

Brittany Pointe Estates Veterans Affairs Committee



BPE Pointer Article

Veterans' Corner

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Many Americans mistakenly believe that Veterans Day is the day America sets aside to honor American military personnel who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained from combat. That's not quite true. Memorial Day is the day set aside to honor America's war dead.

Veterans Day, on the other hand, honors *ALL* American veterans, both living and dead. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank *LIVING* veterans for dedicated and loyal service to their country. November 11th of each year is the day that we ensure veterans know that we deeply appreciate the sacrifices they have made in their lives to keep our country free.

In 1954, President Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11th as Veterans Day and called upon Americans everywhere to rededicate themselves to the cause of peace. He issued a Presidential Order directing the head of the Veterans Administration (now called the Department of Veterans Affairs) to form a Veterans Day National Committee to organize and oversee the national observance of Veterans Day.

We at Brittany Pointe Estates will be celebrating our 14th Veterans Day Ceremony on Sunday, November 10th, in the auditorium at 1:45 PM. Our ceremony contains several patriotic songs, both live piano and music video. In addition, a trio of our best BPE singers will lead us in the National Anthem. Our focus is to honor all our veterans and their spouses. When one serves the country in the armed forces, that individual is totally under the control of his/her superiors 24/7. We also must applaud the sacrifices made by the partners who are not in the service for they too are impacted by those same orders.

We will remember those BPE residents who have passed away and celebrate their lives well lived. In addition, the committee selected two veterans to be this year's honorees. We will pay tribute to them by telling their stories through words and pictures.

Our keynote speaker is on active duty in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard, who will present a timely presentation on our neighbors at Horsham ANG Base. He, like so many others since 1973, is a volunteer in the US Armed Services.

Your Veterans Affairs Committee invites you to attend this Ceremony and Celebration of all those BPE residents who have served their country. It is a time to remember those who passed away this

past year and applaud our living veterans during the playing of the Armed Forces Medley. May God bless them all.