



# Staff Congress Newsletter



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### Tidbits from Congress:

- President Claire Newman recognized Veterans Day. The University had a moving ceremony at 11:00 at the flagpoles in front of Steely Library.
- The Benefits Committee is exploring the possibility of an Employee of the month award.
- The Human Resource's training presentation, "Dealing with Conflict" was a success. Future training sessions are 1) "E-Mail Etiquette and Legal Issues" on November 16, 3 sessions, and 2) "Cultural Diversity", on December 7, in BEP 200, performed by "SST", a theatre troupe from Chicago.
- New insurance cards will be issued in January. However, you may continue to use your old card if your new card is late.
- The Staff Effectiveness Committee will circulate a survey on the Campus Work Environment. Please encourage **everyone** to fill out the survey and return it promptly.
- No change in the opening of University Drive through the parking structure. It is still scheduled to open in January 2000.
- Everyone was thrilled to welcome Peg back to NKU. Peg expressed her thanks for all the cards, flowers and well wishes.
- Human Resources will hold it's next New Employee Orientation on January 4, 2000. All new employees since October 1 are invited and encouraged to attend. It's a University Welcome Program that is a 3-hour crash course on NKU past and present. Employees hired after January one will attend on April 13, 2000.
- The Benevolent Association is sponsoring a soup/dessert cook off on Tuesday, November 23 at 11:30 a.m. in the UC Lounge. Bring your favorite soup and become eligible to WIN A PRIZE! The categories are Vegetarian Soups; Cream Soups; Vegetable Soup; Low Calorie Soups; and Other Soups (Bean, etc.). Bring your favorite **Autumn Dessert** and also become eligible to WIN A PRIZE! A group of your colleagues will be the judges. For more information about entering your soup or dessert for competition, or to help with this event call X-5197.
- The annual Turkey Trot is scheduled November 19 at noon. Call Diane Schneider, Campus Recreation x5197 for details.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Steely Library Tree Lighting will be held on December 1. Bring an ornament and

join in the fun. Refreshments provided.

## Thanksgiving

The year has turned its circle,  
The seasons come and go.  
The harvest is all gathered in  
And chilly north winds blow.

Orchards have shared their treasures,  
The fields, their yellow grain.  
So open wide the doorway—  
Thanksgiving comes again!  
--Author Unknown



## Sympathy



Linda Gee, Physics, on the death of her mother, Betty Metcalfe, on November 14, 1999.

## Veterans Day

In 1921, an unknown World War I American soldier was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. Many people came to the burial and a military ceremony was performed for the Unknown Soldier. On November 11th, people began to celebrate the end of WWI fighting, ending the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. A Memorial ceremony for the Unknown Soldier was included during the celebrations.

The day was christened "Armistice Day." Armistice Day became a national holiday, so citizens and Military Soldiers could pay tribute to the Unknown Soldier and the ending of WWI ("the War to end all wars").

However, WWI was not the last war American Soldiers fought, and more than four hundred thousand soldiers died in the war following the implementation of Armistice Day. To pay tribute and honor all those who served in American Wars, a proposal was made to change Armistice Day to Veterans Day. In 1954, President Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11th as Veterans Day.

In 1958, two more unknown soldiers were brought home (One killed during WWII and the other killed during the Korean War) and were buried beside the Unknown Soldier. Ceremonies took place on November 11th for the three Unknown Soldiers. In 1968, the recognition date of Veterans Day was changed to the fourth Monday in October. However, because November 11th was so significant to American History, the recognition date was reverted back to its original date of November 11th in 1978. During this change, there were only three Unknown Soldiers buried in Arlington Cemetery.

In 1984, another Unknown Soldier (killed during the Vietnam War) was also buried beside the three other Unknown Soldiers. Presently, an Army honor guard keeps vigil day and night at Arlington Cemetery.

November 11th is now recognized as a day to pay tribute to and honor all American Soldiers who died for our country.

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