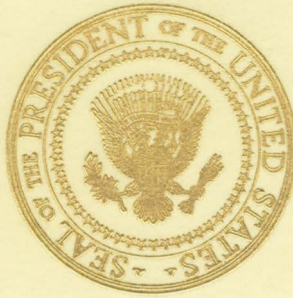


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Veterans Day, 1974

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

On this Veterans Day, we pay tribute to those men and women whose service in our Armed Forces has contributed so profoundly to mankind's age-old quest for peace.

From Valley Forge to Vietnam, on battlefields around the globe, in World War I, World War II, and the Korean conflict, Americans have selflessly answered the call to arms whenever our freedoms and the freedoms of others have been threatened by tyranny and aggression.

Our Veterans have earned our deep and lasting gratitude for their valor, their patriotism, and their willingness to sacrifice so that others might remain free.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby call on all Americans to join in observing Monday, October 28, 1974, as Veterans Day. I urge both public ceremony and private contemplation in recognition of the precious gifts of freedom and security that are ours because those we honor have stood in our defense.

Let us give special consideration on that day to those who have died in our Nation's wars and those who have been disabled. Let this be a day of remembrance for those veterans who are in our hospitals, a day on which our appreciation is expressed tangibly by our visits and our attention.

Further, let this be a day on which all Americans take special cognizance of the needs of those young veterans who are currently readjusting to civilian life. Let us give them personal help and encouragement.

I direct the appropriate officials of Government to arrange for the display of the flag of the United States on this day. I request officials of Federal, State and local governments to support its observance and I urge schools, churches, unions, civic and patriotic organizations to participate in appropriate public ceremonies throughout the Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventh day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-ninth.

Gerald R. Ford



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From Lexington and Concord in 1775 to the present, these courageous, selfless patriots served and sacrificed and died so that their fellow-citizens could live under a government that still is in the full tide of successful experiment and still is the world's best hope.

It is both fitting and proper that a legal holiday, designated by the Congress (5 U.S.C. 6103(a)), be set aside to honor our veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby invite and urge you, my fellow-Americans, to observe Monday, October 27, 1975, as Veterans Day. I commend public ceremonies as well as private contemplation as a meaningful expression of gratitude to our veterans for the priceless heritage of freedom which they have bequeathed to us.

I suggest that disabled veterans in Veterans Administration hospitals throughout the country will welcome and appreciate a Veterans Day visit. And I ask that you help to evidence America's special concern for our returned Vietnam era veterans by making Veterans Day, 1975, the beginning of a renewed personal effort to assist these deserving Americans in achieving the fullest and fastest possible readjustment to civilian life.

Finally, I call upon the appropriate officials of Government to arrange for the display of the flag of the United States on this day. I request officials of Federal, State and local governments to support its observance and I urge schools, churches, unions and civic and patriotic organizations to participate in appropriate public ceremonies throughout the country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this tenth day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundredth.

Gerald R. Ford



Veterans Day, 1975

By the President of the United States of America

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Veterans Day, 1976

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

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None among us has done more to defend and preserve our freedom than the patriotic men and women who answered our country's call to service and sacrifice, and who today bear the proud title of "veteran."

None among us has done more to defend and preserve our freedom than the private ceremonies our esteem for and gratitude to these courageous, unselfish Americans, the Congress determined (5 U.S.C. 6103(a)) that one day shall be set aside each year, as a national holiday, to honor our veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby request that you, my fellow Americans, participate in the observance of Monday, October 25, 1976, as Veterans Day. I deem it most appropriate that in public ceremonies as well as in private thoughts and prayers we gratefully acknowledge the magnificent contribution of our veterans to an America that today remains free and, with the help of God, at peace.

Veterans Day, 1976, can be made especially meaningful for our veterans who are patients in Veterans Administration hospitals by a visit from their relatives, friends and other Americans. Such a visit, however brief, will tell them as no words can that they have not been forgotten.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this ninth day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and first.

Gerald R. Ford



Veterans Day, 1976

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Gerald R. Ford

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 29, 1976

MEMO FOR: ROLAND ELLIOTT *Chaw*
FROM: MARGUERITE MCAULIFFE *M*
SUBJECT: Veterans Day Proclamation

Please arrange to have the attached letter
robo-typed to the individuals on the enclosed
list for the Veterans Day Proclamation.

Thanks very much.



THE WHITE HOUSE

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September 24, 1976

Dear

President Ford recently signed a Proclamation designating October 25th as Veterans Day, 1976. In his Proclamation the President states, "None among us has done more to defend and preserve our freedom than the patriotic men and women who answered our country's call to service and sacrifice, and who today bear the proud title of "veteran."

The President has asked that I send you the enclosed duplicate of his Proclamation as a small remembrance of this occasion. It comes to you with his very best wishes.

