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November 11

Veterans Day honors all of those who have served the country in war or peace — dead or alive — although it's largely intended to thank living veterans for their sacrifices.

It was originally called Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War I.

But then World War II and the Korean War happened, so on June 1, 1954, at the urging of veterans service organizations, Congress amended the commemoration yet again by changing the word "armistice" to "veterans" so the day would honor American veterans of all wars.

For a while, Veterans Day's date was changed, too, and it confused everybody.

Congress signed the Uniform Holiday Bill in 1968 to ensure that a few federal holidays — Veterans Day included — would be celebrated on a Monday. Officials hoped it would spur travel and other family activities over a long weekend, which would stimulate the economy.

For some inexplicable reason, the bill set Veterans Day commemorations for the fourth Monday of every October.

On Oct. 25, 1971, the first Veterans Day under this new bill was held. We're not sure why it took three years to implement, but not surprisingly, there was a lot of confusion about the change, and many states were unhappy, choosing to continue to recognize the day as they previously had — in November.

Within a few years, it became pretty apparent that most U.S. citizens wanted to celebrate Veterans Day on Nov. 11, since it was a matter of historic and patriotic significance. So on Sept. 20, 1975, President Gerald Ford signed another law (Public Law 94-97), which returned the annual observance to its original date starting in 1978.



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VA resumes in-person benefits services halted by the COVID-19 response

WASHINGTON — The U.S Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today [7 October 2020] the reestablishment of in-person benefits services in select locations throughout the country.

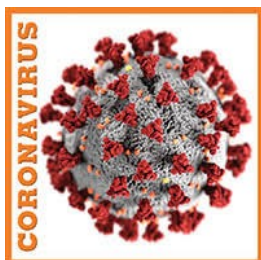
Currently, there are 11 regional offices (RO) open to the public and more are expected to reopen in the coming weeks as reopening phases will vary by RO and local conditions.

"During the last few months, VA regional offices continued performing our essential mission virtually — to provide benefits to Veterans and eligible family members," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "We have robust safety measures in place that will allow us to resume in-person services while protecting the health and safety of Veterans, their families and our team members who serve them."

ROs will continue adherence to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines which includes the use of social distancing, face coverings, hand sanitizer and asking sick individuals to stay at home.

Veterans can continue to interact with the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) virtually for accessing benefits information online or when filing a claim online. For claim-specific questions call 1-800-827-1000. To check the availability of an RO near you, visit VA benefits offices.

VBA's return to normal, pre-COVID-19 public-facing operations align with White House guidelines for re-opening. Read more about our response to COVID-19.



Cases overview

Wilson County

Total cases

969

+0

Recovered

-

Deaths

28

+0

Texas

Total cases

831K

+2,542

Recovered

-

Deaths

17,048

+28



United States

Total cases

7.8M

+44,333

Recovered

-

Deaths

215K

+419



Texas Tribute Edition

.22 S/L/LR

For the Texas Made & The Texas Tough

It's a state known the world over for its hard-fought legacy, charming spirit, and the distinct pride that comes along with being a Texan. And that's not to mention the cowboy hats, boots, brisket, and football. Texas is at the heart and soul of what makes our country great and we are proud to offer the Texas Tribute Edition as homage to the great Lone Star State.

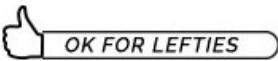
The inspiration for this rifle dates to a critical point in Texas history in 1901 with the eruption of the first gusher on Spindletop. This discovery of black gold (or Texas Tea) would change the course of Texas forever and revolutionize the progress of our country.

Never seen on a Henry rifle before it, the Texas Tribute Edition features a deep black stain on all the walnut furniture, which provides a stark contrast to the gold and brass highlights throughout the rest of the rifle. The wood is then studded on both sides with inlaid metal 5-pointed stars that perfectly match the "Lone Star Flag" motif that is found on the buttstock surrounded by the Texas state outline. The left side of the buttstock is a bit more subdued with a lone star inlaid towards the buttplate.

There's no doubt that Texans love their guns, and it just so happens that we love making them. That's why we pulled out all the stops to create a rifle as unique as the state that it represents.

Remember the Alamo and Don't Mess with Texas.

Specifications



Golden Boy Texas Tribute Edition .22 S/L/LR

Model Number	Action Type	Caliber	Capacity	M.S.R. Price
H004TX	Lever Action	<u>.22 S/L/LR</u>	16 LR/21 S	\$990.00

Additional Specifications

Barrel Length	20"	Scopeability	Drilled and Tapped
Barrel Type	Octagon Blued Steel	Scope Mount Type	GB-CSM
Rate of Twist	1:16	Stock Material	American Walnut
Overall Length	38.5"	Buttplate/Pad	Brass
Weight	6.75 lbs.	Length of Pull	14"
Receiver Finish	Brasslite	Safety	1/4 Cock
Rear Sight	Fully Adj. Semi-Buckhorn w/ Diamond Insert	Best Uses	Target/Hunting/Collector
Front Sight	Brass Bead	Embellishments/Extras	Brass Stars on Forearm and Buttstock, 24K Inlay on Buttstock, Brass Barrel Band



October						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 VPR—Start of OEF	10
11	12 VFW Meeting	13 Navy Birthday	14	15	16	17
18 VPR—Women in Mil Svc	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Fried Chicken Dinner	26	27	28	29	30	31

Phases of the Moon: 1:☉ 9:☾ 16:☀ 23:☾ 31:☉

Holidays and Observances: 12: Columbus Day (Most regions), 31: Halloween

November						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Savings Time Ends	2	3 Election Day	4	5	6	7
8	9 VFW Meeting	10 Marine Corps B'Day	11 VPR- Veterans Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Phases of the Moon: 8:☾ 15:● 21:☾ 30:☉

Holidays and Observances: 3: Election Day, 11: Veterans Day, 26: Thanksgiving Day, 27: Black Friday