



*November 11, 2025*

**VETERANS DAY**



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- a) Armitage Day
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- c) Memorial Day
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- e) Juneteenth
- f) Veterinary Appreciation Day



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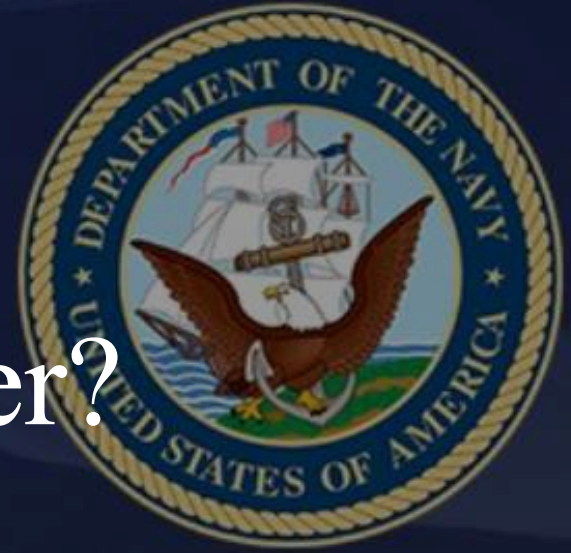
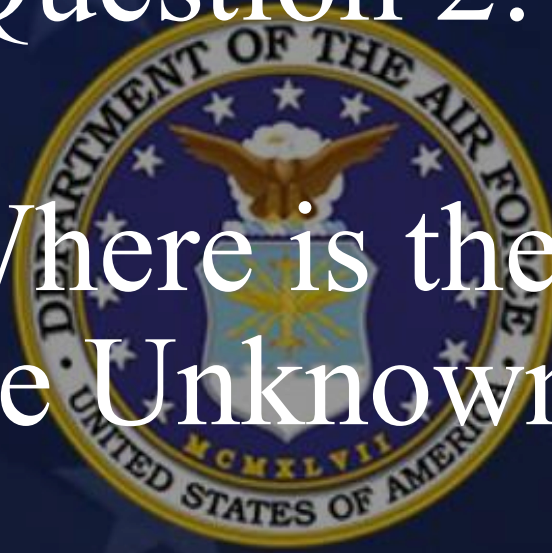
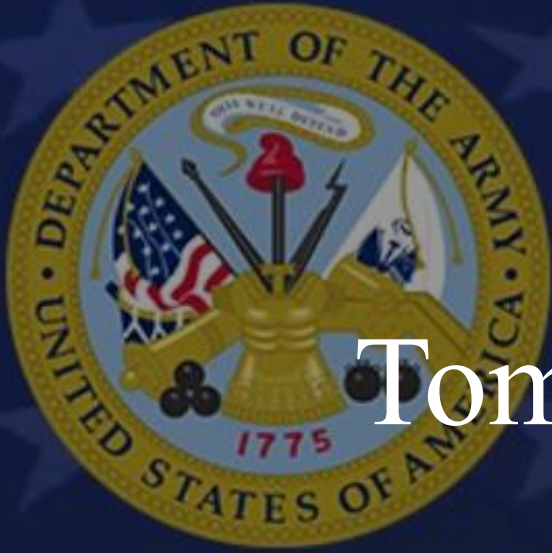
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## Question 2:

Where is the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier?

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- b) The Washington Memorial
- c) Quantico, Virginia
- d) Arlington, Virginia
- e) The Pentagon
- f) The Pyramids of Egypt

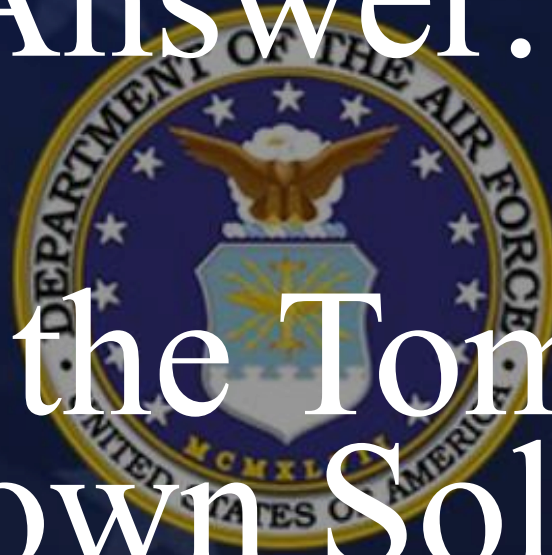
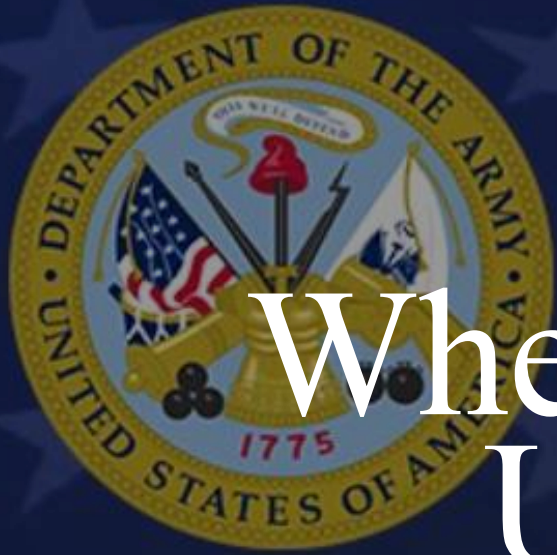




Answer:

