WHAT IS VETERAN’S DAY

Veterans Day originated as “Armistice Day” on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. 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. (Continued on page 4)
COMMUNITY PROJECTS

ASPEN GARDEN RESIDENTS RETURN HOME!

A fire on April 22nd displaced residents of Aspen Gardens and after nearly six months of staying with family members/friends/in temporary housing situations, Aspen Garden residents were able to move back to their homes on October 18th. Members of NEALSP were on hand to help with the move in and also donated much needed housing supplies to the families.

AALS FUNDRAISER

Don’t forget to sell, sell, sell those tickets! Remember, the member selling the most tickets will receive a $50 gift card to be given by the Ways & Means Committee! That award will be determined, and the drawing for the Apple® iPad mini, will be held on December 20, 2014.
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Can it really be November? Here we are, already counting down to our holiday season!

I’m sure you are like me, thinking about the time you’ll get to spend with family for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and putting together plans for how to make it wonderful for everyone. I’m thankful that we are an organization that includes service as part of what we stand for! If there is any way I can serve you, please let me know. As you are aware, I have not been part of NALS for very long—my 2 year anniversary is in January!—and so if you see areas where I can improve as your president, please let me know. I welcome all suggestions and reminders. I’ve learned a LOT in the past six months, thanks in large part to your tutelage, but I know there are MANY things I still do not know! And I am thankful for such wonderful friends to help me along. I wish ALL of you a wonderful Thanksgiving, full of love and happiness.

And I would be remiss if I didn’t mention how thankful I am for our Veterans. Please join me in wishing all of our service men and women, current and former, a Happy Veteran’s Day!

~Deborah Johnson, ALP

2014-15 NEALSP President

"In the garden, Autumn is, indeed the crowning glory of the year, bringing us the fruition of months of thought and care and toil. And at no season, save perhaps in Daffodil time, do we get such superb colour effects as from August to November."

- Rose G. Kingsley, The Autumn Garden
Veteran’s Day cont.

VETERANS DAY FACTS

In 1954, President Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed by Congress, which moved the celebration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. The law went into effect in 1971, but in 1975 President Ford returned Veterans Day to November 11, due to the important historical significance of the date. Britain, France, Australia and Canada also commemorate the veterans of World Wars I and II on or near November 11th: Canada has Remembrance Day, while Britain has Remembrance Sunday (the second Sunday of November). In Europe, Britain and the Commonwealth countries it is common to observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. every November 11.

VETERANS STATS

The brave men and women who serve and protect the U.S. come from all walks of life; they are parents, children and grandparents. They are friends, neighbors and coworkers, and an important part of their communities. Here are some facts about the current veteran population of the United States.

DID YOU KNOW?

There are approximately 23.2 million military veterans in the United States.

- 9.2 million veterans are over the age of 65.
- 1.9 million veterans are under the age of 35.
- 1.8 million veterans are women.
- 7.8 million veterans served during the Vietnam War era (1964-1975), which represents 33% of all living veterans.
- 5.2 million veterans served during the Gulf War (representing service from Aug. 2, 1990, to present).
- 2.6 million veterans served during World War II (1941-1945).
- 2.8 million veterans served during the Korean War (1950-1953).
- 6 million veterans served in peacetime.
- As of 2008, 2.9 million veterans received compensation for service-connected disabilities.
- 5 states have more than 1 million veterans in among their population: California (2.1 million), Florida (1.7 million), New York (1 million) and Pennsylvania (1 million).
- The VA health care system had 54 hospitals in 1930, since then it has expanded to include 171 medical centers; more than 350 outpatient, community, and outreach clinics; 126 nursing home care units; and 35 live-in care facilities for injured or disabled vets.

Article Details: URL:

http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/veterans-day-facts

NEVER FORGET those who may not make it home for Thanksgiving. ALWAYS hold them in your prayers!
October CLE

What a fantastic October CLE. Since it was also Court Observance Week, we combined our CLE with a membership drive. We were fortunately enough to have Bret McDaniels, from McDaniel Law Firm, and Robert Jones, from Waddell, Cole, and Jones as our guest speakers. We had about 10-12 new faces in the crowd interested in learning about our Organization and about Ethics, which in keeping with Court Observance Week, our speakers felt was the most important subject to teach new prospective members as well as us old members.

