

On behalf the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 961, with assistance from Chapter 377 of the Vietnam Veterans of America, we offer a special thank-you to all partners who make today's ceremony possible.

Local Veterans Organizations

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 961 and Auxiliary
Vietnam Veterans of America, Finger Lakes Chapter #377
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Ithaca American Legion #221
Dryden American Legion # 2272
Groton American Legion # 800
Trumansburg American Legion # 770
Team Red-White-Blue
Daughters of the American Revolution
Sons of the American Revolution

City of Ithaca

Office of the Mayor
Ithaca Fire Department
Ithaca Police Department

Tompkins County

Office of the County Administrator
Tompkins County Sheriff's Department
Department of Veterans Services

Community Support Groups

Lansing Boy Scout Troop #48

Cornell University

Cornell Police
Cornell University Tri-Services R.O.T.C. Brigade

**Community members like YOU!
Thank you ALL!**

**TOMPKINS COUNTY
VETERANS DAY CEREMONY**



“Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices.”—Harry S. Truman

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2022

11:00 A.M.

DEWITT PARK, ITHACA, NY

CEREMONY

ASSEMBLY

Johnny Russo

WELCOME

Christine Kerfoot

OPENING PRAYER

Reverend Dale Ford

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lansing Boy Scout Troop # 48

“STAR SPANGLED BANNER” AND “GOD BLESS AMERICA”

Performed by Lisa Ladieu

FEATURED SPEAKER

Lieutenant Colonel James E. Tully, USA , Army—Retired
Professor of Military Science , Cornell Army R.O.T.C.

LAYING OF WREATH

Daughters of the American Revolution

VETERANS DAY RITUAL TEAM

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 961

RIFLE SALUTE

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 961

“TAPS”

Johnny Russo

VETERANS DAY

Veterans Day is an opportunity to publicly commemorate the contributions of living veterans. Armistice Day officially received its name in America in 1926 through a congressional resolution. It became a national holiday 12 years later by similar congressional action.

If World War I had been "the war to end all wars," November 11 might still be called Armistice Day. Realizing that peace was equally preserved by veterans of World War II and Korea, Congress decided to make the day an occasion to honor all those who have served America. In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day.

A law passed in 1968 changed the national commemoration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. It soon became apparent, however, that November 11 was a date of historic significance to many Americans. Therefore, in 1978 Congress returned the observance to its traditional date. www.vfw.org

***The Star Spangled Banner* By Francis Scott Key, 1814**

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?