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d) Arlington, Virginia





# Question 3:

Approximately how many  
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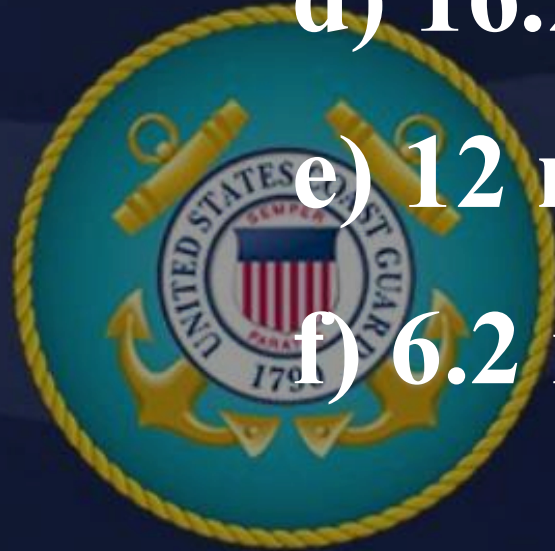
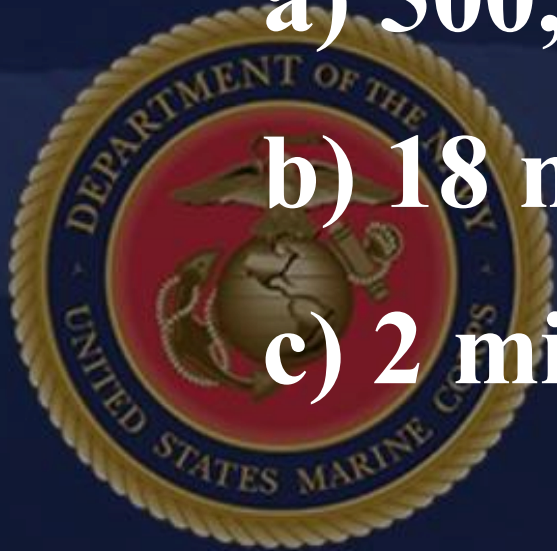
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b) 18 million

e) 12 million

c) 2 million

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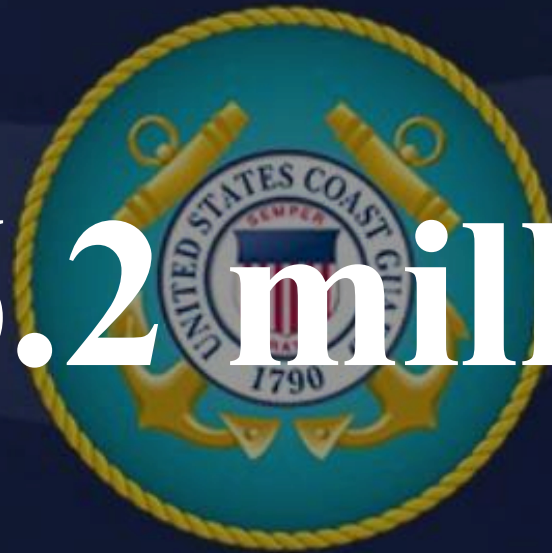
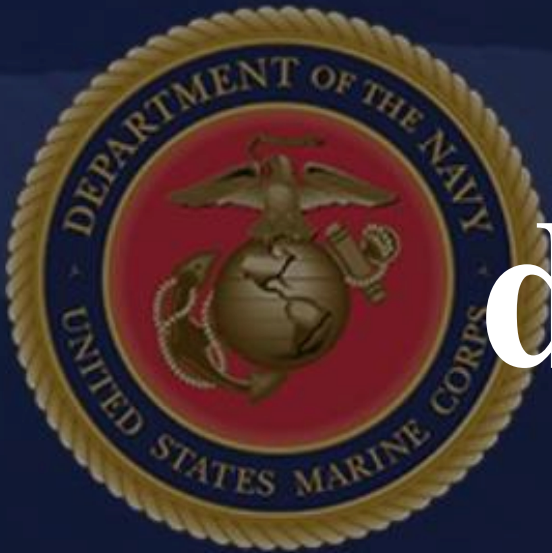
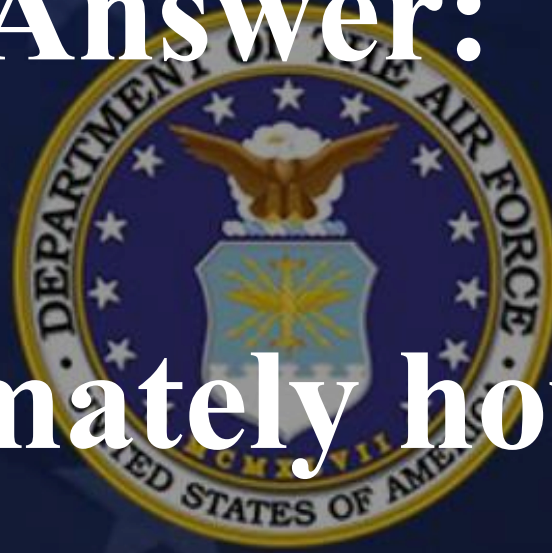
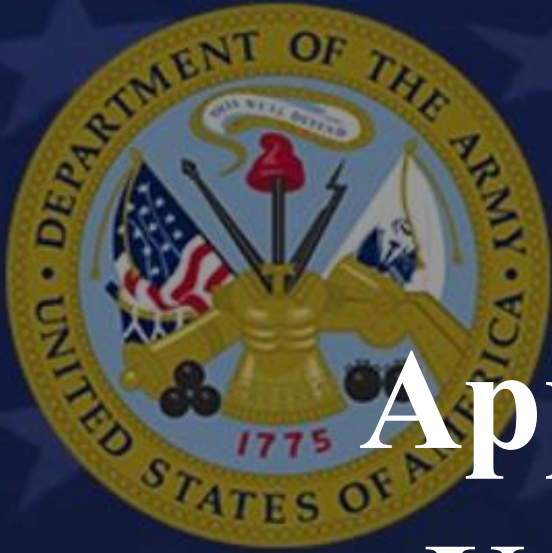




