



Life In The "Past" Lane

VETERANS DAY

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When I penned a few words awhile back about summer holidays under the byline "The Forgotten Holidays," my focus was the three big weekends during the summer that demand our total attention and almost all of our time. So much work is required that we truly forget them and their meaning.

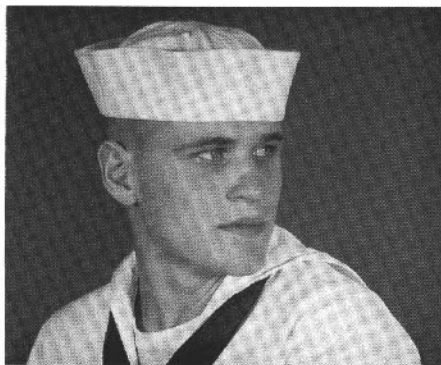
Veterans Day is different. It seems nearly everyone in America forgets the significance of November 11th. This day, of course, is set aside to pay tribute and extend thanks to those men who gave to their country in the form of time in military service. It is a day when our people should recognize the sacrifices made by the men and women who willingly and proudly took the oath of duty to our country's armed services.



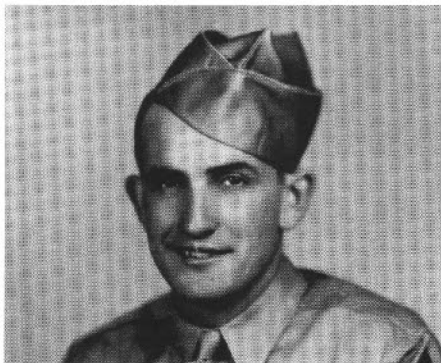
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Veterans are a proud group; proud of their country and proud of their sacrifice on her behalf. There is a world of pride that too often includes pain, physical pain for the many who wear the purple heart and mental pain for those who have been in conflicts around the world. The memories aren't always pleasant.

Those whose duty included time in war more clearly see and understand the issues of war and peace; they all want peace desperately because they know what the alternative is.



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Many WGCSA members are veterans and remember on the day of November 11th their own experiences and recall with sadness and quiet reverence those friends of theirs who did not live to see the rewards of their sacrifice in uniform. Join them on this "Forgotten Holiday," won't you please, to honor all of America's veterans. And enjoy a glimpse back in time to see how a few of your friends in our association looked during their term of service to America.



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