

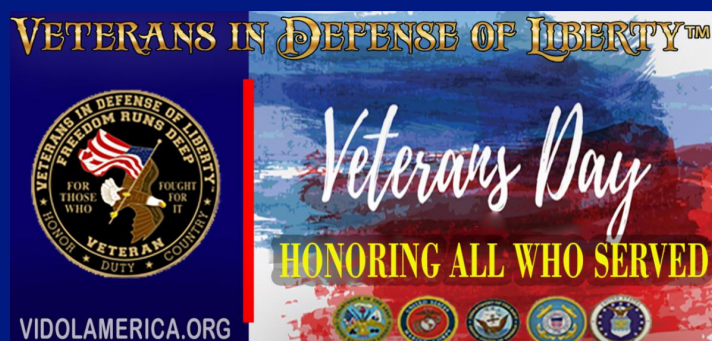


# Veterans in Defense of Liberty

## NEWS FROM THE FRONT

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Fellow Warriors and Friends,



### Americans Have a Day to Honor American Veterans

Well, now, is it Veteran's Day or Veterans' Day? It is neither for veterans don't have a Day; instead, Americans have a Day to honor American veterans, both the living and deceased. On Veterans Day, we pay tribute to that small percentage of citizens who have expressed their patriotism, not in words but the sacrifice of service to their country. They epitomize the words of Christopher Gadsden, Continental Congress delegate and Veteran, when he stated, "What I can do for my country, I am willing to do."

As we discussed prior to Memorial Day, Veterans Day is wholly distinctive, honoring all American veterans as opposed to those "Killed in Action," as on Memorial Day. In 1918 on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month, the "war to end all wars" (which it didn't) WWI officially ended, giving rise to Armistice Day. Subsequent to WWII, President Dwight David Eisenhower signed legislation proclaiming November 11<sup>th</sup> a day to honor all American veterans and renamed Armistice Day Veterans Day. However, in 1968 Veterans Day, was caught up in the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, along with Memorial Day and Washington's Birthday, and was assigned to the fourth Monday in October. The resulting confusion, coupled with the historical significance and Patriotic importance of eleven-eleven, led President Gerald Ford to sign a new law in 1975 returning Veterans Day to its rightful place of November 11.

Without the American veteran, there would be no America. On July fourth, seventeen seventy-six, 13 Colonies took the first combined action to form the united states. During the ensuing seven years, with a maximum of 48,000 serving at any one time, it is estimated that 250,000 Colonists served in the Continental Army. Of these, some estimated 35,100 Patriots sacrificed their lives for the cause of Independence. Twenty-two veterans, or 56 percent of the signers, signed the united states constitution. These 22 formed the bridge between the human desire for liberty and fully recognizing mankind's God-given rights. Prior to 1815, 400 veterans served the newly independent nation in the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches of our new nation and the Gubenitorial position in the states.

The Revolutionary War veterans served as the bridge to Freedom and Liberty. Successively every American veteran has served as the foundation upon which liberty stands. They have sacrificed significantly here at home, as well as defending America's freedom and liberty around the globe. The veterans we honor today share a direct lineage and bond-of-Brotherhood extending back to 1776. This bond-of-brotherhood is formed, by shared experiences, the knowledge that each would still give his life for the other, and the fact, never recognized by most, they are all standing upon the hallowed ground at the pinnacle of patriotism. As proclaimed by former governor of Alabama, Bob Riley, "I have long believed that sacrifice is the pinnacle of patriotism."

At the very core, binding this Brotherhood/Sisterhood together is that which I would reason as being tantamount to our founder pledge of their "Lives, Fortunes and sacred Honor. The military Oath states unambiguously, "*I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; ... So help me God.*" Their Oath does not swear to support and defend a musty piece of paper filed away in our collective memory, but rather the culture and society which grew from it. With all its flaws, a culture, and society that became the freest, most prosperous on earth, and the greatest force for good of any nation in history.

Most veterans recognize that ending their Oath with, "So help me God" ties them for a lifetime. When we hear veterans say, "There is no time limit on my Oath," these are not hollow words uttered for effect. They are words that come from the very soul of the individual. Often at a veteran's funeral, we will see this concept exemplified in the snapping of the American flag as it is laid over the coffin; this is done to symbolically release the veteran from their Oath.

Veterans Day is a day for Americans to honor these men and women

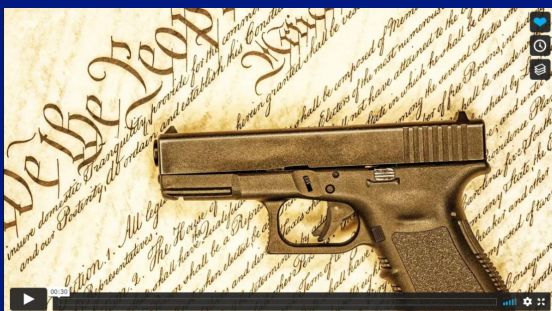
who have offered their lives and their life for our freedom. But how can we begin to honor such sacrifice? Of course, greeting them with "Thank you for your service" is an excellent and appreciated gesture." However, possibly we could beef it up a little, "Thank you for your sacrificial service to our great nation." It is essential that honoring our heroes not be reserved for one day a year; our appreciation should be shown throughout the year by attending veteran events, e.g., veterans Day Parades, donating to one or more of the veteran organizations, fly your flag at home – correctly, visit the VA Hospital, and the list goes on. Basically, Live the words of JFK, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

Above all, honor our veterans by honoring the America they sacrificed for; in the words of President Reagan and General MacArthur, stand tall for freedom and liberty and be vigilant in their preservation.

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*"We're blessed with the opportunity to stand for something—for liberty and freedom and fairness. And these are things worth fighting for, worth devoting our lives to."—Ronald Reagan*

*"No man is entitled to the blessings of freedom unless he be vigilant in its preservation."—Douglas MacArthur*

## A direct and compelling headline



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"History does not entrust the care of freedom to the weak or timid."

- Dwight D. Eisenhower

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*"Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo*

the fatigue of supporting it.” - Thomas Paine



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