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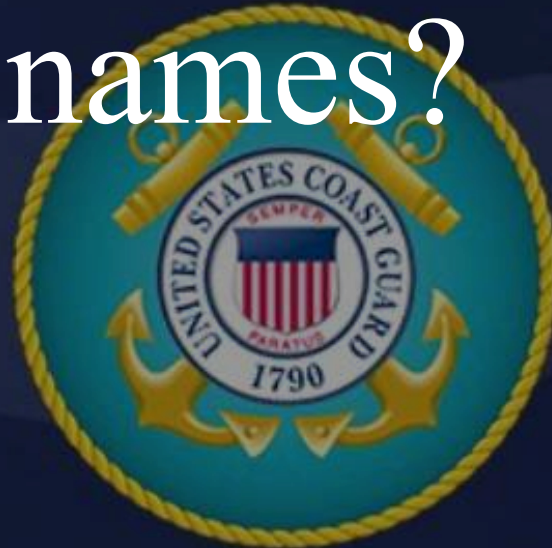
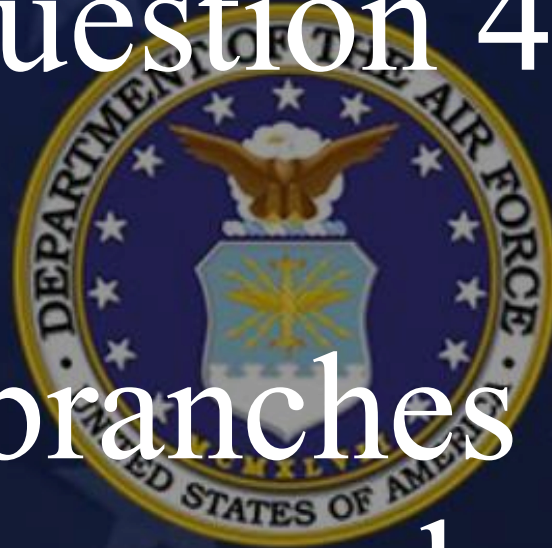
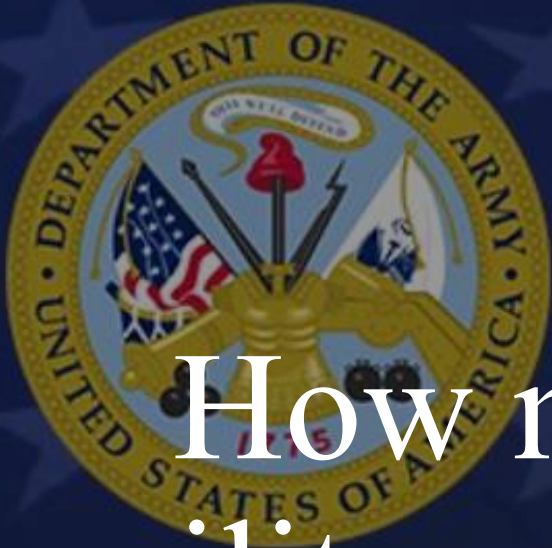
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# Question 4:

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Answer:

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**Six: The Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard**



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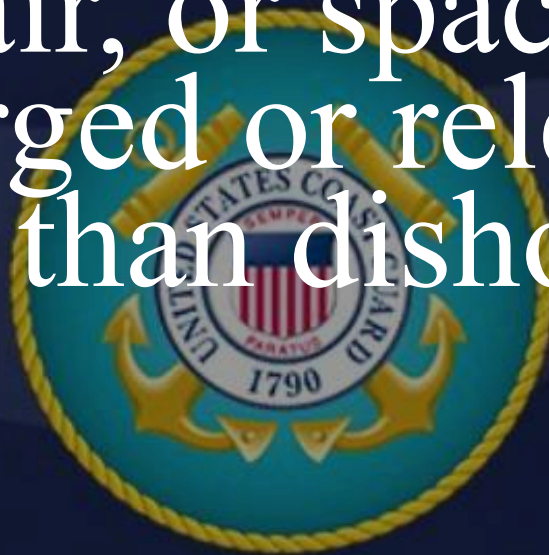
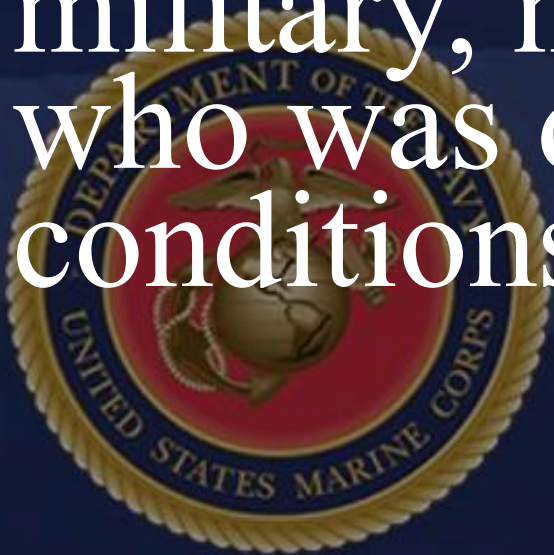
- a) any medical professional who specializes in the health and treatment of animals, focusing on their dietary needs.
- b) any Soldier, Airmen, Marine, Sailor, or Space Guardian.
- c) someone who died in a battle, who loved America
- d) a person who served in the active military, naval, air, or space service and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.



