

The soldier above all others prays for peace, for it is the soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war.



## SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!

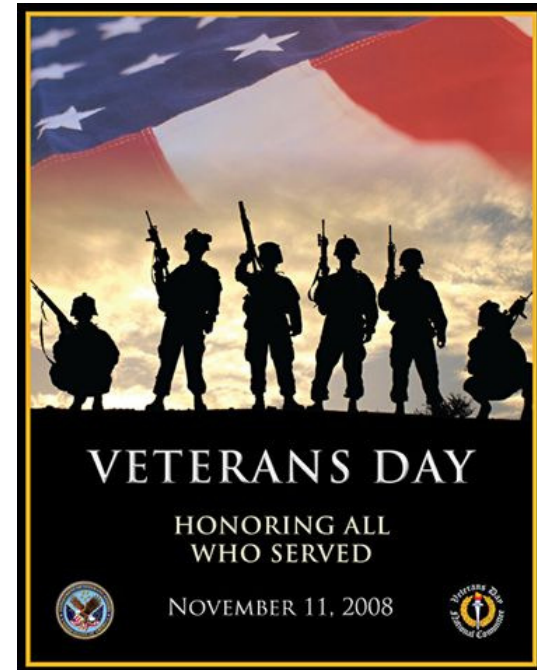


Brick applications and veteran's story submission forms can be obtained at the City of Gahanna or downloaded at [www.gahanna.gov](http://www.gahanna.gov)  
Follow the links under Parks and Recreation.  
Brick dedications are held twice each year...  
**Memorial Day and Veterans Day.**

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# GAHANNA VETERANS MEMORIAL BRICK DEDICATION



## Veterans Memorial Park

Gahanna, Ohio  
November 11, 2008  
11:00 A.M.



**90th ANNIVERSARY OF END OF WWI  
1918—2008**

**WELCOME**

*Dale Foor, Coordinator of Community Services,  
Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools*

**POSTING OF THE COLORS**

*Gahanna American Legion Post 797 Color Guard*

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

*Terri Kegelmayer*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Fifth Grade Classes from Lincoln Elementary,  
Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools:*

*Ms. Ankrim  
Ms. Dexter  
Ms. Whipple  
Mr. Whittaker*

**INVOCATION**

*Herb Docken, Chaplain,  
Gahanna Lions Club*

**DEDICATION OF NEW MEMORIAL BRICKS**

*Dale Foor, Coordinator of Community Services  
Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools*

**MEMORIAL WREATH PLACEMENT**

*American Legion Post 797 and V.F.W. Post 4719*

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

The poppy was also adopted as the official memorial flower of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. In 1924 the VFW registered the name "Buddy Poppy" with the U.S. Patent Office. A certificate was issued on May 20, 1924, granting the VFW all trademark rights in the name of Buddy under the classification of artificial flowers. The VFW has made that trademark a guarantee that all poppies bearing that name and the VFW label are genuine products of the work of disabled and needy veterans. No other organization, firm or individual can legally use the name "Buddy" Poppy.

Today, VFW Buddy Poppies are still assembled by disabled and needy veterans in VA Hospitals.

Proceeds from Buddy Poppies are used to compensate the veterans who assemble the poppies, provide financial assistance in maintaining state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs and partially supports the VFW National Home for orphans and widows of our nation's veterans.



**"No arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women."**

**- Ronald Reagan**

The Great War (WWI) lasted four years. Mobilization exceeded 65 million servicemen and women from 30 nations with every continent and every ocean of the world engaged. Military deaths were recorded as 8.5 million with 21 million wounded and 7.7 million prisoners of war or missing in action. It is unknown how many civilians died as well. The guns on the battlefields fell silent at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, when the Armistice Treaty came into effect. It was supposed to be the war to end all wars.

Veterans Day (also known as Remembrance Day, Poppy Day, Armistice Day) is observed on November 11 to commemorate the end of World War I on that date in 1918. So, this Veterans Day we are celebrating the **90th anniversary of the end of World War I.**

The poppy's significance to Remembrance/Veterans Day is a result of the World War I poem by Col. John McCrae, who described the blowing red fields of poppies among the battleground of the fallen. They bloom there to this day, on the fields now returned to farming. American ex-servicemen returning home made the red poppy their emblem. *In Flanders Fields* begins:

*In Flanders Fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below  
We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.*

-Col. John McCrae



### **PRINCIPAL ADDRESS**

*Bob Thurman*

*U.S. Air Force and Ohio Air National Guard*

### **BENEDICTION**

*Herb Docken, Chaplain,  
Gahanna Lions Club*

### **GOD BLESS AMERICA**

*Terri Kegelmayer*

### **21-GUN SALUTE**

*V.F.W. Post 4719, Gahanna*

### **TAPS**

*Kyle Granville, Gahanna Lincoln High School*

### **AMAZING GRACE**


*Bagpiper John McCullough*

### **CONCLUSION**

*Dale Foor, Coordinator of Community Services  
Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools*

**"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and success of liberty."**

**-John F. Kennedy**



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★ **NEW BRICKS BEING DEDICATED ON** ★  
★ **VETERAN'S DAY** ★  
★ **NOVEMBER 11, 2008** ★  
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Michael Gross  
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ENGRAVED BRICKS IN THE MEMORIAL,  
INCLUDING GRID LOCATION, PLEASE VISIT:

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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT  
342-4250 FOR A COPY OF THE  
COMPLETE ROLL CALL OF HONOR



*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..."*

—President Woodrow Wilson  
November 1919