The ceremony will begin a the "11th hour district level last year. Aaron Duell placed second in the local contest this year.

The local winner of the Veterans of For- dents in grades 9-12 were eligible to par- Today's Patriots?" The local winner will go on to state and national. The first place national winner gets a \$10,000 scholarship award. The local winners were picked on November 2.

The local winner was Kaitlyn Lammers, daughter of Mike and Kathy Lammers. The Patriot's Pen is an essay contest for Alexandra Borders, daughter of Tim and The contest required students to enter a 6th to 8th grade students sponsored by the Lydia Borders, was second and Dane 3-5 minute taped speech on the theme veterans' group. The topic was "Who are Frazier, son of Mary and Bill Frazier, third.

Sgt. Derrick Lutters, killed in action May 1, 2005 in Iraq, awarded the Bronze Star



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