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## History of Safford

Safford is a farming community in southeastern Arizona. It is also the county seat of Graham County. The founders were 3 hardy pioneers working in Gila Bend, trying to control water through development of dams and canals. Their work was destroyed by high water, their crops subsequently withered, and so they decided to set out on a new adventure. About 1874, they arrived in the upper reaches of the Gila River, laid out a townsite, and erected a few basic buildings. The town was named after the then governor of the Arizona Territories.

Any history of this area has to include the presence of Geronimo, the wily Apache leader, his band of warriors, and the continued efforts of the US Army to bring him under control. The ongoing problems between settlers and Indians led to the establishment of armed encampments, such as Fort Grant (on the west side of Mt. Graham). Geronimo was not captured until 1886, although Apache raids continued until 1924.



*Geronimo and some warriors*

Billy the Kid lived and worked near Fort Grant, until forced to flee, fearing retribution for shooting a blacksmith to death after an argument. He wound up in New Mexico, where he was later killed by Sheriff Pat Garrett, at the ripe old age of 21.

Today, Freeport McMoRan is one of the largest employers, with two new mining operations north of the city. Arizona State Prisons is another large employer. On the agricultural side, cotton is king. The town has a small town feel to it, yet there is much to see in this historically important area.

## What Does Veteran's Day Mean to You?

To some it is just another federal holiday that is observed with a bonus day off, but do you really stop and think what and who this day was really meant for? For those who don't know, Veterans Day (formerly known as "Armistice Day") is an annual holiday, proclaimed by President Woodrow Wilson honoring all armed service veterans, using the following words: "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....". (Woodrow Wilson-1919)

This day is observed on November 11<sup>th</sup> and it coincides with the anniversary of the signing of the "Armistice" which ended World War I, which was signed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. In 1954, after having been through both World War II and the Korean War, President Eisenhower amended the act by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting the word "Veterans". November 11<sup>th</sup> became a day to honor American veterans of all wars. At exactly 11 a.m., each November 11<sup>th</sup> a color guard made up of members from each of the military branches, renders honor to all veterans of war during a heart-moving ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. Click for more information on the [Tomb of the Unknown Soldier](#) and about the amazing soldiers that guard the tomb. Click on the picture to watch a video of the changing of the guards. Did you know that the Tomb has been guarded uninterrupted since its dedication in 1948? In hurricanes, blizzards and blistering heat, these guards fulfill their solemn duty to guard the tomb 24 hours a day.

Please take a moment this Veterans Day and thank all who have sacrificed and put their lives on the line for our freedom.



*Standing guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during Hurricane Sandy.*

-Written by Natasha Daniels

## Upcoming Events

### Date

### Venue

### Event

Nov. 9

Scottsdale Airport

[Weekend Jetaway](#)

Nov. 9

Tempe High Mess Hall

[Veterans Appreciation Breakfast](#)

Nov. 10

Tempe Beach Park

[Walk to Save Animals](#)

Nov. 10

Comerica Theatre

[T.I.](#)

Nov. 10

Fiesta Lakes Golf Club

[O'Yeah Challenge](#)

Nov. 10

Salt River Fields Stadium

[PLAY](#)

Nov. 10

Sanderson Ford

[Veterans Tribute Ride & Family Festival](#)

Nov. 10

Scottsdale Harley Davidson

[Veterans Ride Party](#)

Nov. 12

Downtown Tempe to Beach Park

[Veterans Parade](#)

Nov. 12

Tempe Beach Park

[Veterans Memorial Dedication—Phase I](#)

Nov. 16-18

Comerica Theatre

[Sesame Street Live](#)

Nov. 17

Salt River Fields Stadium

[Tailgate Games](#)

Nov. 17

Horse Lover's Park

[Dirty Girl Mud Run](#)

Nov. 21

Comerica Theatre

[Yuridia](#)

Nov. 22

OFFICE CLOSED

THANKSGIVING!

Nov. 23

Comerica Theatre

[The Fresh Beat Band](#)

Nov. 23 & 24

Downtown Glendale

[Glendale Glitters](#)

Nov. 24

Downtown Tempe

[Fantasy of Lights](#)

Nov. 30-Dec. 2

Downtown Tempe

[Festival of the Arts](#)

Nov. 30-Dec. 1

Downtown Glendale

[Spirit of Giving](#)

Nov. 30

Downtown Phoenix

[APS Light Parade](#)

## Help Yourself

### Do You Need Some Inspiration in Your Life?

A good inspirational speech or presentation always gets me energized and feeling better. If you haven't heard of TED Talk, then you should definitely check it out. You can even get an app for your phone to find certain subjects and listen to those on your phone. Driving to and from work, if you have a long commute, is a good time to listen to them. Just don't get so absorbed that you miss your exit! [Here is a list](#) of the Top 20 Ted Talks that can improve your life. Prepare to be energized!

### Do You Forget Things a Lot?

I will admit that I forget things from time to time. Today, I turned on the sprinklers when I got home and three hours later when I left to pick up my son from school...well, they were still on. Let's just say our neighborhood now has a curb river. If you get easily sidetracked or tend to forget things easily, then this article has some interesting facts about how to protect your memory. [Read here](#) to find out how.



"Every man gives his life for what he believes ... one life is all we have to live and we live it according to what we believe." - Joan of Arc

# Veterans, thank you for your sacrifice!



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