

# Sister's Spin

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Is it an accident or merely coincidence that World War 1 ended with the signing of the Armistice at 11:00 on the 11th Day of the 11th month, which also happened to be the feast day of one whom some call the Soldier Saint? Actually, St. Martin of Tours served only a short time in the Roman Army and asked to be discharged as a conscientious objector. He had been studying to be a Christian and felt that he could not go to war as it conflicted with his Faith, yet he is still considered the patron saint of soldiers. Little attention is given to what he did after leaving the army, but he became a great advocate for the poor. He had to be tricked into accepting the role of Bishop, but seeing it as God's Will, he accepted and worked against the heresies of his time, eventually retiring to a life of prayer in one of the many monasteries he built in his diocese. As we pray for all those serving in the military in any way, it is still good to ask this soldier saint to watch over them and to ask God to bless them for their service and efforts to bring peace to all parts of our world.

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