

DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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NOTICE OF HOLIDAY CLOSURE Veterans Day Holiday - Tuesday, November 11, 2025

(Douglas County, Ore.) Douglas County Commissioners Tim Freeman, Tom Kress, and Chris Boice would like to remind citizens that government offices in the Douglas County Courthouse, 1036 SE Douglas Avenue in Roseburg, as well as the Douglas County Justice Building, Douglas County Courthouse Annex, Douglas County Fairgrounds, Douglas County Landfill and Transfer Sites, and All External Douglas County Government Offices will be closed to the public on **Tuesday, November 11, 2025**, in observance of the **Veterans Day Holiday**. As always, even when Douglas County government offices are closed, many officials and public employees are still working.

Please note the following:

- The <u>Douglas County Board of Commissioners</u> and designated department officials will continue to work on local projects regardless of the holiday.
- The <u>Douglas County Museum of History and Natural History</u>, as well as the <u>Umpqua River Lighthouse</u> <u>Museum</u> in Winchester Bay will be open for visitors on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, for normal business hours.
- All Douglas County operated parks, campgrounds and boat ramps will continue to be open and accessible to the public on Veterans Day. For reservation information at Douglas County operated campgrounds, please call (541) 957-7001 or go online to https://douglascountyor.gov/802/Parks.
- <u>Salmon Harbor Marina</u> docks, boat ramps, camping sites and the Winchester Bay RV Resort will be open and accessible to the public during this time. For more information please call (541) 271-3407 or go online to https://douglascountyor.gov/448/Salmon-Harbor-Marina. The Salmon Harbor Marina Office will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, 2025.
- Even though the <u>Douglas County Sheriff's Office</u> (DCSO) lobby entrance will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, our Sheriff's Deputies, 911 communications and DCSO staff will continue to provide law enforcement protection and emergency assistance for our residents. If you have an emergency, call 9-1-1. If you need to reach dispatch for a non-emergency, call the DCSO non-emergency number at (541) 440-4471.

<u>Veterans Day, also referred to as Armistice Day and Remembrance Day</u>, is also celebrated in other parts of the world and marks the anniversary of the end of World War I. The war officially ended at the <u>11th hour of the 11th day of the</u>



11th month in 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. United States President Woodrow Wilson first proclaimed Armistice Day on November 11, 1919. In proclaiming the holiday, he said, "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 nations." The United States observed Armistice Day on November 11, until it evolved into the current Veterans Day holiday in 1954.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the 70th Annual Douglas County Veterans Day Parade. It is scheduled to take place in downtown Roseburg on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, starting at 11:00 am. The Douglas County Veterans Day Parade has a long-standing tradition for supporting and honoring our veterans and has been held in Roseburg every year since 1955. The Douglas County Veterans Day also has a well-

earned title as "Oregon's Greatest Veterans Day Parade," and will once again be recognized as one of only 56 Veterans Day sites selected as the top 2025 Veterans Day observances held across the United States, by the National Veterans Day Committee. This year the parade theme is "1775-2025 – 250 Years of Military Excellence." The Douglas County Veterans Day Parade will follow the traditional route through downtown Roseburg starting on the corner of NE Jackson Street and NE Diamond Lake Blvd traveling up Jackson St, turning left onto SE Lane Street, then left onto SE Main Street and concluding in front of the Douglas County Courthouse on SE Douglas Avenue. We encourage citizens to make sure they fill ALL spaces along the entire parade route (both sides of the street and sidewalks) to make sure that our participating veterans receive ample accolades for their devotion to duty while servicing our county. For more information about the parade visit https://douglascountyor.gov/507/Veterans-Day-Parade-Committee



If you can't make it to the parade in Roseburg, there are other Veterans Day celebrations across Douglas County honoring our veterans. One of them is the "Thank You Veterans" event hosted by the City of Canyonville on November 11 at 11:00 a.m. in the Canyonville City Hall parking lot (250 N Main Street). The event will include guest speakers, musical tributes, an interview with one of Douglas County's oldest living veterans, and refreshments. For more details, visit www.cityofcanyonville.com or call (541) 839-4258.

As a reminder, the Commissioners issued a proclamation dedicating November 2025 as **Veterans and Military Families Month** in Douglas County and encourage all citizens to take a moment to thank our all of our Veterans for their valued service, bravery and sacrifice. In addition to the proclamation, the Commissioners announced that Douglas County is once again participating in **Operation Green Light** during the month of November. The front of the Douglas County Courthouse is illuminated with green

lights to show our appreciation and support for veterans and their families. We encourage everyone to "shine" a light of hope and support for veterans by placing a green light on their porch or outside light fixture during the month of November.

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