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Legal Beagle's Post

November 2, 2018

Armistice Day to Veterans Day: Recognizing Those Who Served



November 2, 2018

Each year we take one day to recognize those men and women who protect our country. One day of recognition for the rights and freedoms we enjoy every day as a result of their service.

What we know today as Veterans Day was first observed as “Armistice Day” on November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. President Woodrow Wilson’s [proclamation](#) contained the language:

"To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation."

In 1926, Congress recognized in a resolution that twenty-seven states had declared Armistice Day a legal holiday. The resolution called for the day to be commemorated with “thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations....”

In 1938, when Congress finally made [November 11 a national legal holiday](#), the holiday was to be “dedicated to the cause of world peace...” [By then](#), only one state had not already either made it a legal holiday in the state or given the Governor the right to proclaim the day holiday.

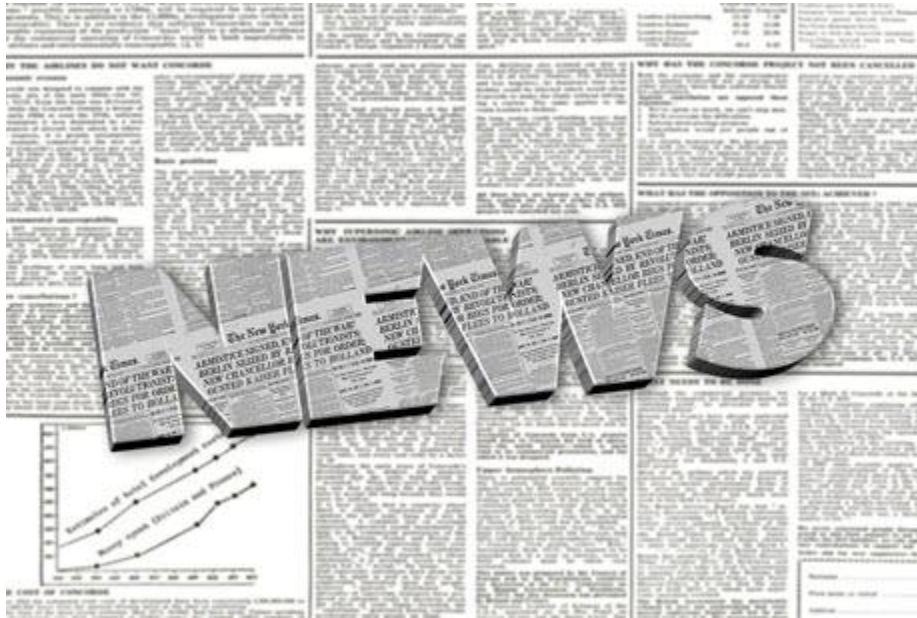
Sadly, World War I was not the war to end all wars so many envisioned. In 1954, the 83rd Congress [amended the existing legislation](#) and “Armistice” was replaced by “Veterans” in the name of the holiday. The [purpose](#) of this change was to “expand the significance of Armistice Day....”

Congress recognized that the holiday “dedicated to the cause of world peace” had “been regarded and observed throughout the land as a day to honor the veterans of the First World War” and that since the day was dedicated in 1938 millions of other veterans had joined the ranks of those who fought for the same noble objective.

Veterans Day now officially commemorates the sacrifices of all American veterans in the cause of world peace. We thank them all for their service.

November 8, 2018

No Time for a Good (Long) Read? Consider the New York Times



November 8, 2018

Law School keeps everyone busy. There never seems to be enough time to do all of the things that you want and need to do. The reading to prepare for class, researching papers, or client matters seems endless. Does anyone even remember the concept of reading for pleasure or intellectual curiosity?

Sometimes you need to take a break!

For a quick read – try the [New York Times](#).

The New York Times has something for everyone. Known for its coverage of current events, peruse the “front” page and you can quickly keep up with the latest political news, information on natural and man-made disasters around the world, or social movements.

Looking for a little lighter reading or a more focused area of interest? Here are just a few of your options:

- [Business](#) – One can always learn more about managing money.
- [Sports](#) – Isn't everyone a fan?
- [Tech](#) – What's in, what's coming, and what's passé.
- [Books](#) – One of the most influential sources of information on new books!

- [Food](#) – Dinner plans anyone?
- [Travel](#) – We can all dream.

As you read, you may even see occasionally see a familiar name. Professors [Logan](#), [Margulies](#), and [Bogus](#) are among the RWU Law faculty who have been quoted or graced the Op-Ed section of the *New York Times*.

