This message is from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Did you know that Memorial Day and Veterans Day have different meanings? Memorial Day pays tribute to those who died in the military. Veterans Day honors those who’ve served. Memorial Day originated during the Civil War under the name Decoration Day, which became Memorial Day in 1968. Veterans Day started as Armistice Day at the end of World War I in 1918, before being named Veterans Day in 1954. An armistice between the allied nations and Germany took effect on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. Veterans Day is thus observed on November 11th. Learn more at va.gov and search for Veterans Day.