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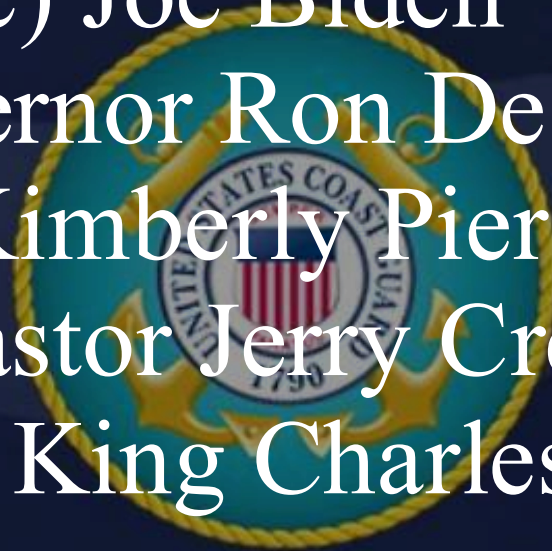
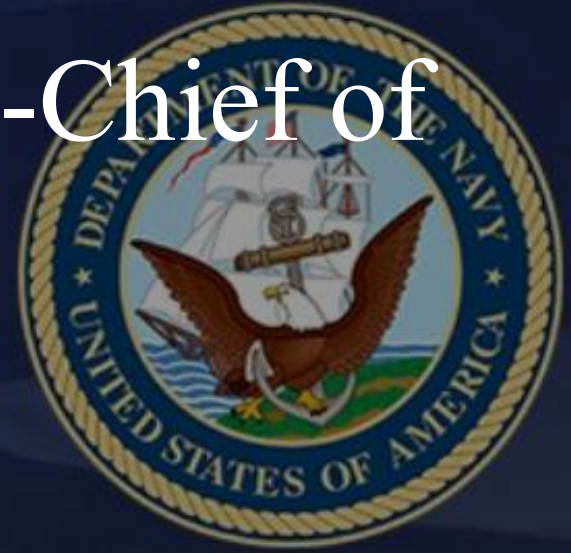
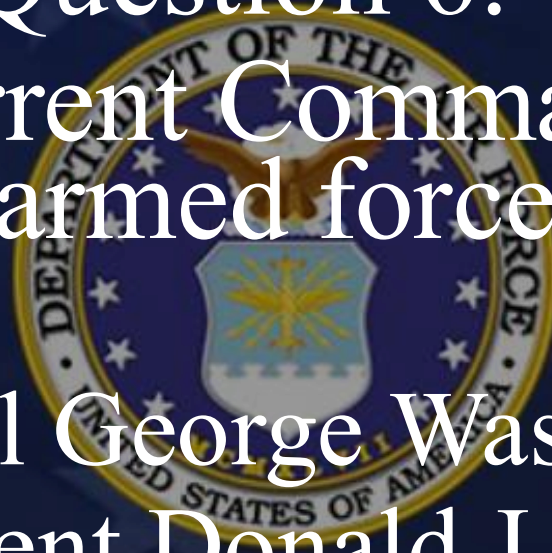
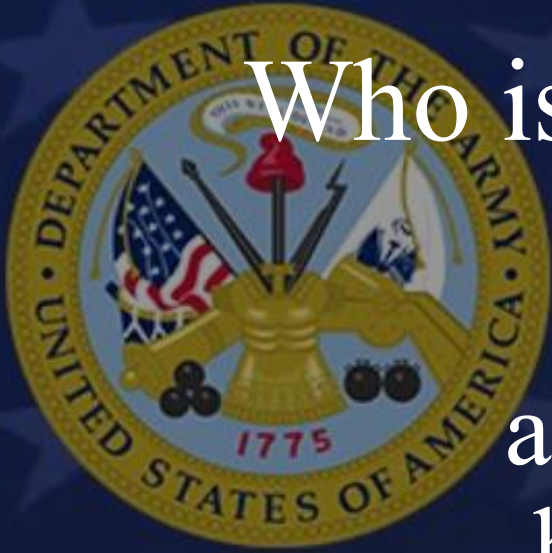




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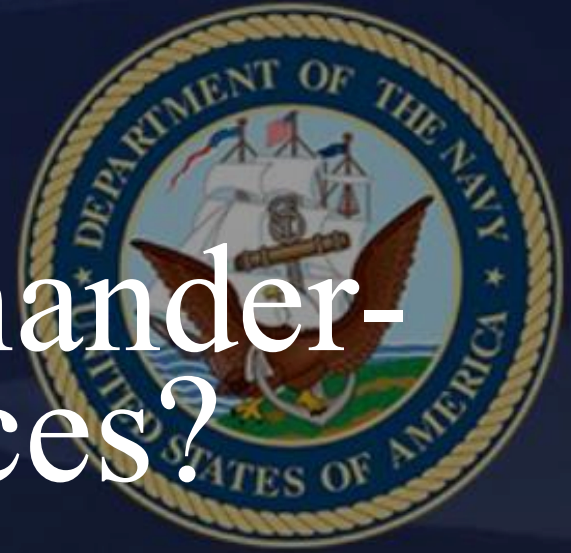
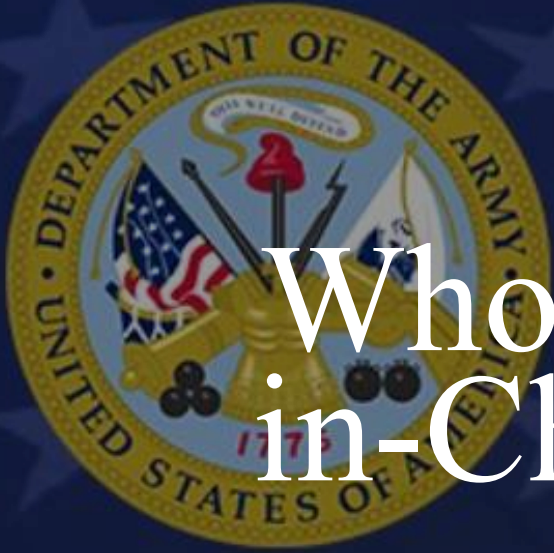




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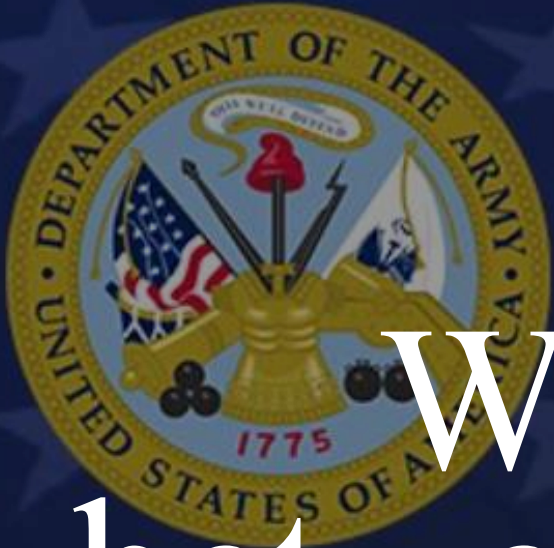
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# Question 7:

What's the difference  
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Answer:

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Which US President signed a bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day?

