



"...it is well for us to pause, to acknowledge our debt to those who paid so large a share of freedom's price."

President Dwight D. Eisenhower

Veterans Day 2012: Soldier for Life

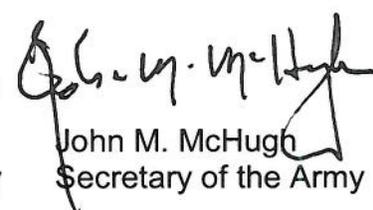
On Veterans Day, we honor all those who have served in defense of our Nation. This remembrance began in 1919 as a commemoration of Armistice Day, marking the cessation of hostilities in World War I on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. Originally established to honor the memory of the Veterans who gave their lives during that war, Armistice Day became Veterans Day by an act of Congress in 1954 to celebrate all Veterans who have served our Nation.

Each year, we take this opportunity to pay tribute to generations who have proudly worn the Army uniform on behalf of all Americans. We are forever grateful for their strength, sacrifice and commitment to support and defend the Constitution of our United States. And to honor these heroes properly, we stand strongly beside them to ensure that our Soldiers and Veterans are prepared to achieve lifelong success. Upon transition from the Army, our Soldiers carry with them the values, knowledge and leadership experiences gained while actively serving our country; they are highly motivated leaders and role models for their communities and for organizations that seek excellence and commitment. They are "*Soldiers for Life.*"

On this Veterans Day, we encourage you to take action in your communities to support and honor all Veterans – young and old, the fallen, wounded and missing – and those still serving today in defense of our Nation and freedoms. We honor the service of all Veterans who have served, work to honor their sacrifices, and remember those who are no longer with us. The Army is the strength of the Nation, and Soldiers are the strength of our Army. As a Nation, we must remain committed to ensuring these Soldiers and Veterans remain strong for life.


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