

Veterans Day

Veterans Day is celebrated on November 11 in honor of those who have served in the armed forces of the United States. It is a legal federal holiday. The observation was originally designated in 1919 by President Woodrow Wilson as Armistice Day. Wilson selected November 11 because the Armistice ending World War I had been signed on this date in 1918. Wilson wanted to make sure that Americans did not forget the tragedies of the war. In 1938, Congress passed legislation which designated Armistice Day a federal holiday. The name was changed to Veterans Day in 1954 so that all veterans would be honored. For a brief period (1971-1977), this holiday was celebrated on the fourth Monday in October.

On Veterans Day, special services take place at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. The Tomb is made of the finest and whitest of American marble--Yule Colorado Marble, the same as used in the Lincoln Memorial. Carved upon the marble on the front, which faces the City of Washington, DC and the Potomac River, is a composition of three figures commemorative of the spirit of the Allies in the War. In the center of the panel stands "Victory" with her palm branch to reward the devotion, sacrifice and courage that made the cause of righteousness triumphant; on one side a male figure symbolizes "Valor" and on the other stands "Peace." On the back appears the inscription "Here Rests In Honored Glory an American Soldier Known But to God." This is the only inscription appearing on the Tomb. ♦

WS Veterans Memorial



This Memorial, to be located in the Winter Springs Town Center, is dedicated to all who have served to protect our great Country, in particular those who live, work or have close ties to the City of Winter Springs. The Memorial is generously funded by donations from the Winter Springs Rotary Club and was matched dollar for dollar from the City of Winter Springs.

Starmer Ranaldi Planning and Architecture (SRI) donated the design of the Memorial to show their appreciation for all the sacrifices and courage that the Veterans dedicated to all of us. SRI thanks Mitzo Engineering, LLC - Structural Engineering

and Matern Professional Engineering, MEP (Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing) for their help as Consultants to this project.

October 2007 is tentatively the month to break ground with plans to finish the project early in 2008. The cost of the project is approximately \$100,000.

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