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From the Podium, Mary Lindsey recites *I Am An American* as her son in law Sgt Eric Legette and his family hold the signs during the Veterans Day Ceremonies at Lake Worth Beach . Sgt. Legette also read the *Soldier's Creed* during the ceremonies.

## Lest We Forget

Veterans Day

November 11,

Lake Worth Beach should be proud for standing together on Veteran's Day. November 11 th is an amazing day in history. President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who planned and supervised two of the most consequential military campaigns of World Two: North Africa in 1942 and Normandy in 1944, signed the bill designating November 11th as Veterans Day.

Who better to sign on such an important day remembrance?

It was not lost on Eisenhower that it was on "the 11 hour of the 11 day of the 11 month ending WW2". To those that remember, it was also called Armistice Day. "We hold fast our resolve to honor those who have died and served our great country. We thank each one of them."

Our country sets aside three special days to say "Thank You." Those days are: Armed Forces Day, May 18; Memorial Day, May 27 and Veteran's Day, November 11th.

Our hearts are touched by all service men who because of the battles, have suffered and been diagnosed with the debilitating Post Traumatic Stress. There are no numbers that can determine accurately those suffering from depression and the scars of battle.

Yes, there are those of us who remember World War 2 (1939-1945). It was the "deadliest War in history." It involved 30 countries and "those who died is estimated at 15 million serving in the military. Civilian deaths were over 38 million. Lest We Forget.

The first atomic bomb, called "Little Big Boy", was dropped on August 6, 1945 from a United States Boeing-25. When Japan failed to surrender a second bomb was dropped on Nagasaki.

On September 2, 1945, the Japanese, on the battleship USS Missouri, signed the surrender documents.

Interestingly, although we remember September 2, 1945, the date of surrender, World War 2 was not officially over until the Treaty of San Francisco was signed on April 20, 1952.

Douglas MacArthur said, "Today, the guns are silent. A great tragedy has ended. A great victory has been won." Lest We Forget."

## Greenacres Veterans Day Celebration



Greenacres Councilmember Judith Dugo introduces the Keynote Speaker for the Greenacres Veterans Day Celebration, Lieutenant Colonel Jeff Garten, Retired US Army Veteran.

## Veterans Gather in Lantana



This is the group of Veterans who celebrated Veterans Day at Bicentennial Park in Lantana.

## Palm Springs Departments Gathered Food for Drive



All of the Departments of the Village of Palm Springs worked to gather food for replenishing local food pantries