

VETERANS DAY REMARKS

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Good morning, and thank you all for taking the time to be here today to honor the men and women who have protected all of us -- and our great nation -- through their military service.

Would all of our active-duty service members and veterans please stand so we may show our appreciation?

All of us are here today for you. We're here to express our gratitude, our admiration, and our respect. And while doing so, we also pause to consider the enormity of the selfless, personal sacrifices each of you made for all of us. Thank you for being here today as well.

In September, U.S. News & World Report named Eastern as a Top-20 public institution in an area covering eleven New England and Mid-Atlantic states plus the District of Columbia. Eastern was also named at #29 on U.S. News' list of Best Colleges for Veterans. Today, nearly 80 veterans and active-duty service members are enrolled at Eastern, 60 of whom are here as full-time students. We are so proud to have you on our campus, and I want to extend my personal thanks for all that you contribute to the diversity of our university community.

This is always a bittersweet day for me, as my thoughts are not far from my father Juan, a US Army veteran who fought in World War II, and my brother Johnny, who served in Vietnam.

We established this annual Veteran's Day observance early on in my presidency, and just like that very first year, today's event is truly a team effort. I wish to thank

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- the color guard
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