

History of Veterans Day

Although World War I officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. It was that day that President Wilson chose to recognize those who served in the military, with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations." Armistice Day became a legal federal holiday in the United States in 1938. In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became Veterans Day, a holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars.



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VETERANS COMMITTEE
PROGRAMS**

La Habra Veterans Committee

The La Habra Veterans Committee, co-organized by American Legion Post 267, La Habra, was established in 1998 and is committed to recognizing those who are currently serving and those who have served in the military by managing and conducting programs designed to honor them. The City is proud of the dedicated members of the community who volunteer to implement the programs listed below.

Blue Star Support For La Habra Families



The La Habra Blue Star Families group was formed by members of the La Habra Veterans

Committee to create a platform where military family members can join with civilian communities and leaders to address the challenges of military life. Blue Star Families includes active duty, National Guard, Reserve, wounded, transitioning service members and their families from all ranks and services, as well as veterans and civilians who strongly support them.

We are committed to *connecting* one another through the unique challenges of military service and asking the larger civilian population to help as well, *strengthening* military families regardless of rank, branch of service or physical location, and *leading* military family members toward opportunities to build strength in individuals, families and communities.

Red Shirt Fridays

Red Shirt Fridays' purpose is to show support for service men and women, regardless of the nation's specific military missions, by wearing red every Friday. In 2012, the City of La Habra adopted Red Shirt Fridays for its employees and encourages residents to also do so.

Operation Stay Connected

Operation Stay Connected (OSC) initiates and supports connections between adopted military units and their partnered cities or organizations. In 2003, the City of La Habra adopted Charlie Company, 426 Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, a medical unit based at Kentucky's Fort Campbell military base. The City's relationship was reaffirmed on July 8th, 2005 with the passage of Resolution No. 5098. Since then, City residents and non-profit organizations have worked with the City to collect and ship donated items to Charlie Company during its deployments, forging a bond between our community and the military men and women who bravely serve our country. In August 2014, the City was notified that Charlie Company will be deployed prior to the upcoming holidays for an 8-month tour, so it is time to resume our support activities.

Military Banner Program

In 2006, the City of La Habra established a military banner program to honor active duty residents. The banners, which are displayed for three years from the date of installation, include the service person's name and branch of service. In 2014, the Veterans Committee expanded the banner program to include veterans. The cost of a banner is \$300. For more information on the Military Banner Program or to purchase a banner, please contact Melissa Flores at 562-383-4209 or mflores@lahabracaca.gov.

