

Communities salute local veterans with special events, meals

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Communities throughout Eastern Oregon are hosting special veterans gatherings — including school assemblies, parades, free meals and special programs — to honor those who have served in the armed forces.

Veterans Day originated as Armistice Day Nov. 11, 1919, commemorating the end of fighting in World War I. A Congressional resolution in 1926 made Nov. 11 an annual observance and in 1938 it became a national holiday. In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a resolution to change it to Veterans Day to honor veterans who served in all American wars.

Area events include:

HERMISTON

Hermiston chamber sets Veterans Day breakfast

God Bless America: A Tribute to Our Heroes

The Hermiston Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Veterans Day Breakfast, which is free to all veterans, service personnel and their families. The event is Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 8 a.m. at the Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S. Highway 395.

A short program will include a presentation by the American Legion and VFW Honor Guard, Dance Unlimited Troupe and special speakers.

To RSVP, call at 541-567-6151.

Chuckwagon Cafe offers veteran specials

The Chuckwagon Cafe will honor all veterans with specials and music.

A free S.O.S Lunch Special, which also includes coffee or soda and dessert, is available to veterans Wednesday, Nov. 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 81027 N. Highway 395.

In addition, veterans may order an a la cart 8-oz New York steak for \$2, which includes coffee or soda for breakfast from 6-10 a.m. or supper from 4-8:30 p.m. The steak is available while supplies last.

In the evening, the Buttercreek Boys will play toe-tapping music, including famous renditions from back in the day.

For more information or to reserve a steak, call 541-567-6329.

Elks offer steak dinner to veterans

A free barbecued steak dinner will be served to veterans and their spouses at the Hermiston Elks Lodge.

Space is limited to 176, so those planning to attend must RSVP. The event is Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 5:30 p.m. at the lodge, 480 E. Main St.

To reserve a spot, contact Ed at 541-561-6972 or email bpoe1845@gmail.com.

Girl Scouts re-dedicate Peace Pole

In honor of veterans and military personnel, the



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Students line a hall waving flags as veterans and their spouses walk towards the gymnasium during a Veterans Day tribute last year at Pilot Rock High School.

Girls Scouts of Oregon and Southeast Washington Service Unit 22 will re-dedicate the community Peace Pole.

The ceremony is Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 2 p.m. at Bob Shannon Safety Center, 330 S. First St.

For more information, call Michelle Kane at 541-564-5985.

PENDLETON

ODVA director to speak in Pendleton

Cameron Smith, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs director, is the special speaker for a Veterans Day tribute at the Pendleton Convention Center.

The event begins Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. at 1601 Westgate. Umatilla County, St. Anthony Hospital and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 922 will honor all Umatilla County World War II veterans, as well as their widows, families and friends. All veterans are encouraged to attend.

In addition to Smith's presentation, Brig. Gen. Fred Maiocco of the U.S. Army Reserve will offer a tribute and State Sen. Bill Hansell will read a Roll Call of Honor.

A complimentary lunch is provided after the program. For more information or to RSVP, contact Melinda Slatt at 541-278-6204 or melinda.slatt@umatillacounty.net.

Wildhorse serves buffet to veterans

Wildhorse Resort & Casino will say thank you to all active and retired military personnel.

A free Traditions Veterans Day buffet will be offered to all who show their military identification or show up in uniform.

The complimentary buffet is available Wednesday, Nov. 11 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Wildhorse, located off Highway 331. The buffet cost for non-military guests is \$16.95.

Flag Man to present history of Veterans Day

James Givan, a retired Marine known as the "Flag Man," will make a presentation about the history of Veterans Day.

From Armistice to

Veterans' Day: A History is Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 1 p.m. at Tamastlikt Cultural Institute, located near Wildhorse Resort & Casino. The event is free and refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 541-966-9748.

ECHO

Echo students plan veterans celebration

Students in the Echo School District from kindergarten through 12th grade invite all area veterans to a special celebration Thursday, Nov. 12.

The event starts with students honoring all branches of the military with a parade, which will be escorted by local police, fire and military personnel. Students have been making floats to honor each branch of the military.

The parade starts Thursday, Nov. 12 at 10 a.m. in front of the school at 600 Gerone St. It will continue down Main Street and circle back to the school.

In addition, veterans and their families are invited to a school assembly at 1 p.m. in the school's gymnasium. Veteran guests who have notified the school will be recognized during the assembly with their name, branch of service and dates served. The

assembly also includes special speakers, patriotic songs and cake following the program.

To provide information to the school, fill out a postcard at a local VFW hall or call the school at 541-376-8436.

BOARDMAN

Community welcome at Sam Boardman assembly

Students will honor local veterans during a special assembly for veterans.

The community is invited to attend Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 10:30 a.m. in the school's gym, 301 Wilson Lane. The program includes patriotic songs performed by students as a way to express gratitude to America's heroes.

Students will perform "Patriotic Medley." The third

graders will present a history of Veterans Day and a song to honor veterans and their families. Veterans that are present will be introduced and presented with thank you cards made by the students.

For more information, call 541-481-7383.

PILOT ROCK

Veterans invited for breakfast, assembly

The Pilot Rock School District invites all veterans and current members of the armed forces to join them for breakfast and an assembly.

The event is Tuesday, Nov. 10 with breakfast being served starting at 8:45 a.m. in the cafeteria at the junior high, 101 N.E. Cherry St. The assembly follows at 10 a.m. in the high school gym.

The assembly includes choir groups from kindergarten through 12th grade under the direction of Jacob Try. They will perform such patriotic songs as "God Bless America," "A Tribute to the Armed Forces" and "America the Beautiful." Also, a slide show of many local heroes who have served in World War II to present day will be presented.

An RSVP for the breakfast is requested by calling 541-443-2671.

HEPPNER

Heppner students to salute veterans

Heppner High School is opening its doors to veterans Tuesday, Nov. 10.

Veterans are invited to speak in classrooms at 8 a.m. at the school, 710 Morgan St.

In addition a program is planned to honor and salute

America's heroes at 10:30 a.m. Afterwards, veterans in attendance are invited to a complimentary lunch.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by contacting Ginger Bowman at ginger.bowman@morrow.k12.or.us or 541-676-9138.

MILTON-FREEWATER

Parade to honor veterans

A Veterans Day parade is planned in Milton-Freewater.

The event begins Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. at the end of North Main Street. Check-in and the line-up starts at 9 a.m.

The Elks Lodge will have a chili feed directly following the parade at 611 N. Main St. All veterans and their families are invited to attend.

For more information, call the Elks Lodge at 541-938-3363.

STANFIELD

Honor students host veterans program

A Veterans Day Celebration is being hosted by the Stanfield Secondary School National Honor Society.

The event includes a free hot breakfast served Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 8 a.m. in the school's faculty room, 1120 N. Main St.

The meal will be followed by a school assembly at 9:30 a.m. All local veterans, their families and community members are invited to attend to help celebrate and recognize those who have served our country.

For more information, contact Kirsten Wright at kirsten.wright@stanfieldsd.org or 541-449-2225.

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