

VETERANS DAY MESSAGE FROM THE U.S. OFFICE
OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Dear Veteran,

On Monday, November 12, 2012 our Nation will honor each of you, America's Veterans, who have served so faithfully and honorably. We will pause to remember the sacrifices our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen have made in serving our Nation where and when they were needed. Veterans Day is more than a holiday; it is a day of heartfelt appreciation to all who have served our great country in the Armed Forces.

In his Veterans Day Proclamation, President Obama has been clear: "We pay tribute to our wounded, our missing, our fallen, and their families -- men and women who have known the true costs of conflict and deserve our deepest respect, now and forever."

For the full text of the Proclamation, please click [here](#).

One way we in the Federal Government honor our Nation's promises is by making Federal civilian employment opportunities available when our servicemen and women leave military service. The courage, integrity and determination that you exhibited while successfully serving in the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard are the same traits needed in the civilian side of the Federal Government. Through your continued service to our Nation, you will use the leadership, skills, training, and experience acquired while in uniform to have positive impact for all Americans. And, in the words of George Washington:

The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional as to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their country.

In the three years since President Obama established the Veterans Employment Initiative, the Council on Veterans Employment has led the charge to honor and show appreciation for your service by ensuring that you have the opportunity to continue your service to this great Nation as Federal civilian employees.

On behalf of our Nation and its people, I thank you for your service – past, present, and future.

With gratitude, pride, and solemn remembrance,



*In Honor of Those
Who Served*

John Berry
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