



Veterans Day 2013: Soldiers for Life

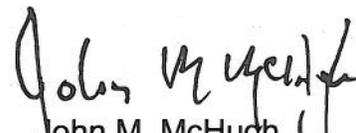
Veterans Day is an important time to honor everyone who has served in the defense of our Nation. This remembrance began in 1919 as a commemoration of Armistice Day, marking the cessation of hostilities in World War I on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. Originally established to 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 while protecting American freedoms. We are forever grateful for their strength, sacrifice and continued commitment to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. This tribute extends beyond Veterans Day; we honor these heroes as "Soldiers for Life" by standing strongly beside them to ensure that our Soldiers of today and Veterans of tomorrow are prepared to achieve lifelong success. Upon transition from the Army, our men and women carry with them the values, knowledge and leadership experiences gained while serving our country. They are highly motivated leaders and role models for their communities and for organizations seeking excellence and commitment.

Every day, and especially today, we encourage you to take action in your communities to support and honor all Veterans – the young and old – the fallen, wounded and missing – and the Soldiers still serving today. 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 that these Soldiers and Veterans remain Army Strong and Soldiers for Life.


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