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Thank you  
Vets Council 1

To-day we have the privilege of  
honoring a very special group of  
Americans — the military veterans who  
have served in our Armed Forces.

We owe them our freedom, we owe them our heritage  
and in awe them our gratitude. So it is fitting that  
on Veterans Day - Armistist Day - Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> <sup>to this week</sup> we pause to remember  
the Veterans and their contributions to us + our country. God-willing  
future generations of American will continue this tradition.

As I thought about my remarks 3 C's - came  
to mind COURAGE / CHARACTER / CHALLENGE



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## Courage —

The American Vet stood tall and sturdy. <sup>not good courage</sup> He left the comforts of his home but <sup>NOT</sup> because he wanted to but because he knew that to protect that home and his family; he had to protect his country. He left his business + ~~the~~ because he knew that he must keep American free. Times were bleak and darkness, danger and yes death were alternatives. His courage was outstanding!

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## Character.

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What of the character of more than 38 million Americans who served in wartime with over a million of them giving up their lives - Why. Why did so many face the terror of war? Why did so many give their blood & their lives. The answer lies deep in the heart & character of the individuals. You might ask yourself if you were in danger of losing freedom - losing your right to speak freely, worship as you choose - would you fight for these principles for yourself & your family



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## Challenge -

The challenge is ours! The fate of the future is ours. The protection of peace is demanding and continues to be a renewal of <sup>sacrifices for</sup> ~~sacrifices~~ those who serve. Peace making takes its toll. We have only

to recall the recent tragedies aboard our Navy vessels.

Do we forget so easily? as take for granted <sup>our</sup> ~~our~~ <sup>for courage - character</sup> freedom? Will this generation of Americans - be remembered for burning the flag - that has decapitated the crest of our dead! Will we stand by in silence at the desecration of our flag. Is it a sin to be patriotic?



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The flag is OUR symbol. Our symbol - to us 5 of  
it says it all "the blood of the free & the bones  
of the brave." When we pledge allegiance is implied  
a solemn agreement - we make a vow, a  
promise - we give assurance of our fidelity &  
loyalty. We say aloud & in hush we love &  
Country & Old Glory is respected & loved.  
Well we share the dream of those

Veterans who served us - a dream of peace & prosperity  
within the framework of human rights ~~and~~ and with respect <sup>for</sup>  
our flag  
So let us this 1989 Vet. Days remember Courage -  
Character but mostly the Challenge. Let's remember our  
debt to our veterans & renew our commitment to protect  
our liberties and remain firm in ~~our~~ efforts to prohibit the  
physical destruction or defaming of our flag.



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So, let us thank each and every veteran for their contributions to America. They truly form the backbone of this nation. Then let us go forward with the gift of freedom they have preserved, and precious guard that gift for future generations. If we do that, and do it well, then America will remain "one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

## INSCRIPTION in Arlington

"Not for fame or reward - not for place  
or rank - not lured by ambition or goaded  
by necessity - but in simple obedience to  
duty as they understood it - these men suffered  
all - sacrificed all ... loved all .. and died

In each war the cause was very clear -  
human dignity. For when one man or a government  
seeks to suppress the inherent right we all share  
for - the freedom to create a life for ourselves - then  
human dignity shrinks a lot

Whenever I'm with the veterans - Memorial  
Day - Veterans Day - Flag Day <sup>Armed Forces Day</sup> I think  
it is a time for remembrance

time for thanksgiving

time to rededicate the American spirit

" to be proud to be an American