



# A Time for Gratitude and Thankfulness

## The heart of Thanksgiving should beat beyond the holiday

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**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** — This Thanksgiving, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) extends our deepest well wishes to our members, their families and the entire military and veteran community. This holiday offers us a sacred opportunity to pause and reflect not just on the food we share, but on the profound freedoms and abundant blessings we enjoy as Americans.

Thanksgiving is built upon the simple, yet powerful act of gratitude. The VFW is thankful for the combat veterans who are the backbone of our organization, and for the active-duty personnel who stand watch today, far from their own loved ones. We encourage all Americans to look around their tables in grateful appreciation while being mindful that everything we have to celebrate is a direct result of that service and sacrifice.

As we raise our forks, our hearts turn especially to the military families whose loved ones cannot be home today. To the spouses, children and parents whose chairs remain empty, the VFW holds you close in our thoughts. Your resilience, fortitude and willingness to endure separations, especially during special holidays, is an act of service just as vital as any performed in uniform. We thank you for the sacrifice you make, and we remain dedicated to supporting you throughout the year. May this day still bring you comfort, peace and the warm gratitude of a grateful nation.

From our family to yours, Happy Thanksgiving!

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