

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to the many individuals and services that made this program possible.

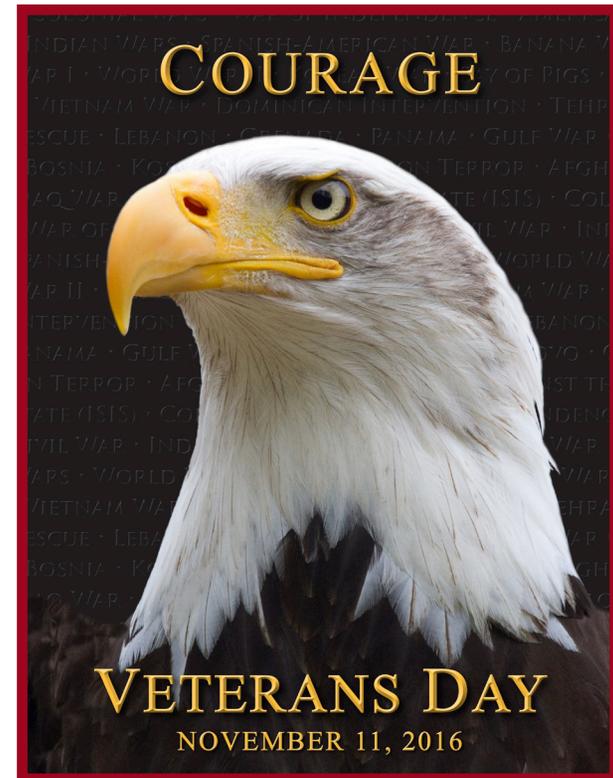


McGuire Veterans Affairs Medical Center

to our
VETERANS:
Past, Present, and Future
We Thank You



Please join us in the Mall area following the program to celebrate the 241st Marine Birthday Celebration.



ANNUAL VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

11 am
November 10, 2016

MEDICAL CENTER MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

THE HISTORY OF VETERANS DAY



credit: Womens Auxiliary of American Legion, Richmond

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” - 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.”

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...”

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.

McGUIRE VAMC ANNUAL VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

Prelude	Fort Lee 392 nd Army Jazz Band
Greetings and Welcome Remarks	John A. Brandecker <i>Director, McGuire VAMC</i>
Invocation	O. Dewane Stone, Jr.
Presentation of Colors	Fort Lee Color Guard
National Anthem	Terry R. Taylor <i>Senior Master Sgt., USAF (Ret.)</i>
Pledge of Allegiance.....	Lonette Ott <i>Band of Brothers and Sisters, Vietnam Veterans Support Group</i>
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Alan Lombardo <i>Associate Director, McGuire VAMC</i>
Keynote Remarks	Major General Darrell K. Williams <i>Commander, CASCOM, Fort Lee</i>
Military Medley	Fort Lee 392 nd Army Jazz Band
Benediction.....	O. Dewane Stone, Jr.
Retire Colors.....	Fort Lee Color Guard