



A message from **THE PRESIDENT**

“...A PROUD CHAIN OF PATRIOTS”

Hostos gratefully acknowledges the service of all of those who have served in the Armed Forces and applauds the veterans who are a part of the Hostos family.

The First World War ended on November 11th, 1918, when a peace agreement (an armistice) was signed between Germany and The Allied Powers. In 1938, Congress designated November 11th as “Armistice Day” to honor those who had fought in what was then referred to as “The Great War.” After World War II and the Korean War, this Federal holiday’s name was changed to “Veterans Day.”

In 2022, President Biden described the nation’s veterans as “a proud chain of patriots that has stood in the defense of our country from Bunker Hill to Belleau Woods, Gettysburg to Iwo Jima, the Chosin Reservoir to the Kunar Valley.”

War is a terrible thing. Many of our veterans have endured physical and psychological suffering in the line of duty. They deserve our respect and our support – and to live in a world in which peace and justice – not war – shape our shared destiny.

The British poet Siegfried Sassoon was wounded in World War I and experienced first-hand the dangers and damage battle inflicts. This informs his joyous poem “Everyone Sang,” written in the wake of the Armistice and the cessation of conflict:

*Everyone suddenly burst out singing;
And I was filled with such delight
As prisoned birds must find in freedom,
Winging wildly across the white
Orchards and dark-green fields; on - on - and out of sight.*

*Everyone's voice was suddenly lifted;
And beauty came like the setting sun:
My heart was shaken with tears; and horror
Drifted away ... O, but Everyone
Was a bird; and the song was wordless; the singing will never be done.*

Veterans, we salute you.

Mil gracias y bendiciones,

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