

## An open letter to veterans

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I write as we finish commemorating another Veterans Day and approach the holiday season.

My appreciation for you and other service members is truly ineffable. You inspire me with your love of country. Thank you so much for all you have done and continue to do. Serving is one thing. What you did during your times of service is incredible. We cannot thank you enough for putting your lives at stake to protect the freedoms we hold so dearly.

But, you have gone even farther. Not only do you represent a group of men and women who served, you also represent a group that fights for veterans benefits. So with that, thank you for your service and your continued drive to ensure that our heroes are taken care of when they come back home.

Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in the world. But you don't have that problem. There aren't many places in the world where men and women I have never met will fight, with their lives, to grant me rights that not everyone else has. There aren't many of those places where those same men and women don't ask for anything in return. They just love this country and its people enough that they're willing to fight for them. I can only give eternal gratitude to the veterans of this nation and, specifically, to the ones who lost their lives, for their dedication and bravery.

Each and every one of you is an inspiration to America. To all, for your service in the past and your future service, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

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