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In the United States, an official wreath-laying ceremony is held each Veterans Day at the [Tomb of the Unknown Soldier](#) in Arlington National Cemetery, while parades and other celebrations are held in states around the country.

Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day—a common misunderstanding, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Memorial Day (the fourth Monday in May) honors American service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle, while Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.



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# VFW Post 8555 Spotlight



“Veterans know better than anyone else the price of freedom, for they’ve suffered the scars of war. We can offer them no better tribute than to protect what they have won for us.”

President Ronald Reagan



# VFW Remembers General Colin Powell

## Former Secretary of State was a VFW Life member

October 18, 2021

**WASHINGTON (Oct. 18, 2021)** — The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is mourning the passing of former Secretary of State and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, retired U.S. Army General Colin L. Powell, who passed away due to complications of cancer and COVID-19 this morning at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. He was 84 years old.



“General Powell was a trailblazer and one of the most influential leaders of U.S. foreign policy in the last 40 years,” said VFW National Commander Matthew “Fritz” Mihelcic. “From platoon leader in Cold War West Germany and military advisor during the Vietnam conflict, to overseeing the invasion of Panama and Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, General Powell led generations of men and women who were at the same time warriors and ambassadors for our nation. Yet, in spite all of his accomplishments and accolades, he never strayed away from the core of who he was - a soldier devoted to his family and the country he loved. He cared about service members. He cared about veterans. He cared about our fellow citizens. He was one of our own,” Mihelcic said. General Powell was a Life member of the VFW Department of Maryland.

“On behalf of the entire 1.5 million-member VFW family, our deepest condolences go out to the entire Powell family, and we salute this extraordinary man whose life of selfless service is a stalwart example for all of us.”

Leadership is solving problems. The day soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them. They have either lost confidence that you can help or concluded you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership.

General Colin Powell

# November 2021

December 2021						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 All Saints' Day	2	3 Food Distribution (0745)	4	5	6
7 Daylight Saving Ends	8 VFW Meeting	9	10	11 Veterans Day VPR—Veterans Day	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Day	26 Black Friday	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

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# December 2021

January 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 Food Distribution (0745)	2	3	4
5	6	7 VPR—Pearl Harbor Day	8 The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary	9	10	11 VFW Dinner/ Dance/Raffle
12	13 VFW Meeting	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas (observed)	25 Christmas
26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve New Year's Day (observed)	1 New Year's Day

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