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g) Harry S. Truman

d) Dwight D. Eisenhower

h) Abraham Lincoln



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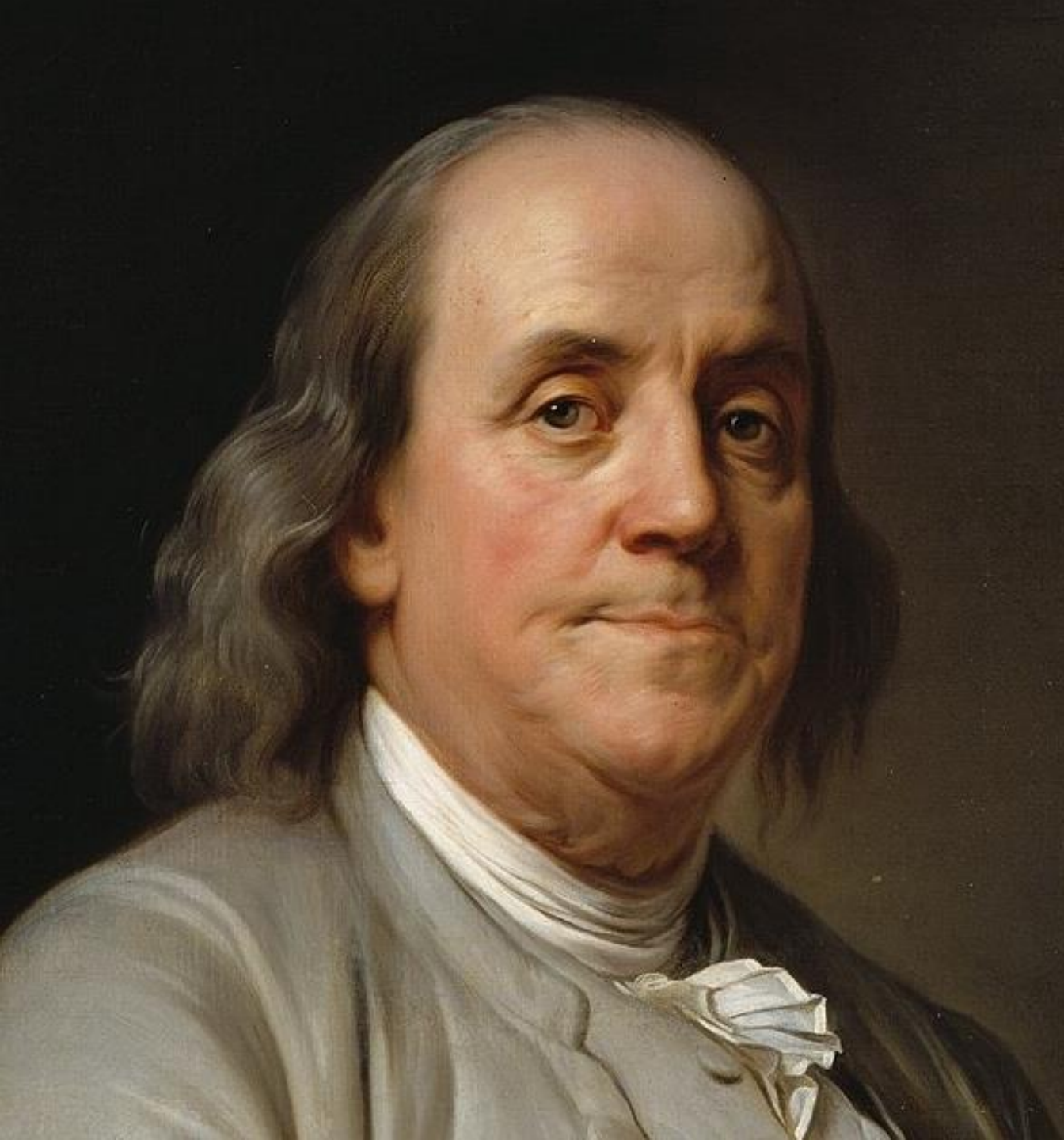
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IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

## The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all reference hath been heretofore to the same. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. — Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world. — He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good. — He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation, till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them. — He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of People, unless those People would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only. — He has called together legislative Bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their Public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures. — He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the People. — He has refused for a long time after such Dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within. — He has endeavored to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Law for Naturalization of Strangers; refusing to pass other Laws to encourage their migration hither; and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands. — He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers. — He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their Offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries. — He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our People, and eat out their substance. — He has kept among us, in times of Peace, standing Armies without the Consent of our Legislatures. — He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power. — He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our Constitution, and unacknowledged by our Laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation: — For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us: — For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from Punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States: — For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world: — For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent: — For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury: — For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences: — For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighboring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute Rule into these Colonies: — For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments: — For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever. — He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us. — He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our People. — He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to complete the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation. — He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to sell themselves by their Hands. — He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavored to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions. In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered by a repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free People. Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their Legislature to extend an unwarrantable Jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of conciliation. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be, Free and Independent States; that they are absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. — And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

