

Scripture Reading: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

*This nation will remain the land of the free only as long
as it is the home of the brave. —Elmer Davis*

Veterans Day is coming up this Thursday. It is a federal holiday observed every year on November 11. It has been called Remembrance Day and Armistice Day, originally honoring the end of WWI.

Today, there are no veterans of WWI. The last veteran of World War I, Frank Buckles, died in February 2011 at the age of 110. And the veterans of WWII are fast disappearing. According to one source, only 325,574 of the 16 million Americans who served in WWII were alive in 2020.

Of those millions who served in the last world war and died on the battlefield, the remains of some soldiers are unidentified. But the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) continues to work on discovering soldiers who are missing, and to identify the remains they have.

In May of this year, the DPAA identified a young man from Ohio. Army Pfc. James W. White, 21, of Chester, Ohio, was killed during WWII, and he was not identified until last year. He was a member of Company E, 2nd Battalion, 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional), also known as Merrill's Marauders. He was killed in action in Burma on July 2, 1944.

White was somebody's son, someone's brother perhaps. He died before he had a chance to live, to get a college education, marry and have a family and grow old with a gaggle of grandchildren to dote upon.

As a nation, we have promised to find our missing boys, and return the remains to family members. We do this because we honor the ultimate sacrifice they made.

On this coming Thursday, let's say a prayer of thanksgiving for the men and women who have died before their time, fighting to protect the values of freedom, decency and respect for one's fellow human beings.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Dear God, I am a stripe, I am a star, I am red, white and blue. Although I've never met all the veterans who sacrificed their lives, I will always pray for them. I sleep undisturbed. My family is safe because men and women fought for their country in our hour of need. Bless them. Bless their souls. Let them feel the love I send out to them by my prayer. Let them know the appreciation I have for their bravery and devotion. Let them hear my gratitude: Thank you to the veterans of war, each one a hero. Amen. [Prayer found on Belief.net]

Blessings on All Saints Sunday!
Lisa & Pastor Ben Motz
Steven, Sara, & Ethan

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Acts 23-25

Monday: Acts 26-28

Tuesday: Ephesians 1-4

Wednesday: Ephesians 5-6

Thursday: Philippians 1-4

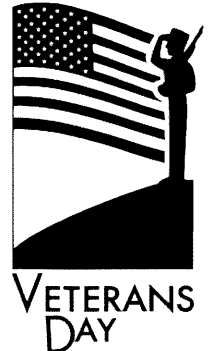
Friday: Colossians 1-4

Saturday: Psalms 129-132

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Verse to Remember

*Be kind to one another,
tenderhearted,
forgiving one another,
as God in Christ has
forgiven you.
—Ephesians 4:32*



VETERANS DAY WORD LADDER

Our country's veterans were BRAVE in the face of danger. And some of them were fliers in the Air Force. Here is a Word ladder that begins with BRAVE and ends with FLIES. Using the clues provided, change only *one letter* for each clue.

B R A V E

___ ___ ___ ___ ___ a serious situation

___ ___ ___ ___ ___ fruit on a vine

___ ___ ___ ___ ___ complain

___ ___ ___ ___ ___ holds tightly

___ ___ ___ ___ ___ multiple vacations

___ ___ ___ ___ ___ several attempts

___ ___ ___ ___ ___ favorite cooked
potatoes

F L I E S

"Grandma, what's a percolator?"

Little Eva is visiting her grandmother. Eva is 11 years old. In their conversations, grandmother has mentioned many things Eva doesn't understand. Her mother said to Eva, "Why don't you keep a list and ask grandma someday?" So today is the day. Pretend you are the grandmother. How would you answer these questions?

1. What is a fender skirt?
2. What is a steering knob or "necker's knob"?
3. What was an emergency brake? Is that the same thing as a parking brake?
4. What is a "foot feed"?
5. Why do you talk about "store-bought" things?
6. What does it mean if someone is "in a family way"?
7. What's a percolator?
8. What's a rat fink?
9. What's a mimeograph?
10. Why do you say "durn!" a lot?

Activity: If you don't know the answers to Eva's questions, chat with your neighbors about this list. Or, make this a topic of conversation with the next person who visits you. Do you recall other words or objects of a bygone era that sound strange to us today?

SOLUTION TO WORD LADDER: brave, grave, grape, gripe, grips, trips, tries, fries, flies.