



A message from **THE PRESIDENT**

Veterans Day 2022

Today, we honor and thank the men and women of the armed forces, past and present, who have served the United States in foreign wars. Their courage and sacrifice, especially on the part of those who made the ultimate sacrifice, must not be forgotten.

I also want to offer special thanks to those members of the Hostos community who are service veterans, and those who love and support them. On behalf of a grateful nation, I thank you for your service.

A POEM TO HONOR THOSE WHO SERVED

A Nation's Strength

By William Ralph Emerson

What builds a nation's pillars high,
And its foundations strong?
What makes it mighty to defy
The foes that round it throng?
It is not gold. Its kingdoms grand
Go down in battle's shock;
Its shafts are laid on sinking sand,
Not on abiding rock.
Is it the sword? Ask the red dust
Of empires passed away;
The blood has turned their stones to rust,
Their glory to decay.
And is it pride? Ah! that bright crown
Has seemed to nations sweet;
But God has struck its luster down
In ashes at His feet.
Not gold, but only man, can make
A people great and strong;
Men who, for truth and honor's sake,
Stand fast and suffer long.
Brave men who work while others sleep,
Who dare while others fly---
They build a nation's pillars deep,
And lift them to the sky.

Mil gracias y bendiciones,

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