

Memorial Day, Veterans Day: Remembrance

Veterans Day and Memorial Day both honor the U.S. military community, but both holidays serve different purposes.

For many, Veterans Day is an extra Monday off before the holiday season gets into full swing, and Memorial Day is the weekend that signifies the start of summer.



But both days have a significant and distinct meaning to many veterans, members of the U.S. armed services and their families.

Here are the difference between Veterans Day and Memorial Day:

Veterans Day

... a federal holiday that celebrates all those who served in the U.S. military. Veterans Day has been celebrated since the end of World War I, which ended on Nov. 11, 1918.

Memorial Day

... a federal holiday celebrated this year on May 27, honors those who died in U.S. military service.

Memorial Day has its origins from the time of the Civil War, when people began laying flowers on the graves of soldiers in the spring. At the time, the day was known as Decoration Day. Memorial Day has since become a holiday to include all those who died during U.S. military service.