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Veterans Day Observed in Grand Central November 11, at 11 a.m.

A traditional and reverential ceremony will be observed in the main concourse of Grand Central Terminal this Veterans Day, November 11 at 11 a.m.

Employees of MTA Metro-North Railroad who have served in the American armed services present the American flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, the playing of taps, and the laying of a wreath. Accompanying this will be the sound of bagpipes echoing through the 22,000 square foot, landmarked main concourse.

Remarks by MTA Metro-North Railroad's President Howard Permut will be delivered—honoring the railroad's loyal veterans, and remembering those who have faithfully served and are no longer with us.

The bustling crowds of the thousands of ever-present passers-by, comes to a halt as respect and deference is paid to those who have served this country.

Grand Central Terminal itself is a grand veteran—serving two World Wars, providing troop transportation for millions, and war material movements of massive armaments (in fact it handled 80% of such movements in the northeast).

The East Balcony provided a USO center for rest and refreshment areas for troops on the move. There were special ticket windows to buy War Bonds and a dedicated area of the terminal—now known as the "kissing room"—for home-bound troops to meet their loved ones.

Hollywood honored Grand Central's war effort with such films as the Academy Award winning "Since You Went Away," "I'll be Seeing You," and "Without Reservations."