

On Tuesday November 10, 2009, the ORO Veterans Support Group invites you to take part in a Veterans Day Ceremony at 2:00 p.m. at the 2714 Conference Center. We are honored to have the Anderson County High School Navy Junior ROTC to present our Nation's Colors to begin our ceremony. The program will last approximately one hour.

WHAT IS VETERANS DAY? Over eighty years ago, Armistice Day was initiated to recognize the sacrifices made by the veterans of World War I. November 11th is the day chosen for celebration and remembrance to coincide with the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month – November 11, 1918 that the Armistice was signed that ended the war. In 1954, Congress officially changed Armistice Day to Veterans Day, so that, as President Dwight Eisenhower put it, “A grateful nation might pay appropriate homage to the veterans of all its wars who have contributed so much to the preservation of this nation.” Forty-eight million veterans have served our country since its birth in 1776. Almost half are still alive today; if you do the math, that means that nearly 1 out of every 10 people in our country are veterans. With the technological advances of our time, all Americans have seen graphic evidence of the destruction that our enemies can inflict. Throughout our history, men and women from every race, color, and religion have answered the call to fight for our country, to defend, and maintain the principles on which our Nation stands. Each of us must be grateful for the men and women, who time and time again defend our nation.

On Wednesday, November 11, 2009, along with our Nation's veterans, please take time from your day off to show support for our military members past and present. Every citizen of this great nation should in some way show our gratitude for those who have served.

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