

Company will honor veterans through series of programs, celebrations Thursday

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Veterans Day is a time to recognize the service of those who have served in the Armed Forces.

The holiday originated as Armistice Day on Nov. 11, 1919, marking the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and it became a national holiday beginning in 1938. In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

Veterans and military employees represent 10% of Southern Company employees and 11% of new hires in 2020. Recently, Southern Company was ranked as the No. 1 employer for veterans by The Military Times on its [2021 Best for Vets: Employer list](#).

Throughout the country, events will commemorate veterans' service and sacrifice. Here are some events that will be occurring within Southern Company on Veterans Day:

Southern Company Gas

- Southern Company Gas employee resource group (ERG) VetNet and The Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion will host a [Veterans Day panel discussion](#) from 12:30-2:00 p.m. EST. The panel discussion will focus on how veterans can transfer their military leadership skills to their workplace. The speakers are Richard Asiyambi, vice president of Operations; Craig McGailiard, regional director; and Jessica Roth, VNG Operations supervisor. Submit your questions to the panel in advance [here](#).

Georgia Power

- Georgia Power ERG Military Veterans in Power will host a Veterans Day webcast "[Celebrating Our Veterans](#)" from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Brigadier General (Ret.) James R. Gorham, director, joint staff, of the North Carolina Joint Force Headquarters.

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- Southern Company Operations, Southern Power and Southern Nuclear will host a [Veterans Day Celebration](#) from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. EST (10:00-11:00 a.m. CST). The program, facilitated by Birmingham's [VetNet](#) president John Calhoun, will feature a panel discussion exploring how veterans can build a path to continued success. Dialogue with longtime veteran-owned supplier, CAVCO, Inc., will provide insights on veteran entrepreneurship and the system's support of economic inclusion and growth. A special guest from [The Warrior Alliance](#), will also join the panel discussion to share insight into the support their organization provides to veterans and their families during the transition from military service to civilian life.