



This November we would like to take a moment to remember our former servicemen and women by talking about why it is important to celebrate Veterans Day. Veterans Day affords Americans the chance to remember and give thanks to all our former military for their sacrifice and bravery. In an effort to help realize the importance of why we celebrate this day, we have decided to give you a brief history of Veterans Day.

Originally, Veterans Day was known as Armistice Day and was set in place as a legal U.S. holiday by President Woodrow Wilson to commemorate the end of World War I. This day was officially set as November 11th in 1918. Later, in 1938, this day was dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day". Armistice meaning the temporary cessation of hostilities, signifying the infamous Treaty of Versailles, which was signed in 1919. This new legal holiday would honor WWI Veterans, formerly known as the Great War (no one could imagine a war being larger or "greater").

As years went on Armistice Day was celebrated in the United States as well as France and the United Kingdom, holding ceremonies honoring the unknown dead from the war. In 1921 congress approves a legislation to establish the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery and November 11th was chosen as the date for that ceremony and it was conducted with great success.

After having been through both WWII and the Korean War by 1954, the 83rd U.S. Congress amended the act of 1938, striking out the word Armistice and inserting Veterans at the urging of veterans services organizations. Upon the approval of this legislation, November 11th became a day honoring American Veterans of all American Wars. Then, in 1968, the date was moved to October 25th following the Uniforms Holiday Bill, which ensured three day weekends for federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Columbus Day. It was received with much confusion, celebrated for the first time on that date in 1971.

On September 20th, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed a law into place returning Veterans Day to its original date of November 11th, beginning in 1978. The Veterans Day holiday has been observed on that day ever since. As we approach it this year, please take the time to remember those fine men and women who found it in their hearts to, in most cases voluntarily, give their time away from their families and friends to defend this great nation and all those whom reside within. It takes a certain kind of human to make this sacrifice. To knowingly enter a situation that at any given moment they could be called upon to put themselves in harm's way to defend the masses of this great nation. Let us give the thanks all Veterans deserve, for they kept traditions alive so that a younger generation could also serve and be free to make that choice. As George Canning said, "When our perils are past, shall our gratitude sleep?" I, for one, think not.

-Joey Sainato



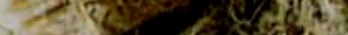
Happy Birthday

Ismael Vedan	11/2	Pedro Perez	11/20
Karim Laronde	11/2	Stephen Sullivan	11/22
Scott Rust	11/2	Gabriela Roa	11/24
Chris Paisano	11/4	Ben Atkinson	11/24
Steven Nunez	11/5	Clayton Byrd	11/25
Justin Twining	11/6	Jesus Valdenegro	11/25
Ronald Giles	11/9	Karl Evans	11/26
John Eaton	11/11	Vincent Arzaga	11/27
Marlyn Sanchez	11/13	David Lopez	11/27
Jerry Deines	11/13	Steven Slager	11/29
Court Slabaugh	11/14	Karolyn Morgan	11/29
Zachary Markee	11/16		



Happy Anniversary

Cynthia Vayda	11/2
Patrick Carr	11/21
Tony Camacho	11/21
Sandra Ancell	11/30



Upcoming Blackout Dates

If you can't work at least a 4 hour shift on these days, a vacation request form is required TWO WEEKS prior to the dates you will need off.

NOVEMBER 4 — CHRIS BROWN @ ASHLEY PAVILION

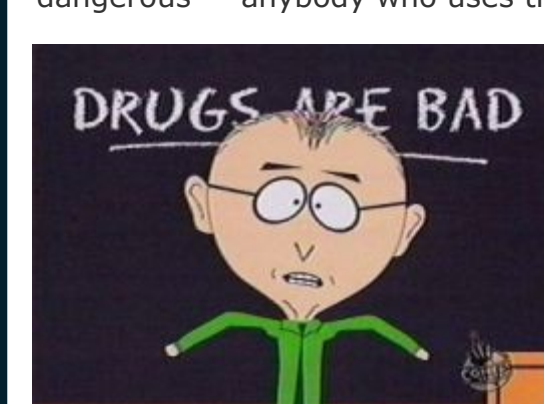
The Truth About Spice



You may or may not have heard about this "synthetic" marijuana, that has previously been sold legally to those 18 and older in head shops and smoke shops. Basically, those of age have been buying this product to get similar effects of marijuana since it's legally purchased and has been dubbed a psychoactive "designer drug". As for drug testing, it has been determined that the metabolites are detected in urine. As of March of this year, five of the cannabinoids used to produce Spice (also called K2) have been banned in the US.

According to research, the synthetic cannabis is more likely to cause psychosis and is much more potent than marijuana itself. The man that created the compounds that are used in Spice, John W. Huffman, explains that he created the compounds to test on animals, and that they were never meant for human consumption. The formulas ended up in the hands of head shops, which have now created these synthetic drugs, and of course they are in it to make money so they don't care what ends up happening to the kids that buy this stuff.

Emergency room doctors say that these products, often sold as "herbal incense" and smoked like traditional marijuana, can produce seizures, hallucinations, tremors, paranoia, convulsions, high blood pressure and rapid heart rate. Poison control centers have received 4,500 calls over the last two years from people using fake marijuana, according to the American Assn. of Poison Control Centers. Huffman himself says "These things are dangerous — anybody who uses them is playing Russian roulette."



So remember—legal or not, this designer drug is bad news. It still affects a person's judgment and mental state. Please don't think that because it's legal, you can smoke some before work and be okay. That's absolutely NOT the case. And just as important, it's a health risk. Is it really worth it to ingest something that you know nothing about? To put unknown chemicals into your body because you want to mess up your brain so you feel all weird inside? What if you end up in the hospital, or even worse, dead? Would it really be worth it then? I hope that all of you will be smart enough to not get involved with this stuff. And I hope if your friends are into it, that you will talk them out of it as well. Who knows how it will affect them?

As for patrons smoking spice, if it looks or smells like marijuana, treat it like it's marijuana.

Feel free to read the interview with Mr. Huffman [here](#) to get the full story.

Help the Community

There are two volunteer opportunities this month. The first one will take place around November 9th. The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall will be making its way to Tempe Beach Park. The Patriot Guard Riders are escorting it in on the 9th, and it's being assembled on the 10th so it can be displayed for the next 3 days. It may be the only time it ever comes to AZ so it's quite a special event.

Near the end of the month, we will be setting up the 3 Wise Men on top of A Mountain once again to continue that tradition. The camels are very heavy, so the more volunteers we have the better. There are very people that looked forward to seeing them up on the mountain every year, and I promise it will bring a smile to your face as you drive by through Tempe and see it all lit up. It's also a great way to spend some quality time with some of your peers.

Please call or email to let us know if you'd like to help with either event. My email is Ashleigh@teamsecurity.net. Hopefully I will see some of you there!



"I have not yet begun to fight" - Capt. John Paul Jones

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