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Aunt Em's Corner: Holidays, Heroes & Hugs – November & December Edition

Well now, sugarplums, the air's gettin' crisp and the leaves are crunchin' underfoot, which means the holidays are just around the bend. Aunt Em's got her apron on and her heart full, ready to share some love, stories, and ways we can honor our heroes this season.

November: Gratitude & Remembrance

Military Family Month

All November long, we tip our bonnets to the brave families who stand behind our service members. Y'all are the backbone of courage, and we see you.

Nov 2 – Daylight Saving Time Ends

Don't forget to "fall back" an hour, darlin', extra sleep for everyone!

Nov 9 – Gold Star Father's Day (Georgia)



A special day to honor fathers whose children gave the ultimate sacrifice. Let's send love and prayers their way.

Nov 10 – Marine Corps Birthday

249 years of Semper Fi! Bake a cake, sing a song, and thank a Marine.

Nov 11 – Veterans Day & Remembrance Day (US, Canada, Britain, France)

Aunt Em says: "If you see a vet, give 'em a hug or a handshake. They've earned it."

 [Coloring.pages.for.military.kids](https://coloringpagesfor.military.kids)  [Parade.listings.and.classroom.resources](#)

 [Freebies.and.promotions.for.veterans](#)

Nov 27 – Thanksgiving Day

Let's gather 'round the table, whether near or far.

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December: Celebration & Reflection

Dec 1 – Civil Air Patrol Birthday

Salute to the sky-watchers and helpers of the USAF Auxiliary!

Dec 7 – Pearl Harbor Day

A Day of remembrance. Light a candle, say a prayer, and teach the young'uns about history.

Dec 13 – National Guard Birthday & Wreaths Across America

Double honor day! Lay a wreath, share a story, and thank a Guard member.

Dec 20 – Space Force Birthday

Even the stars salute our newest branch!

Dec 24 – Christmas Eve

Cookies, cocoa, and cozy hearts.

Dec 25 – Christmas Day

 [Support.for.deployed.troops.and.military.families](#)

 [Coloring.pages.for.kids.to.send.love.to.service.members](#)

Dec 28 – Army Chaplain Assistant Anniversary

Aunt Em says: “Bless the ones who bring comfort and faith to our troops.”

Dec 31 – New Year’s Eve

Ring in the new year with sparkle and joy!

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From Aunt Em’s Heart

Now listen here, darlin’s, this season ain’t just about gifts and glitter. It’s about community, kindness, and teachin’ the next generation how to honor those who serve. Whether you’re a parent, teacher, or just a neighbor with a warm heart, there’s a place for you in this patchwork of love.

So, grab a pie, a pen, or a pair of mittens and get involved. Your local VFW and Auxiliary are waitin’ with open arms and plenty of ways to help. Let’s make these holidays warm with kindness, bright with remembrance, and full of love for our military families.

Now go on, darlin’, color a page, write a thank-you note, or bake a pie for someone who serves. That’s the Missouri way.

With love from the heartland,

Auntie Em (A.K.A. Jennie Rosales-Wolfgeher)

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“Every wreath laid is a whisper of gratitude, because honoring those who served is how we teach love of country.”