

# The Ehlers e-Newsletter

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## *Last Week in the U.S. House of Representatives*

**VETERANS DESERVE HONOR AND SUPPORT, EHLERS SAYS** - As the nation prepares to honor America's military veterans, both past and present, in the 50<sup>th</sup> observance of the U.S. Veterans Day next Tuesday, Nov. 11, Congressman Vernon J. Ehlers pointed out that Congress has done much in the past year to help veterans.

*For more information, please read the press release on our website:*

[http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/mi03\\_ehlers/110703VeteransDay.html](http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/mi03_ehlers/110703VeteransDay.html)

**U.S. HOUSE APPROVES PRISON INDUSTRIES REFORM BILL** - The U.S. House of Representatives Thursday took another step toward creating a fairer federal government procurement system by approving legislation reforming the Federal Prison Industries (FPI) program, Congressman Vernon J. Ehlers said.

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## **THIS WEEK IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

*At the time of publication, the U.S. House of Representatives has scheduled no votes for the week of November 10, 2003.*

### **Historical Tidbits**

#### **On Nov. 10 ...**

**1775** - The U.S. Marines were organized under authority of the Continental Congress. The Marines went out of existence after the end of the Revolutionary War in April of 1783. The Marine Corps were formally re-established on July 11, 1798.

**1954** - The Iwo Jima Memorial was dedicated in Arlington, VA.

**1975** - The *Edmund Fitzgerald*, an ore-hauling ship, and its crew of 29 vanished during a storm in Lake Superior.

**1988** - The U.S. Department of Energy announced that Texas would be the home of the atom-smashing super-collider. The project was cancelled by a vote of the U.S. Congress in Oct. 1993.

**1993** - The U.S. House of Representatives passed the Brady Bill, which called for a five-day waiting period for handgun purchases.

#### **On Nov. 11 (Veterans Day) ...**

**1889** - Washington became the 42nd state of the Union.

**1918** - World War I came to an end when the Allies and Germany signed an armistice. This day became recognized as Veteran's Day in the United States.

**1921** - The Tomb of the Unknowns was dedicated at Arlington Cemetery in Virginia by U.S. President Harding.

**1984** - U.S. President Ronald Reagan accepted the Vietnam Veterans Memorial as a gift to the nation from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund.

**1993** - In Washington, DC, a bronze statue was dedicated honoring the more than 11,000 women who had served in the Vietnam War.

**1996** - The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund unveiled "The Wall That Heals." The work was a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial that would tour communities throughout the United States.

**On Nov. 12 ...**

**1979** - U.S. President Carter ordered a halt to all oil imports from Iran in response to 63 Americans being taken hostage at the U.S. embassy in Tehran, Iran on November 4.

**On Nov. 13 ...**

**1775** - During the American Revolution, U.S. forces captured Montreal.

**1942** - U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a measure lowering the minimum draft age from 21 to 18.

**1997** - Iraq expelled six UN arms inspectors that are U.S. citizens.

**2001** - U.S. President George W. Bush signed an executive order that would allow for military tribunals to try any foreigners captured with connections to the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001. It was the first time since World War II that a president had taken such action.

**On Nov. 14 ...**

**1979** - U.S. President Carter froze all Iranian assets in the United States and U.S. banks abroad in response to the taking of 63 American hostages at the U.S. embassy in Tehran, Iran.

**1994** - U.S. experts visited North Korea's main nuclear complex for the first time under an accord that opened such sites to outside inspections.

**1995** - The U.S. government instituted a partial shutdown, closing national parks and museums while most government offices operated with skeleton crews.

*(Information from <http://www.on-this-day.com>)*

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