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## Thank you Veterans!

Today we observe the Veterans Day holiday. Veterans Day has its origins in Armistice Day, which was first acknowledged by President Woodrow Wilson in 1919. The first anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Versailles, ending WWI, took place "in the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month." For that reason, Congress made Armistice Day a national holiday on November 11, 1938.

However, in 1968, the signing of the Uniform Holiday Bill ensured three-day weekends for Federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. Many states did not agree with this and continued to celebrate the holidays on their original dates, causing confusion. Therefore, on September 20, 1975 President Gerald Ford signed legislation returning Veterans Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978.

In honor of all the men and woman who served and continue to serve our great country, thank you!



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## Election 2016: And the results are in.....

On Tuesday, Arizonans went to the polls to vote for a variety of officials, including the President of the United States, U.S. congressional candidates, state-wide officers, and local and judicial officials to name a few.

CSA compiled unofficial election results in the following categories, please note some races currently remain too close to call:

- [Senate & Congress Unofficial Election Results](#)
- [State Legislative Unofficial Election Results](#)
- [County Supervisors Unofficial Election Results](#)



***Please note these results have not yet been canvassed and with many ballots left to count across the state, these results are not yet official.***

To view the most up to date election results, please [click here](#).

For additional updated county specific election information, please see below:

- For Apache County, [click here](#).
- For Cochise County, [click here](#).
- For Coconino County, [click here](#).
- For Gila County, [click here](#).

- For Graham County, [click here](#).
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## Leadership Elections

This week all four caucuses in the Senate and House voted on their leadership team.

State Senate:

- Senate President: [Steve Yarbrough](#)
- Senate Majority Leader: [Kimberly Yee](#)
- Senate Majority Whip: [Gail Griffin](#)
- Senate Minority Leader: [Katie Hobbs](#)
- Senate Assistant Minority Leader: [Steve Farley](#)
- Senate Co-Minority Whips: [Lupe Contreras](#) and [Martin Quezada](#)

State House:

- House Speaker: [J.D. Mesnard](#)
- House Majority Leader: [John Allen](#)
- House Majority Whip: [Kelly Townsend](#)
- House Minority Leader: [Rebecca Rios](#)
- House Assistant Minority Leader: [Randall Friese](#)
- House Minority Whip: [Charlene Fernandez](#)

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## Peace Officers Employment Study Committee

On November 10, the Peace Officer Employment Study Committee met to discuss law enforcement retention, recruitment and employment trends, and how those trends impact police attrition and public safety. Committee members discussed how Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), compensation issues, and cultural factors conspired to make it difficult for police agencies to recruit and retain highly-qualified officers to serve their communities.

Committee members requested a number of research projects from staff, including how long different agencies take to move a police recruit from the application stage, to being a fully-trained and qualified officer on the street. Additionally they requested more information on retention rates and response times across the Valley. The committee will meet again on November 21.

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## Surface Transportation Funding Task Force Holds 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting

On Wednesday, the Surface Transportation Funding Task Force (Task Force) held their fifth meeting.

Lea Márquez Peterson, President/CEO of the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, gave a presentation on the transportation needs from the business community's perspective in southern Arizona. Tom Dorn, representing 3M, provided a number of suggestions to help generate revenue which included mandatory license plate reissuance and a requirement for all Arizona drivers to have a front plate on their vehicles. Additionally, the Task Force heard from Scott Higginson, Executive Director of the Interstate 11 Coalition. Mr. Higginson presented on the status of the proposed Interstate Highway that would provide a direct interstate link between the Las Vegas and Phoenix metropolitan areas.

Senate Bill 1490, sponsored by Senator Worsley, established the 9-member Task Force to review transportation needs and revenue sources in Arizona and recommend specific revenue proposals for dedicated funding sources for specified transportation-related items.

The Task Force is required to cooperate with the Department of Administration to conduct a statewide study to identify vacant or underused buildings owned by the state that could be sold to provide funding for transportation

projects. Additionally, they are required to issue progress reports every three months to the Governor and the Legislature and to submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by December 31, 2016. The Task Force will meet every two weeks and CSA plans to offer a county perspective at an upcoming hearing.

Committee members include: Alan Maguire; Jim Rounds (Rounds Consulting); Kevin McCarthy (ATRA), Mary Peters (Mary Peters Consulting Group); Grant Nulle (Arizona Department of Revenue); Julie Pastrick (Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce); John Ragan (AZ Chamber of Commerce and Industry); Michael Tully; David Williams.

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## Interim Committee Hearings

- The [Senate Education and House Education Committee of Reference](#) will meet on Monday, November 14, 2016 at 1:45 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 1.
- The [Legislative Governmental Mall Commission](#) will meet Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in Senate Hearing Room 1.

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## This Week in Arizona History...

On November 11, 1890, the *Arizona Republic* began publication in Phoenix. Originally known as the *Arizona Republican* (changed in 1930), the *Republic* is the state's largest newspaper.

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