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## A Special Veterans Day Message from Reggie Roberts

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*"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends"*  
(John 15:13).

The above Bible verse from the Book of John is one of my favorites because I believe it reflects the devotion to service that is shared by every military service member. Veterans Day is a special day when all that have served in our military armed forces are celebrated for their sacrifice and commitment to our country.

On this day, we are also reminded of the lives that it costs to protect our freedoms. As a new military recruit, upon taking the oath in front of the flag, it is understood that you are no longer an individual civilian. You now belong to a lifetime fraternity that includes brothers and sisters from the Army, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, and the Navy.

A guiding principle that has been ingrained in all veterans is "leave no soldier behind." This creed

is reflective of how Christ sees all as God's children and would not want one to fall (Luke 15:7).

We all salute the men and women in uniform of the past and present that have served our country. We also look forward to the future armed forces service members and veteran population who understand that they can retire, but their service to people will never expire.

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