Wm. Hooper  
Joseph Hewes  
John Penn

Edward Rutledge

John Hancock  
George Wythe  
Richard Henry Lee  
Thos. Jefferson  
Wm. Harrison  
Rd. Nelson  
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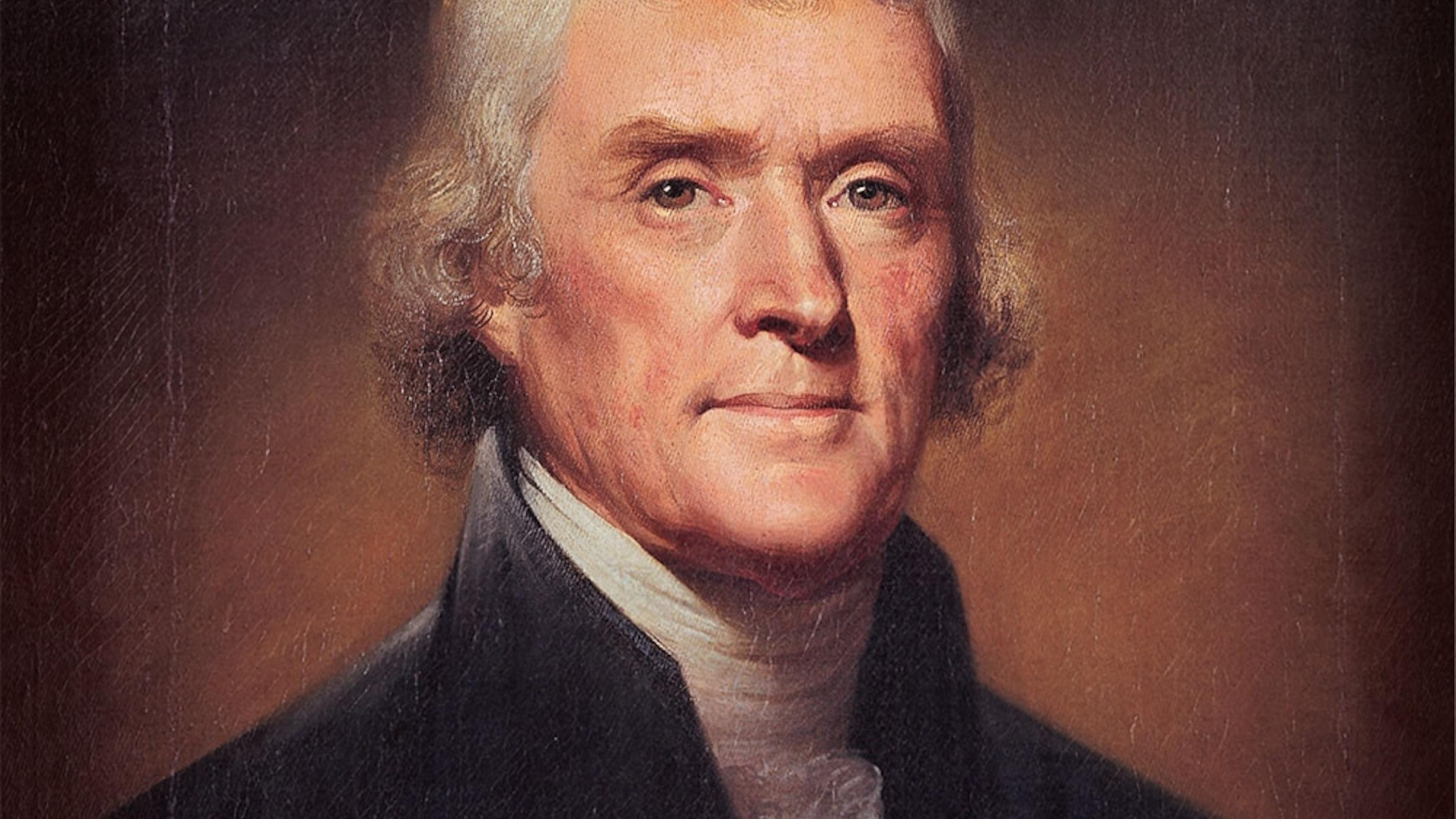
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HONORED GLORY  
AN AMERICAN  
SOLDIER  
KNOWN BUT TO GOD



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## **A Call to Believe, Repent, and Serve**

**Romans 6:23** - For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Romans 10:9** - That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

**Galatians 5:13** - For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.





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**VETERANS DAY**



## **Veterans Day Chapel Service November 12, 2025.**

**(SLIDE 1)** Veterans Day Slide

**(SLIDE 2)** Veterans Day Slide

**(SLIDE 3)** Veterans Day Slide

**(SLIDE 4)** Let the games begin.

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- e) Juneteenth**
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**Answer:**

#### **b) Armistice Day**

Veterans Day was originally known as Armistice Day or “Remembrance Day”. In 1954, Congress established this date to honor veterans due to Germany's agreement to a cease-fire at 11 a.m. on November 11, 1918, marking the end of World War I. The Treaty of Versailles was later signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles, France officially ending the war.

**(SLIDE 6)**

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**Where is the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier?**

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- d) Arlington, Virginia**
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- f) The Pyramids of Egypt**

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**Answer:**

#### **d) Arlington, Virginia**

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA.

**(SLIDE 8)**

### **Question 3:**

**Approximately how many U.S. veterans are there right now?**

- a) 500,000**
- b) 18 million**
- c) 2 million**



- d) 16.2 million
- e) 12 million
- f) 6.2 million

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Answer:

- d) 16.2 million.

According to most recent statistics from the U.S. Census Bureau, there are 16.2 million veterans in the United States.

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Question 4:

How many branches of the U.S. military are there and what are their names?

(SLIDE 11)

Answer: Six

*The Six branches make up the armed forces of the United States include:*

*Army: Primarily focused on land-based combat.*

*Marine Corps: A rapid-reaction force trained for combat by sea and land.*

*Navy: Secures and protects the world's oceans to ensure safe travel and trade.*

*Air Force: Responsible for aerial warfare and operations in the air.*

*Space Force: Defends U.S. interests which conducts global space operations.*

*Coast Guard: Maritime force conducting law enforcement & search and rescue.*

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- b) an active duty Soldier, Airmen, Marine, Sailor, or Space Guardian.
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Answer: d) a person who served in the active military, naval, air or space service and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.

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- c) Joe Biden



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- e) Kimberly Pierce
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- g) King Charles

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Answer:

- b) President Donald J. Trump

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Question 7

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- e) Joshua Haney
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- g) Harry S. Truman
- h) Abraham Lincoln

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Answer:

- d) Dwight D. Eisenhower.

*In 1954, Congress passed a bill that President Eisenhower signed proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day.*

(SLIDE 20)

**George Washington**

The first veteran I would like to honor and bring your attention to is a man who is called the father of our country. His name is George Washington and the city of our nation's capital is his namesake. He was, by all accounts, a military hero. In fact any veteran with a purple heart medal for their wounds in combat has Washington's image on it.



He was our first president, and few people know that when he took the oath of office for president, it was April 30, 1789, and he asked that the Holy Bible be opened to Deuteronomy chapter 28.

And upon completing the recitation of his presidential oath, he volunteered these words, "So help me God" which have become repeated in a lot of places to this day.

And after saying, "So help me God", President Washington leaned over to kiss the open Bible.

Can you imagine a president of our country showing such regard for God's Word / The Bible?

I'm so glad we can call him the father of this country.

And in his address to his troops at Valley Forge in 1778, he said this:

"To the distinguished character of patriot it should be our highest glory to laud or to praise the more distinguished character of Christian."

George Washington was saying that it is more commendable to be Christian than to be a patriot of your country.

And I know we've got some patriots in here, Washington was saying that be called a Christian was the most distinguished of character a person should have.

I believe we have Christian heritage as a country and today I have a lot of things to share with you, but I'll try to quickly move through the information.

But I want to just start by telling you if I could, that we should be thankful for veterans but when we do thank a veteran for their sacrifice, we should first thank God for His sacrifice...

