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# A Special Veterans Day Message from Danny DeWalt

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G.K. Chesterton said that “the true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him.” This Veterans Day, we honor the courage and selfless sacrifice of those who risk their lives every day to defend our people and our home.

One of my favorite things about Pepperdine is that we are a truly global university. There is an incredible beauty to the many cultures and peoples that make up the body of Christ — a body that includes “every nation, tribe, people and language,” varied in culture but united in worship and in sharing the image of God.

In my own role here, I have been privileged to see the Pepperdine community at work in service across many nations. Yet whenever I travel abroad, one of the greatest blessings of the journey is always the coming home again — returning with a renewed appreciation for the unique freedoms we enjoy here in America and for the people who serve to protect them.

To the veterans in our Pepperdine community: we thank you. We are immensely grateful for the

ways you continue to serve, lead, and enrich our life together, today and every day. May all of us honor your service through our own faithful stewardship of the freedoms entrusted to us and through our care for one another as fellow members of the body of Christ.

**Danny DeWalt**

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*“After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb."*

*Revelation 7:9*

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