



Happy Saturday, Farm Friends!

Today is Veterans Day. It's a special day set aside to thank and remember all of those men and women who have served our country both at times of war and times of peace. We are grateful for their service and are indebted to the ultimate sacrifice so many made for our country and our democracy.



I always like to think about those in our family who have served in the military. As the children of two World War II vets, we have a special connection to this day.

This morning, I read a post from a Canadian blogger, Karan Bertelsen. Her blog, [The Art of Doing Stuff](#), is usually about gardening, home improvements and such. But she sometimes travels into more philosophical territory. Today was one of those days.

What she wrote moved me. And I wanted to share it with you. I hope you get some inspiration from it as well. The remainder of this newsletter as well as the

photograph is taken directly from her post today.

At 5 a.m. on a foggy morning, 9 men housed in a secret location signed a formal agreement for all parties involved in World War 1 to cease fighting.

The negotiators met in secret in a rail car in Northern France. When they emerged an Armistice (ceasefire agreement) had been signed calling for the end of WW1 fighting at 11 a.m. that morning.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

*Armistice Day was born. The day was originally observed to remember those who died in the first World war and has evolved into what it is today;
Remembrance (Veteran's) Day.*

A day to recognize, show our support of and reflect on those who serve their countries. A moment out of your life to make a point of sitting quietly for a minute and remembering.

Remember lives lost and the families of these military men and women.

It is not a celebration or honouring of war. It's an honouring of peace.



Most years I don't mention Remembrance Day. I quietly observe on my own, walking the 3 blocks to my town's memorial to watch the placing of the wreaths. This year feels a bit different though.

This year's Remembrance Day comes as peace seems to be slipping into the shadow of war for more and more families around the world.

Take a moment. Reflect on the veterans, the wars, the lives lost and how quickly everything you know can change.

Be kind to your neighbors and please pray for peace.

Until next week,

Cheryl & Ray

