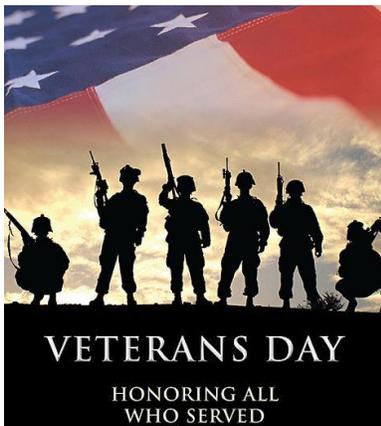


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Subject: Thank all who have and continue to serve on this Veterans Day.
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Dear constituents and friends,

Sixty-five years ago today, an act of Congress officially changed Nov 11th from Armistice Day to Veterans Day to honor all those who have served in the U.S. Military.

Armistice Day marked the ceasefire between Germany and Allied nations that ended WWI. The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. It was designated a federal holiday in 1954.

Today as we observe Veterans Day and the freedom that we so often take for granted, let's take time to recognize and thank the many men and women who have protected us, procured that freedom for us and their unrelenting drive for peace for all.

President Reagan said: " Peace fails when we forget what we stand for. It fails when we forget that our Republic is based on firm principles, principles that have real meaning, that with them, we are the last, best hope of man on Earth; without them, we're little more than the crust of a continent. Peace also fails when we forget to bring to the bargaining table God's first intellectual gift to man: common sense. Common sense gives us a realistic knowledge of human beings and how they think, how they live in the world, what motivates them. Common sense tells us that man has magic in him, but also clay. Common sense can tell the difference between right and wrong. Common sense forgives error, but it always recognizes it to be error first.

We endanger the peace and confuse all issues when we obscure the truth; when we refuse to name an act for what it is; when we refuse to see the obvious and seek safety in Almighty."

Thousands of soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and coast guardsmen are on the job, around the world protecting America. Thank you to all those who have served as well as those who continue to serve and protect us each day.

Thank you for the commitment you have made to your Country and defending this great

Thank you for the commitment you have made to your country and defending the great nation that we love. It is only through your sacrifices and those of your families that keep us free.

May God bless you and protect you!
Respectfully and sincerely,

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