

# WHO IS THE AMERICAN VETERAN?

The American veteran is one who ...

- Is committed to principles, who believes that right is right and wrong is wrong, and that justice will prevail if its supporters never give up.
- Loves the United States of America, for seen in her is the dream of liberty that has flickered in the heart of mankind since time began.
- Is willing to challenge the nemesis of freedom, wherever the sword of oppression is uplifted.
- Has proven courage at Bunker Hill, Gettysburg, San Juan Hill, Chateau-Thierry, Guam, Guadalcanal, Leyte, the Pusan Perimeter, Pork Chop Hill and in the deserts of Iraq and Afghanistan.
- Shuns the terror and agony of war – the inhumanity of man to man – but is one who will not shrink from defense of the way of life believed to be ordained of God.

This is the American soldier, the veteran.

We pause to thank the men and women today who have put on the uniform of our Armed Forces for giving us a priceless heritage, and for assuring a future full of promise and hope.

November 11 is their day – Veterans Day 2014.

We owe them much.

We owe them the freedom to worship as we please.

We owe them the right to speak our minds whenever and wherever we choose.

We owe them the right of peaceful assembly and the ability to petition our government for correction of wrongs that confront us.

We owe them the right of security in our households.

We owe them the right of a fair trial.

We owe them the right to pursue happiness.

We owe them the very survival of the republic.



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Pause in thanksgiving to God today and Tuesday – sometime, in some quiet place – for American veterans. Give thanks for the bravery of these men and women, for their determination, their love of country, their faith.

Then find a veteran to personally express your gratitude for what he or she has done.

For without them, there wouldn't be much to be thankful about on this Veterans Day 2014.

– Beecher Hunter