

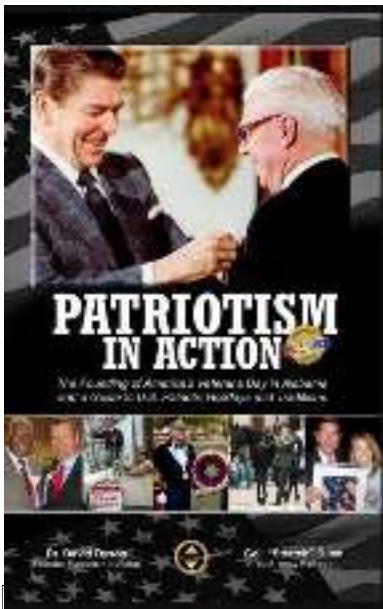
*We believe, every citizen should know...*

America's Veterans Day started in Alabama

And,

*Central Alabama is a Top 5 destination for patriotic events and education...*

<=Billboard



Patriotism in Action tells how Veterans Day started in Alabama, provides lessons on 10 character traits, and serves as a patriotic guide for students, teachers, and other patriotic citizens.

Cover: Reagan honors Weeks as "driving force"



November 11, 1946:

General Dwight Eisenhower supported the proposed "National Veterans Day 1947" presented by Raymond Weeks of Alabama.



Poster for schools, veterans halls, tourism and government buildings.



The U.S. Senate passed a resolution November 13, 2012: signed by Senator Jeff Sessions:

*Resolved by the United States Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that Congress hereby recognizes Birmingham, Alabama, as the home to the first and longest running celebration of Veterans Day....*

Raymond Weeks petitioned General Dwight Eisenhower at The Pentagon in 1946 to establish *National Veterans Day 1947*. Kansas joined and helped spread the national movement in 1953. President Eisenhower signed into law Veterans Day as a national holiday in 1954. The National Veteran Award was established in 1954 by Veterans Day in Birmingham.



Parade Banner

You can get free resources to teach how and where Veterans Day started:

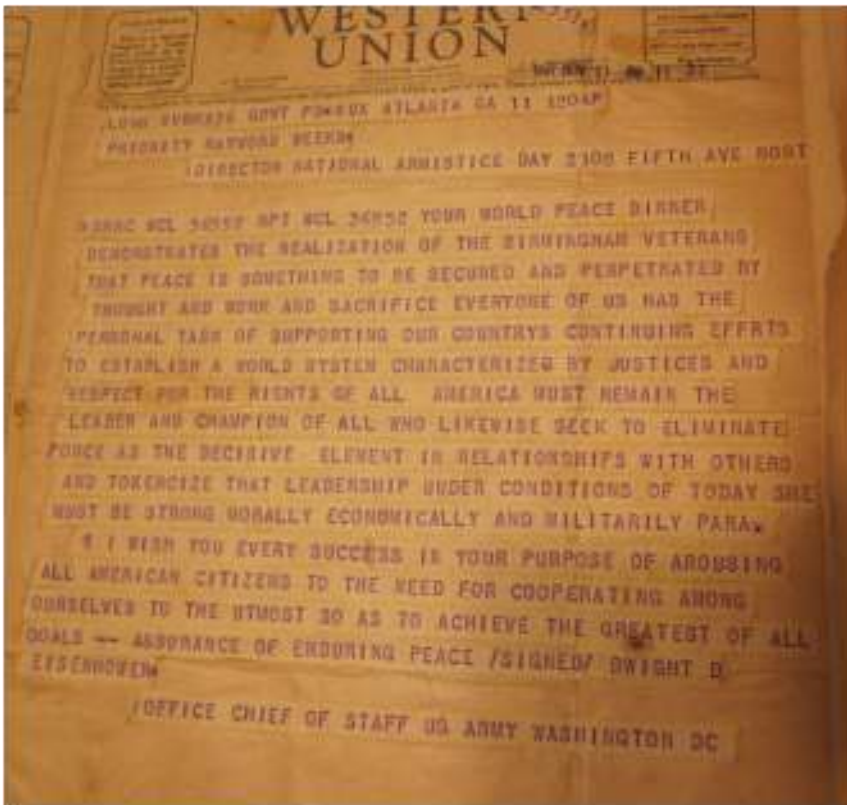
[www.LifeLeadersInstitute.org](http://www.LifeLeadersInstitute.org) see *Veterans Day Education Page*

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# Veterans Day honors Veterans, Liberty, Peace...

Telegram from General Eisenhower to Raymond Weeks and Birmingham, Alabama, November 11, 1947



“Your World Peace Dinner demonstrates the realization of the Birmingham Veterans that peace is something to be secured and perpetuated by thought and work and sacrifice. Everyone of us has the personal task of supporting our country's continuing efforts to establish a world system characterized by justice and respect for the rights of all.

America must remain the leader and champion of all who likewise seek to eliminate force as the decisive element in relationships with others and to exercise that leadership. Under the conditions of today, she must be strong morally, economically, and militarily.

I wish you every success in your purpose of arousing all American citizens to the need for cooperating among ourselves to the utmost so as to achieve the greatest of all goals—assurance of enduring peace.”

GEN Dwight D. Eisenhower  
Chief of Staff, U.S. Army  
Washington, DC

## Character Traits Education

Veterans have long been examples for students in educational programs. Veterans Day supports educators and parents who teach history and character education related to the meaning of Veterans Day, Peace, and Rights.

Alabama has 25 character traits legislated since 1995 to be taught for 10 minutes daily. The history of founding Veterans Day supports teaching at least five of Alabama's character traits:

*Patriotism*

*Courage*

*Perseverance*

*Loyalty*

*Citizenship.*

We recommend adding

*Freedom*

*Peace*

*Honor*

*Trust*

*Leadership*



*Teachers of millions of students in America can teach why and how the USA celebrates Veterans Day every November—connecting history to character traits and plans for life to inspire action on patriotism, freedom, courage, and perseverance to flourish as our best-selves.*

*Alabama can lead on Veterans Day History and Character education.*