



## A message from **THE PRESIDENT**

### **VETERANS DAY 2021**

Today marks the 103<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the end of the First World War. At the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month, an agreement was signed between Germany and the Allied Powers, concluding four long years of death and destruction as a tribute to those who served in what was called the war to end all wars, November 11<sup>th</sup> was designated “Armistice Day.” In the wake of the Second World War and the Korean War, it was changed to “Veterans Day.”

Under any name, the day allows a grateful nation the opportunity to show its gratitude to those who have served in their country’s armed forces. We celebrate their courage and determination and willingness to sacrifice everything – even their lives.

There is little glamor in military life. War is an ugly thing, and the soldier, the sailor, and the pilot know this. As General Douglas MacArthur once said, “The soldier above all others prays for peace, for it is the soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war.”

I note with pride the veterans who are part of the Hostos family. Thank you all for your service.

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