



A MESSAGE FROM INTERIM PRESIDENT

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## VETERANS DAY 2020

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

Long before November 11 was designated as a holiday, President Abraham Lincoln acknowledged the debt America owes to its fighting forces when he wrote: “Honor to the soldier and sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country’s cause.”

It is a day we are happy to celebrate. We note with pride the veterans who are part of the Hostos family. Let us work to create a world in which peace and justice – not war – shape our shared destiny. It is something to work toward, something to hope for.

The poet Emily Dickinson has written so beautifully about this in her poem titled “Hope Is The Thing With Feathers.”

Hope is the thing with feathers  
That perches in the soul,  
And sings the tune without the words,  
And never stops at all,  
And sweetest in the gale is heard;  
And sore must be the storm  
That could abash the little bird  
That kept so many warm.  
I've heard it in the chillest land,  
And on the strangest sea;  
Yet, never, in extremity,  
It asked a crumb of me.

May the hope in our souls never stop singing.

With gratitude to our veterans past and present,

*Mil gracias y bendiciones,*

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