Access to the *New York Times* is provided by the Law Library. Current members of the RWU Law School community may [register for an account](#). Accounts must be renewed annually. If you have any questions about access, please remember to [Ask a Librarian!](#)

November 16, 2018

Coastal Resilience



November 16, 2018

This month the library is highlighting books on coastal resilience with a new book display!

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's [National Ocean Service](#), coastal resilience is defined as "building the ability of a community to "bounce back" after hazardous events such as hurricanes, coastal storms, and flooding – rather than simply reacting to impacts."

On November 16, 2018, the RWU School of Law Marine Affairs Institute will be hosting the Marine Law Symposium on a topic related to coastal resiliency: "[Legal Strategies for Climate Adaptation in Coastal New England](#)."

This symposium will focus on how state and local governments in coastal New England can overcome legal barriers to climate adaptation. Speakers will discuss opportunities for state and municipal governments to proactively include adaptation into their planning, such as incorporating climate risks into local laws, ordinances, regulations, and policies.

Speakers will also address some of the potential legal conflicts related to climate adaptation, including constitutional conflicts, state and federal law conflicts, and potential liability for acting or failing to act on climate risks. Panel and presentation topics include:

- Are State and Local Governments Liable for a Failure to Adapt to a Changing Climate?
- Adapting to the Deluge: Emerging Legal Issues from Recent Hurricane Seasons
- Infrastructure & Sea-Level Rise: Legal Challenges for Local Government Maintenance of Infrastructure
- Opportunities for Institutionalizing Resilience Approaches in Local Laws, Ordinances, Regulations and Policies and a Focus on Strategies for Facilitating Retreat
- Options for State and Local Governments to Proactively Include Adaptation into Planning, and Resources to Assist that Work

This symposium is co-sponsored by the Marine Affairs Institute at Roger Williams University School of Law, Rhode Island Sea Grant, and the Georgetown Climate Center. For any questions regarding this event, please contact marineaffairs@rwu.edu or 401-254-5392.

If you would like to learn more about coastal resilience and the Law Library's collection, see our [LawGuide](#). You can also find the books from the display featured on our [Pinterest page](#).

For further help with research related to coastal resilience and other maritime law topics, stop by the reference desk or email one of the librarians at lawlibraryhelp@rwu.edu.

November 19, 2018

Researching EDGAR Filings



November 19, 2018

EDGAR is the name of a database [which provides public access to corporate information at no cost](#). EDGAR, which stands for the Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval system, allows researchers to review [SEC filings](#) to research public company's financial information. Domestic public [companies file annual reports \(called 10-k reports\), quarterly reports \(called 10-Q reports\) and so-called current reports](#) (called 8-K reports and which are filed when a company has an unscheduled material event or corporate change).

To access the more than 21 million (wow!) EDGAR filings, go to <https://www.sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/companysearch.html>

While EDGAR is free, it is not always easy to use. One way to improve your researching is to [consult this help page](#). Another way is to try searching EDGAR filings using Bloomberg Law. To search recent EDGAR filings on BLAW, go to Browse All Content and choose Corporate & Transactional from the menu. Finally, select EDGAR search. For a deeper dive into this type of research, watch [this recorded session available on BLAW](#).

If you need any help researching EDGAR filings (or really anything else law related, stop by the reference desk. We are always happy to help!

November 30, 2018

Exam Time Reminders



November 30, 2018

Finals are almost here and the library has a few reminders: stay calm, stay caffeinated, stay courteous.

Over the next few weeks, please remember that sound carries in the library, especially when you are entering or leaving. Even whispers can be louder than you realize and distracting to your colleagues trying to study. While some students prefer to work in small groups in study rooms and appreciate the chatter of other students, some students prefer to study in silence.

For a relaxed group chat or to grab a snack during your studies, the Law Student Lounge is a perfect spot! And don't forget that you can [book a study room](#) for individual or group study sessions.

Please note that when you book a study room from 12/6 through the end of the fall exam period, the library staff will be strictly enforcing the group study room policy. Please read the [full policy](#) to ensure that you comply with its terms. We will be actively canceling reservations that do not comply with this policy and repeated failures to comply with the policy will result in the loss of reservation privileges through the end of the semester.

The library hopes to provide an atmosphere which can accommodate the learning and studying preferences of all of our patrons. Please be respectful to all law students by being mindful of your noise level in the library.

For more information on expressing noise concerns in the Law Library, contact the library staff.