

## Evangeline

Veteran's Day was originally called Armistice Day. It was a day to celebrate the end of World War I. The reason we celebrate it at this time of the year is because the armistice went into effect on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. This is when the guns fell silent. Veteran's Day is not just a day to celebrate to those who saw combat but to all the men and women who sacrificed for their country. Much is owed to them.

My Grandpa, James Parent served for 34 years in the 212 Engineering Installation Squadron of the Massachusetts Air National Guard and retired as a Master Sergeant. His squadron provided support to military organizations during their bombing missions. They installed systems that gave them the ability to communicate. They provided organizations with equipment such as radio towers, landing systems, and cable and computer connection. This was important because it helped them communicate with each other.

My great grandpa, Edward Pacohca, fought in World War II. He served in the Air Force as a navigator. As the navigator in bombers he had to tell the pilot where to go, where to drop the bombs and how to get home. It was a very important job because it protects the troops that were on the ground.

My great uncle, James Arseneault, was a Lieutenant JG and served in the Navy as a technical observer in airplanes. He sat in the co-pilot seat. His job was to survey the landscape and report what he saw. He was on a training mission in the South Pacific Sea when his plane crashed. He died at 24 years old on May 8th 1961.

Veterans Day is a day to pay respects to those who have served our country and keep us safe. I'm proud to come from a family that comes from the military.