

Thank you for calling Local 1262's Information Hotline. This is the latest update from President Harvey Whille as of Friday, November 4, 2022 and contains two messages. This hotline – as well as other important updates and information for our members – also can be found on our web site at www.ufcw1262.org.

President Whille urges our members to get out and vote this Tuesday, November 8th. A wide range of political offices are at stake including all 12 Congressional seats in New Jersey and the 26 seats in New York.

Many people who came before us fought hard for – and sometimes died for – the right to vote. Make sure your voice is heard at the polls which are open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. in New Jersey and from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. in New York.

President Whille also asks that we take a moment on Veterans Day, this Friday, November 11th, to thank our veterans -- and those in active duty – for all they have sacrificed for us.

Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day – a common misunderstanding, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Memorial Day honors American service members who died in service to their country. Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans -- living or dead -- but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or in peacetime.

Originally called Armistice Day, the first Veterans Day was celebrated in 1919. World War I had just ended and nations around the world who were mourning their dead collectively called for an end to all wars. The date was selected to mark the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month when, in 1918, an armistice (or temporary cessation of hostilities) was declared between the Allied nations and Germany. The U.S., Great Britain and France collectively designated it as a day to honor military service as well as “a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace.”

In addition to the U.S., November 11th is a national holiday in Britain, Canada, Australia, France, Belgium and a host of other European nations where it may also be known as Remembrance Day.

Each year an official wreath-laying ceremony is held at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, DC. In Britain and its Commonwealth Countries, France and other European countries it is a common practice to observe two minutes of silence at 11:00 am on November 11th, the time and date of the World War I armistice.

As opposed to Memorial Day, Veterans Day isn't a solemn occasion. Because of this, saying “Happy Veterans Day” to a veteran can be used in the same way a greeting like “Merry Christmas” or “Happy Thanksgiving” is used.

For more history and facts about Veterans Day, visit www.history.com or the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs at www.va.gov.

That concludes this hotline. Thank you for calling Local 1262.

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