And the best part is we DID gain a new Member! Welcome to NEALSP Lisa Jones!
As many of you have heard, one of our own is leaving us and moving to greener pastures in Texas! Yep, Texas. Ms. Michelle Grilletta has decided that she would like to spend more time with her sister, which is a marvelous idea, and is moving to Texas at the end of this month. We had a wonderful dinner on November 6th. Wish everyone could have joined us, but we did have two special guests, besides the guest of honor that is. We were fortunate enough to have AALS President Linda Adair, PLS, and AALS Parliamentarian Janice Miller, PP, PLS, join us for Michelle’s going away dinner. As many of you know, Michelle has been an active member of NEALSP, AALS, and NALS for 24 years! Many special memories were made during those years. Thanks to Belinda Penn, CCM, we have a small sampling of some of those.

You may be out of our sight, but you will never be out of our hearts and minds. Don’t forget to keep in touch.
Let’s go, TEAM!!!

Noun:
A number of persons associated in some joint action.

Verb:
To join together in a team; to drive a team; to gather or join in a team, a band, or a cooperative effort.

Synonyms:
combine, unite, ally, merge.

Okay Members, HUDDLE UP!!!!

I have a question for you. What does NALS/AALS/NEALSP mean to you? Let me tell you what it means to me. It means friendships, opportunities to learn and better myself in a professional capacity, a way to contribute to the legal community, an organization that helps its members.

NALS/AALS/NEALSP are TEAMS. We support each other. We work together. We are the definition of the word—a number of persons associated in some joint action.

I felt compelled to write this because I want everyone to think about what these teams mean to them. I know that sometimes we get burned-out when we work our hearts out at something for a prolonged period of time. I know that each person has a busy life. (Believe me, I REALLY know!) However, in order for these teams to be successful we need participation from EVERYONE! NALS/AALS/NEALSP is here to help our members, so our members need to help them.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” –Margaret Mead

We probably won’t change the world...but I know we can make a difference in our legal community! I am so glad that I am a part of these teams and I hope you are too!

Ashley Howell, ALP, NEALSP Secretary

If you have not been fortunate enough to make it to one of our monthly luncheons yet, you don’t know what you are missing. It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know your fellow TEAM MEMBERS in a fun, relaxed way. This month, Debbie, Ashley and I had a great time bonding over Panera Bread’s fabulous soup and sandwich special. As noted on page 1, our next monthly luncheon will be December 2nd at Kimono’s. Please make an effort to join us! We promise you won’t regret it!
**UPCOMING AALS/NALS DEADLINES**

December 1, 2014  
Distribute Rules & Regulations for AALS Scholarship and Grant to local chapters  
NALS Foundation Grant Applications due  
Early Bird Deadline to register for the NALS Professional Development & Educational Conference taking place February 26-28th in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

December 12, 2014  
Distribution of the Informer

January 1, 2015  
Last day to register for the March Certification Exams

January 10, 2015  
Distribute Award of Excellence Rules and Regulations to local chapters and MAL’s

January 16-17, 2015  
AALS Winter Business Meeting hosted by NWALSP

NALS’ new mobile application, NALSTOGO, is now available for download in the Google Play Store! This free mobile app puts NALS features right at your fingertips! Stay up to date on all things NALS through real-time news, event and photo feeds. View social media posts across multiple platforms all in one place. Quickly access membership tools, such as the Member/Chapter Locator and the Certification Journal. Great tool for legal professionals on the go! Currently, the app is only available for download in the Google Play Store, but will be coming soon to Apple and Amazon app store.
Paste text with the Spike

While the clipboard provides a useful way to copy and move text around a Word document, there's a little-known feature called the Spike that provides an alternative. Text that's added to the Spike is cut from the document and there's no limit to the number of entries that can be added.

