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## **Honoring Selfless Service this Veterans Day**

*“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 ...”*

*—President Woodrow Wilson*

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month is a significant time in our Nation's history, and the reason we commemorate Veterans Day every year. After months of the Allied forces battling in Europe, a temporary cease fire went into effect with Germany at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11, 1918. A year later, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 the first Armistice Day, which decades later would be changed by Congress to Veterans Day to honor the selfless service of men and women in all conflicts since World War I.

The Ohio National Guard has a rich history of answering the call of duty—from the early settlers who volunteered to defend the Northwest Territory to today's operational force deployed to missions around the globe. The men and women of today's National Guard, like their predecessors, have committed their lives to serving our communities, our state, and our Nation.

We also take time to thank the loved ones who support us with their unwavering sacrifice and commitment. Ohio National Guard Families contribute to our strong, resilient, and ready force and provide a stable foundation for successful completion of each of our missions.

This Veterans Day, I express my gratitude to Ohio's veterans and their Families for serving with courage and dedication.

Major General Mark E. Bartman,  
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