

## **Veteran's Day Remarks**

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Thank you all for coming today to support the veterans and active service personnel who study, teach, and work on this campus. Your attendance at this event means a lot to them, and I am proud to join all of you for this annual recognition. Today we honor all the veterans who have ever served and protected our great nation.

As this is my last Veteran's Day ceremony to spend with you, I cannot help but be reminded of another Veteran's Day, back nearly to the very beginning of my presidency.

I want to thank those who are taking part in our program today:

- Sergeant First Class Patrick Passantino,
- The men and women who presented the colors,
- The Eastern Concert Chorale under the direction of Dr. David Belles,
- Our dear friend Father Larry,
- And our distinguished guest, Captain Robin Felder. Captain Felder, we are honored to have you joining us today, especially as someone born and raised in Connecticut, and who has compiled a distinguished record of service and leadership in a relatively short period of time. I'm looking forward to your remarks today.

In 2009, we opened the Veterans Center to support veterans and active service members. Like hundreds of others before them, they have turned to Eastern for the education and tools they need to move forward in their military or civilian careers. I am so proud of the work of the center and of our entire campus in welcoming veterans.

As a result of this hard work, U.S. News and World Report has continually ranked Eastern as a Best College for Veterans, a badge of honor we wear proudly on this special day.