...because God truly has ***Shed His Grace on U.S.***! He really has!

And I want to refer to a few passages of Scripture.

The first one is an Old Testament passage, and if you've studied the Bible very long, I'm sure you've seen this. It's Psalm 127 verse 1 which says:

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it. Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." (Psalm 127:1 KJV)

And the next passage is in the New Testament, and it's in the Gospel of Matthew chapter 10, and Jesus said this so that people would fear the all-knowing God who looks over His children. God wants us to be fearless, and so Jesus said this:

"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows." (Matthew 10:27-31 NKJV).

"Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?" (Matt 6:26 KJV).



I bet you most of us in this room have heard both of these passages. but let me tell you somebody else who's very familiar with those passages. He's a man by the name of 'Benjamin Franklin.

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### **Benjamin Franklin.**

Ever heard that name? He was one of our founding fathers. He was one of the most influential statesmen in the United States.

He was a signer of the Declaration of the Articles of Confederation and of the Constitution.

After five weeks of deliberating as a part of the Constitutional Convention in 1787, they reached an impasse beyond which they were unable to make any progress in completing the Constitution.

And as a matter of frustration and exasperation, Benjamin Franklin actually took the floor and made a formal motion to the President of the Assembly asking that a vote be taken to call the citizens of the colonies to pray for the constitutional convention, that God in His wisdom might give them direction to complete their work.

And he said, "Mr. President, I have lived, sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid?" July 28, 1787

Can you imagine a leader in our nation's capital today to motion a vote that called for all citizens to get on their knees and pray to God so that God would help the legislators move forward?

Wouldn't that shock you? Well Benjamin Franklin did it and I'm glad to call him one of our founding fathers.

How many of you are familiar with the words of the Declaration of Independence, which make reference to nature's God and to God as our Creator?

It starts off, "***We hold these truths to be self-evident,***". Let me paraphrase the start of that sentence for you: "You've got to be stupid not to see this,". See what? "***that all men are created equal.***"

Wait they're what? They are '*created*'. And that word ***created*** as we all know is found in the very first chapter of the Bible, it's in Genesis 1.

"God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." (Genesis 1:27 NASB)

So the Declaration says that all of us are created equal and "***that they are endowed by their Creator...***" and we are endowed by our...Creator.

Oh wow, yeah, you're right! Look at that there, they even put a capital C on it, "***Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.***"

And at the end just before you get to the signatures the Declaration says this, "***And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.***"



From this one document, we have a references to... 1) God, 2.) Nature's God, 3.) Creator, 4.) the Supreme Judge of the World (that reference is the last paragraph) and 5.) divine Providence.

Five references to God in the document that declared America's birth and yet a public school teacher today can be fired for referring to God by the very words of this public document upon which are nation declares its sovereignty from Great Britain...because they referred to creation, or referred to God as our Creator.

And it saddens me that we've come such a long way from the Declaration of Independence.

For those of you who are here who gather with us at Brush Arbor and to those who attend our Christian School which is really a ministry of our church...you know that every Veterans Day or Independence Day or Memorial Day, you kind of expect this kind of thing.

But for those who may not understand our heritage, I want to press this home because I believe this is a message people in America need to hear.

And I want to take a moment to look at what are founding fathers fought for because these guys wrote out the very document which every serviceman or woman takes an oath to defend.

Every Veteran has taken a sworn oath to defend this country, saying,

***"I, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God."***

We honor the veterans who defend our Constitution against our enemies because our honor should go to who it is due. We thank them whole heartedly and we do our best to express our thankfulness and gratitude to God for them. We acknowledge and appreciate their sacrifice.

The phrase "give honor to whom honor is due" comes from Romans 13:7 which states: "Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour".

Christians are to show proper respect. Christians are to pay what is owed, especially to those in authority, to include wicked and corrupt government officials, because we are to do our part and God as Supreme Judge of the World will do His part.

Paul, in his letter to the Romans, calls for honoring and respecting governing authorities, because they are established by God to maintain order. Paul says that "tribute" (taxes) and "custom" (import duties, tariffs, etc.) are due to the appropriate government authorities. This same principle extends to show "fear" and "honor" anyone who are due those things. I hope not to use this out of context but we are to honor veterans because honor is due to them. Now an overarching overall context of Romans 13:7-10 is the command to "love one another," which fulfills the law, which should naturally give cause to honor and respect in all relationships.

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**John Adams**



I want to talk about the second president of the United States.

He's a man by the name of **John Adams**, and he was, while being the second president, the first president to actually live in the White House.

The White House was still being finished when he was elected president, and it was a difficult journey for his wife especially to move into this home that really needed a lot of finishing touches.

But what I love most about him and his beloved wife, Abigail, is that they had an endearing relationship to each other.

They were faithful to each other, even during long periods of absence from one another.

But most importantly, they were both devout, born-again Christians.

They were students of Scripture, they were prayer warriors, and to read their correspondence back and forth to each other, you would not believe the words they used in the Scriptures which they referenced.

John Adams said this in a letter to Thomas Jefferson in 1813, remember, second president, I've examined all religions as well as my narrow sphere and my busy life will allow, and the result is this, that the Bible is the best book in the world.

It contains more philosophy than all the libraries I have ever seen.

Now, you just need to know.

We know for a fact the Quran had been written by then.

Thomas Jefferson even had a copy of the Quran in his library at Monticello.

Out of all the books John Adams had seen as President of the United States, he said, The Bible is the best.

What would happen if a president today made that kind of statement?

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### **Thomas Jefferson**

Let's look at Thomas Jefferson, who was the third President of the United States.

In 1774, while he was serving in the Virginia General Assembly, he actually introduced a motion which called for a day of fasting and prayer throughout Virginia.

Jefferson, as you know, is the primary author of the Declaration of Independence.

And Jefferson penned a word of prayer to God, which he spoke, and this is the prayer:

"In time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in Thee to fail, all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

A president of the United States ending his prayer, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

And you can't even do that in a high school graduation today. How sad.



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**James Madison**

Let's look at James Madison.

He's the fourth president of the United States.

He is known as the chief architect of the Constitution of the United States.

If you took history, you of course read about the Federalist Papers, which were a series of treatises or essays, which were circulated by founding fathers and profound authors among the colonies as a way of educating the colonists as to the necessity of a Constitution.

