

Veterans Day – November 11, 2013

According to Emma Metcalf, Medical Center Director, Veterans Day is a national day of recognition and remembrance – a day where we take time to honor Americans who have served their country in military uniform. November 11 was originally called Armistice Day because it was on this day in 1918 that the First World War came to an end. The armistice was signed at 11:00A, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of the year. After four years of brutal trench fighting, nine million soldiers had died and 21 million were wounded.

“Our Veterans have given and sacrificed so much for our freedom and the freedom of future generations,” says Metcalf. “At VA, our duty obliges us to ensure that each generation understands and appreciates the sacrifices that Veterans have made, often at very heavy cost, to preserve our freedom.”

“As Veterans Day is celebrated across the nation, we encourage you to send a special “thank you” to the Veterans in your family, in your community, and at VA, who have served America so selflessly,” invites Metcalf. “Our Veterans bear both visible and invisible scars. It is a privilege to honor them on Veterans Day and every day at VA by providing them with outstanding healthcare and saying ‘thank you for your service.’”

If you would like to send a card to a hospitalized Veteran, please mail to:

Voluntary Service (135)
VA Medical Center
1101 Veterans Drive
Lexington, KY 40502

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