

As Veterans Day approaches, I have a proposal that could be a meaningful way for our amateur radio community to unite and pay tribute to our veterans.

I propose to request a two-minute moment of silence (the length of the national anthem) on amateur repeaters across Virginia on Saturday, November 11, 2023. The objective of this proposal is to create a collective and respectful observance across Virginia's amateur radio repeater network on Veterans Day. By coordinating a moment of silence, our goal is to pay tribute to our veterans, express our support and gratitude, and strengthen our sense of community among amateur radio operators.

Here are the tentative details:

- Date: Saturday, November 11, 2023
- Time:
 - 8 a.m. Flag raising concurrent with the military bases
 - 6 p.m. Flag Lowering concurrent with the military bases

This observance will coincide with the raising and lowering the flag at military installations. (Please correct my flag raising and lowering schedule because I could not find a solid answer.)

I understand that the timeframe is short notice. Still, with a couple of emails and social media posts, we can rally our community for this worthy cause with minimal resource impact. The goal is to come together and commemorate our veterans' service and sacrifice in our unique way.

Thank you for considering this proposal, and I am happy to take the lead and make it happen.

73,

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