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Each month, the Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) looks forward to providing content that celebrates the diversity across our state's workforce and embraces the differences that help make us better together. We believe diversity and inclusion are everyone's responsibility and we hope all state employees carry such responsibility with honor, courage, and passion. Check us out [here](#)!

Nov. 11 commemorates the day fighting ceased in 1918 during World War I. Memorial gestures, dating back to 1921, took place all over the world to honor fallen soldiers who were being buried in each nation's highest place of honor. The memorial gestures all took place on Nov. 11, giving universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I fighting at 11 a.m. (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month). This Day became known as "Armistice Day."

The first celebration using the term "Veterans Day" occurred in 1947 in Birmingham, Alabama. World War II Veteran Raymond Weeks organized "National Veterans Day" on Nov. 11, which included a parade and other festivities, honoring all veterans. U.S. Rep. Edward Rees of Kansas proposed a bill that would change Armistice Day to Veterans Day. In 1954, Congress passed the bill that President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed proclaiming Nov. 11 as Veterans Day, a day to honor American Veterans of all wars.

OEO in partnership with other agencies presents the Statewide Veterans Day Celebration! We are proud to celebrate Veterans Day with our team members who have served in the military. At 10 a.m. on Nov. 9, we invite all veterans to wear insignia of your service to our country and join us in the Harry S Truman State Office Building rooms 490/492. All other team members can purchase Statewide Veterans Day Celebration T-shirts by accessing the link on the [OEO 2023 Veterans Day webpage](#).



VETERANS DAY *CELEBRATION* THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

HARRY S TRUMAN BUILDING - JEFFERSON CITY

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

VETERANS SERVICES
LOCATED ON THE 4TH FLOOR

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

VETERANS PROGRAM
LOCATED IN ROOM 490/492

- COLOR GUARD
- REMARKS BY HONORED GUESTS
- PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION
- DRILL TEAM

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

FOOD TRUCKS
LOCATED AT THE NORTHSIDE OF CAPITOL

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS EVENT VISIT
[OEOMO.GOV/2023-STATEWIDE-VETERANS-DAY-CELEBRATION](https://oeo.mo.gov/2023-statewide-veterans-day-celebration)
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