# **VETERANS DAY** ABOUT TODAY

Although some people may confuse Memorial Day with Veterans Day, these two are different. While Memorial Day honors those who died during their service, Veterans Day has its own history. Veterans Day was originally called Armistice Day to commemorate the end of World War I. In 1918, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, that is November 11, fighting came to an end between the Allied nations and Germany when an armistice was put into effect. Thus, November 11, 1918 was considered the end of "the war to end all wars". Later, the U.S. congress recognized November 11 as a day to honor World War I veterans. However, after World War II and the Korean War, Congress decided to change the word "armistice" to "veterans". Throughout the years, there were a couple of other changes to this day but today, November 11 honors veterans of all wars for their sacrifices and patriotism.

## IN THE COACHELLA VALLEY



More than 30,170 of local adults are veterans. This is a significantly larger concentration of veterans compared to California (6.1%).



More than half of our local veterans, or 17,082 veterans were deployed during their service.



Most local veterans served for five years or less (70.5%).

### LOCAL RESOURCES

- Palm Desert VA Clinic: <u>www.lomalinda.va.gov/locations/palm\_desert.asp</u>
- VA Loma Linda Healthcare System: www.lomalinda.va.gov
- Veteran's Resource Center at College of the Desert: <u>www.collegeofthedesert.edu/students/vs/Pages/de</u> <u>fault.aspx</u>
- Riverside County Department of Veterans' Services: <u>https://veteranservices.co.riverside.ca.us</u>
- Warriors to Work program by Desert Best Friend's Closet: <u>www.bfcloset.org/Warriors-to-Work</u>
- Transportation Services by Amvets: <u>www.lomalinda.va.gov/patients/transportation.asp</u>

#### THANK YOU

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#### HARC HONORS OUR VETERANS ON NOVEMBER 11, 2020!