

Veteran's Day Thoughts

Please join me in honoring our veterans--those still serving and those who have served throughout the history of our nation. Even brief study reveals that, for nearly two and one-half centuries, the American servicemen and women, and their families have sacrificed to protect our freedom--from the Revolutionary War through the War of 1812, the Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf Wars, Iraq and Afghanistan.

In addition to veterans who are buried on our soil, thousands of American veterans rest in the soil of foreign countries where they fell. [This link](#) will take you to American military cemeteries throughout the world.

The American Cemetery in Normandy, France is arguably the most iconic example. If you are curious about what they experienced, you need only watch the first 30 minutes of the Steven Spielberg film *Saving Private Ryan*—spoiler alert, it is not a “popcorn and date” movie, so view with caution.

This final link depicts a young American girl whose dad has been serving in Iraq. Her class is expecting a visit and presentation from a serviceman that day, but she does not suspect that the serviceman is her father, who has been gone and in harm's way for some time. To truly see the sacrifices our servicemen and women and their families make, please [watch this clip](#).