Sincerely,

~~William J. Baroody, Jr.~~
~~Assistant to the President~~

Milton E. Mitler
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to the President

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UPDATED SEPTEMBER 23, 1976

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737-5050

September 24, 1976

Dear

President Ford recently signed a Proclamation designating October 25th as Veterans Day, 1976. In his Proclamation the President states, "None among us has done more to defend and preserve our freedom than the patriotic men and women who answered our country's call to service and sacrifice, and who today bear the proud title of "veterans"

The President has asked that I send you the enclosed duplicate of his Proclamation as a small remembrance of this occasion. It comes to you with his very best wishes.

Sincerely,

William J. Baroody, Jr.
Assistant to the President



Enclosure

October 8, 1975

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July 16, 1975

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FROM: MARGUERITE MCAULIFFE
SUBJECT: Veterans Day Proclamation

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Thank you very much.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 15, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR

MARGUERITE MCAULIFFE

I recommend the following language for the October 25 Veterans Day message. I would appreciate your taking whatever steps are required.

Please note that in the past the Veterans Administration has published the message and would appreciate having an early official proclamation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger D. Semerad', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Roger D. Semerad
Staff Assistant to the President
Domestic Council

VETERANS DAY 1975

By the President of the United States of America

A PROCLAMATION

Of all of the eventful days to be celebrated during America's Bicentennial, none is more worthy of special observance than Veterans Day, October 27, 1975.

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From Concord in 1775 to Cambodia in 1975, these courageous, selfless patriots served and sacrificed and died so that their fellow-citizens could live under a government that is still in the full tide of successful experiment and is still the world's best hope.

Knowing it is both fitting and proper that a special day be set aside to honor our veterans,

I, Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States of America, do hereby invite and urge you, my fellow-Americans, to observe Monday, October 27, 1975, as Veterans Day. I commend public ceremonies as well as private contemplation as a meaningful expression of gratitude to our veterans for the priceless heritage of freedom which they have bequeathed to us.

I suggest that disabled veterans in Veterans Administration hospitals throughout the country will welcome and appreciate a Veterans Day visit. And I ask that you help to evidence America's special concern for our returned Vietnam era veterans by making Veterans Day 1975 the beginning of a renewed personal effort to assist these deserving patriots in achieving the fullest and fastest possible readjustment to civilian life.

Finally, I direct the appropriate officials of Government to arrange for the display of the flag of the United States on this day. I request officials of Federal, State and local governments to support its observance and I urge schools, churches, unions, civic and patriotic organizations to participate in appropriate public ceremonies throughout the country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this day of , in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundredth.

GRF

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your help in filling the
attached request. . . .


Virginia Whitehead

March 4, 1975

Dear Commander Stallings:

Thank you for your letter of February 22, requesting some item of historical interest for your Bicentennial collection.

It seemed appropriate to include the enclosed 1974 ~~Veterans Day Proclamation~~ signed by President Ford. I have also enclosed a Presidential pen used in the signings of legislation, proclamations and other official business. I hope that these will enhance the material you are assembling, and we wish you well in your Bicentennial displays.

Sincerely yours,

Roger D. Semerad
Staff Assistant to the President
Domestic Council



Commander Herbert E. Stallings
Fort Cumberland Post No. 13
The American Legion
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February 22, 1975

The White House
President Gerald R. Ford
Washington, D.C.

ATTN: Roger Semerad

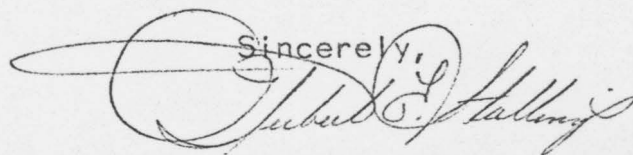
Dear Mr. Semerad;

Your name was given to us so that we may submit the following request thru proper channels at the executive level of Federal Government. In commemoration of the up-coming spirit of '76, 200th Anniversary of this country, this post plans several programs and projects in celebration of that historic event. In a collection of historic material pertaining to Government, we are making every attempt to organize a collection of historic material from our various levels of Government.

We therefore, would like to request of the White House, some small item of historical interest. Such as pen used in signing a Veterans bill. Or perhaps a letter or Emblematic item pertaining to this country's wartime efforts.

Any assistance your office can offer would be greatly and deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,


Herbert E. Stallings
Commander

CC: G. Shepherd
White House

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 22, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: ROLAND ELLIOTT
FROM: MARGUERITE MCAULIFFE *m*

Please arrange to have the attached letter
robo-typed to the individuals on the enclosed
list for the Veterans Day Proclamation.

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WASHINGTON

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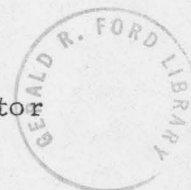
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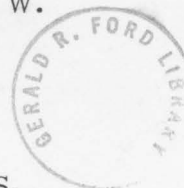
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Washington 20008. They will use it as part
of their annual program.

You may want to get a list of names
from her also.

