



CHARLES COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WATCH WORKS

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November 4:
Daylight Saving Time ends
November 6:
Election Day
November 11:
Veterans Day
November 22:
Thanksgiving

What is Veterans Day?

Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and November 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. Unlike Memorial Day, Veterans Day pays tribute to all American Veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

In 1954 President Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

The military men and women who serve and protect the U.S. come from all walks of life; they are parents, children, grandparents, friends, neighbors and coworkers, and are an important part of their communities.

• Did you know as of

2014, 16.1 million living veterans served during at least one war.

- 5.2 million veterans served in peacetime.
- 2 million veterans are women.
- 7 million veterans served during the Vietnam War.
- 5.5 million veterans served during the Persian Gulf War.
- Of the 16 million Americans who served during World War II about 558,000 are still alive.
- 2 million veterans served during the Korean War.
- As of 2014, three states have more than 1 million veterans among their population: California (1.8 million), Florida (1.6 million) and Texas (1.7 million)

When you look at all the statistics you realize that there is a great chance that a veteran lives in your community, you work with one or you may go to church with a veteran.

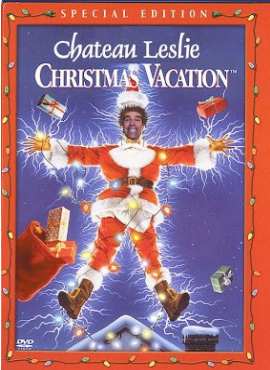
How great would it be if all our communities honor the veterans that live among them or are involved in your life in one way or another.

Just a friendly acknowledgement, a thank you would brighten someone's day and make their time served worth every minute.

We do live in the "Land of the Free" because "of the Brave".

Take a minute and thank a veteran!





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Traveling for the Holiday?

Getting together with your family for the holidays? I know the goal may be to cram as much as possible into the car and get on the road quickly. You can take more with you if you drive. Plane tickets are so expensive.

Whatever your reasoning make sure your trip is as safe as possible.

- Make sure your vehicle is in top condition. Check your windshield wipers, does the oil need changing? Check the brake pads. Do you need windshield washer-fluid?
- Adjust the tire pressure prior to travel. Consult the owner's manual to determine the proper tire pressure when the vehicle is carrying a full load.
- Know the car's limits. It also is important to stay below the maximum permitted weight or maximum load capacity.
- Make sure everything is secured in the car or truck. Use crates or boxes to house smaller items. Use straps or rope to tie down anything loaded in the back of a truck or SUV. Load as much as you can into a car's trunk to avoid having loose items rolling around inside the passenger area.
- Keep a clear view of mirrors and the rear of the vehicle. Do not pack any items higher than the level of the rear seats. Not only can these items fly forward in the event of sharp braking or a crash, but they also may obscure the driver's view of the road.
- Invest in a roof rack or cargo box. Only place light items on the roof of the car so you can free up interior space. Secure roof items tightly, as

they will be caught by the updraft while driving and you do not want to send them airborne and onto the roadway.

- Make sure passengers can be seated safely. Packing a car doesn't only mean being able to fit suitcases and belongings. It also means ensuring passengers can ride safely. Do not seat more passengers than seat belts. If there is not enough room, it is safer in the long run to take two cars. Rent a van.
- Don't let a road mishap spoil your travels.
- Carry an emergency bag with snacks, water and medicine for a headache or upset stomach. A lap blanket for that one person that thinks it's too cool in the car.
- Enjoy your holidays with your families.

Lights and Sirens



You look in your rearview mirror and there it is, a police car with his lights and siren on. What did I do, you ask yourself, was I speeding?

- Slow down and safely pull over to a safe location as soon as possible.
- Stay in your seat with your seatbelt on during the stop.
- Keep your hands visible to the officer. If it is nighttime, turn on the interior lights.

- Remain calm.
- Never touch the officer or make any movements that can be perceived as a threat.

- Comply with the officer's request to see your driver's license and vehicle registration. If you have to reach for the documents inform the officer of their location.
- If you have a weapon, inform the officer of its location. Do not attempt to remove the weapon yourself.
- If the officer requests permission to search your vehicle, you can either give consent or

refuse.

- If the officer has probable cause to search your vehicle, the vehicle may be searched without your consent or a court issued warrant.
- If you are issued and asked to sign a motor vehicle citation, by law you must sign it. Signing the citation is simply acknowledging receipt, not an admission of guilt. Electronic citations do not require a signature.
- If you are told you are under arrest, comply with the officer's orders.



Challenge of the Month

Go an entire day without criticizing anyone. Not someone's driving or the way they are dressed.

Yes this is going to be really hard. Most of the time we are not aware we do this. You will be sur-

prised. Instead tell someone they have a great smile or they did a great job. If you have someone new to the job ask them how they are doing and do they need any help. Maybe after a while this will spread all around you. It would make your work space a happier place. It could also help

at home. In this fast paced world a thank you for helping with the dishes or taking out the trash goes a long way. Everyone likes to hear they are appreciated. Don't get drawn in by complainers.





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