When the content of the Spike is pasted into a document, it's done so in the order that it was spiked. This provides a very handy way of reorganising paragraphs or lists, without the need for endless cutting and pasting.

To add text to the Spike, select it and press [Ctrl]+[F3] simultaneously – this can be repeated as many times as required. To paste the contents of the Spike back into a document, you just need to press [Ctrl]+[Shift]+[F3].

This will clear the Spike, ready to start collecting more data, but it's also possible to paste the Spike while retaining its contents for future use. Position the cursor where the pasted text should appear, type the word spike and then press [F3].
Ten Good Grammar Resources

Here are ten resources to get you started. These are a mix of websites, podcasts, and books. Some are free, others require an investment, but keep in mind that when you invest in resources like these, you’re investing in your writing.

1. **Grammar Girl’s Quick and Dirty Tips for Better Writing** is a fun and accessible book packed with grammar tips and geared toward writers. It’s a grammar book, but it doesn’t read like a textbook. Author Mignon Fogarty has a B.A. in English, an M.S. in Biology, and has worked as a magazine and technical writer.

2. Before the book, Grammar Girl’s podcast made her an online sensation. Her website features full written transcripts of her podcast for folks who prefer to learn via reading. If you’re listener and learn well via audio, be sure to subscribe to her podcast via iTunes.

3. Washington State University’s Paul Brians has been maintaining a massive list of common errors in English, which is well worth checking out. This list is a great starting place if you want to check off your basic grammar skills to see if your writing is on the up-and-up.

4. **The Chicago Manual of Style** is the most widely used style guide in publishing and includes a variety of rules on grammar as well. This particular guide is perfect for general writing, including fiction and creative nonfiction.

5. **Schoolhouse Rock** was a beloved series of animated short films that gave kids growing up in the 70s and 80s a basic education in grammar. One of the most popular installments, “Conjunction Junction” is available online and you can search YouTube to find plenty more treasures from Schoolhouse Rock’s vintage collection.

6. Dr. Charles Darling was a professor of English at Capital Community College for over thirty-five years, and his **Guide to Grammar and Writing** is available online in loving memory of him.

7. This online **Grammar Handbook** from the University of Illinois is clear, organized by subject, and easy to peruse.

8. **The Gregg Reference Manual** is widely used among professionals and in business. It has been called “the most up-to-date, authoritative source on grammar, usage and style for a variety of business documents.”

9. There’s an app for that! Depending on your platform or device, you can find tons of grammar apps, so the answers to your grammar questions will be at your fingertips, anytime, anywhere! I’m a fan of the app “Grammar Guide” (for iPhone). But it’s pretty stripped down — it simply gives examples and no detailed information. Check your app store for a good grammar app that works for you and your device.

10. Don’t go to Wikipedia to learn grammar, but if you’re trying to remember one of those pesky rules you’ve forgotten, it can usually do the trick. Note that Wikipedia is not recognized as an academically acceptable resource, but it includes sources at the bottom of each article, and these can put you on the path toward finding great resources on any subject, including grammar.

Good Grammar

If grammar frustrates you, you’re not alone. Writing is enjoyable for most of us, but there are some aspects to it that are hard work. For some writers, grammar is a major struggle, but one that can be overcome with commitment and the right resources. Commit yourself to making good grammar integral to your writing and soon you’ll feel comfortable and confident about grammar.

Reminder:

Don’t forget to keep an eye on your inbox for the Ballots to cast your vote for the new slate of AALS officers for the 2015-2016 year! As we all know, EVERY vote counts.

Don't forget to like us on face book: [https://www.facebook.com/NEALSF](https://www.facebook.com/NEALSF)
HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY!

Don’t forget to come by Mitchell Williams on Thursday, November 13th. I would love to see everyone there. Come have some great food and refreshments and put your name in the drawing for the Awesome door prizes. You don’t have to stay the whole time.

“Honestly Madam, do you expect this court to believe that all of your husbands mysteriously disappeared at this same time in November?”