The Federalist Papers helped the colonists understand the essence of the Constitution and pushed for its ratification.

The people who wrote the Constitution, wrote the Federalist Papers, they can tell us how to interpret the Constitution.

But having said that, do you know that out of 85 Federalist Papers, James Madison wrote 29 of them?

This guy was a home run hitter.

And as a member of Congress, he actually introduced the Bill of Rights to the Congress, which are the first 10 amendments to the Constitution.

And he was so passionate about it primarily because of amendment number one, which prohibits the government from limiting or infringing upon the free expression of religious liberty in this country.

Some people have falsely assumed that the First Amendment somehow mentions the separation of church and state.

That is nowhere to be found in the Constitution or the Bill of Rights.

Thomas Jefferson used that phrase in a letter. It is not in our Constitution.

It was never intended to keep the church out of government. It was written to keep the government out of the church.

One of the reasons he so strongly believed in the Bill of Rights is because he was profoundly impacted as a child when he was standing beside his dad outside of the county courthouse in Orange County, Virginia, where he was born.

And he heard within the jail cell some Baptist preachers preaching the gospel because they were incarcerated.

And so they're behind prison bars and they are preaching the gospel through the grates of the bars in the Orange County Courthouse in Virginia.

James Madison could not understand how in a country where we wanted religious liberty,

The Episcopal Church of Virginia, which was the state church, would persecute and prosecute these Baptist preachers for preaching their conscience and preaching the gospel they believed.

And he never got over that instance as a child of hearing those ministers locked up, but still preaching in the jail.

The next father I want to talk about is a guy you've heard of.

His words are, Give me liberty or...Give me death, Patrick Henry.

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**Patrick Henry.**

He was a Revolutionary War hero.

He was the commander-in-chief of the Virginia militia.

He was a member of the Continental Congress, a member of the Virginia General Assembly and the House of Burgesses.

And he was very instrumental in writing the Constitution of Virginia.

He was, get this, a five-time governor of the state of Virginia, making him the only governor in United States history to be elected and re-elected five times.

One of my favorite stories about Patrick Henry describes his riding by horseback to a courtroom trial in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, which is just to the south of D.C. where the city of Fredericksburg is located now.

And he got to the courthouse in Spotsylvania and he had heard that there were three Baptist preachers who were being prosecuted by the Episcopal Church because they were preaching the gospel without the sanction and credentials of the established church.

And Patrick Henry was disturbed by the fate of these three ministers, and he sat in the courtroom until he could no longer sit, and he finally rose to the floor and interrupted the courtroom proceedings, and he said,

"May it please your lordships? What did I hear read? Did I hear an expression that these men whom you worship are about to try for misdemeanor are actually charged with preaching the gospel of the Son of God?"

Let me paraphrase this.

Patrick Henry said, What are y'all smoking?

The Episcopal Church from the Church of England, they have the same mission to evangelize the colonies, to see the heathen come to Christ, to perpetuate a witness for truth.

So if these Baptist preachers, though they don't have the ordination credentials of the Episcopal Church, if they share the same belief in the gospel of the Son of God, this is ridiculous, they would be tried for crimes for preaching the gospel that you Episcopalians preach.

And back then they really did preach it.



That's Patrick Henry.

I like to remember him most for these words.

Listen to this.

**Patrick Henry** said this,

"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists, but by Christians, not by religions but on the gospel of Jesus Christ." And he said, For this very reason, peoples of other faves have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here.

So, what he was saying is, We are a Christian nation. Christians founded this nation, but because we are Christians and because we follow the Lord Jesus Christ, we would greatly err if we ever persecuted people of other religions. So because we're a Christian nation, but at the same time we defend people's right to worship any god they choose, people from all over the world are flooding to our shores.

Patrick Henry was saying that when he was alive, and now in 2025, they're still coming. If you go to other countries, where other religions are in force, those same liberties are not afforded. I'm thankful that our Christian country has a heritage of religious freedom.

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### **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier**

This is considered some of the most hallowed grounds in the United States of America. It's called Arlington National Cemetery and the focal point is this tomb called The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

There's a guard that watches that tomb 24 hours a day, every day, and people from all over the world come just to see the changing of the guard. It was carved from one big piece of marble.

And on the end of that tomb look at what's written. ***"Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to...(Say that word with me)...God.***

In the most hallowed cemetery on American soil, the tribute to the unknown soldier is a tribute that is given to God Himself. I'm 41, about to turn 42, but I've still got some steam in my engine and I believe with God's Divine Providence we can take this country back and stand for what is right.

I believe that the American church can lead the country to acknowledging that we need God back in the United States of America. We truly thank these wonderful veterans who sacrificed before and sacrificed their time to be with us today. God bless you all. Let's pray.

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Give the Gospel

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# Brush Arbor Chapel Service Veterans Day 2025 Endnotes

## Slide 1 Endnotes

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## Slide 2 Endnotes

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## Slide 3 Endnotes

The instruction to "give honor to whom honor is due" was written by Paul in Romans 13:7 KJV: "Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour". To show respect and pay what is owed is largely for government authorities however honor is due to individuals as appropriate. Honoring and respecting governing authorities who are established by God to maintain order shows respect for God's authority and His established order. Though "tribute" (taxes) and "custom" (import duties) to the government, the principle extends to showing "fear" and "honour" to all who are due those things. Romans 13:7-9 includes the command to "love one another," which fulfills the law, suggesting honor and respect to all. On one level all are made in the image of God, thus we should honour all people. See 1 Peter 2:17 (NKJV), "Honour all *people*. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king." See <https://livlearns.life/2023/06/27/honour-to-whom-honour-is-due/> (Accessed Nov 08, 2025).

## Slide 4 Endnotes

Question taken from <https://honoringamericasveterans.org/veterans-day-quiz/> (Accessed Nov 18, 2025).

## Slide 5 Endnotes

***Answer: b.) Armistice Day.*** Veterans Day was originally known as Armistice Day or "Remembrance Day". Taken from <https://honoringamericasveterans.org/veterans-day-quiz/> (Accessed Nov 8, 2025).



## Slide 6 Endnotes

Question taken from <https://honoringamericasveterans.org/veterans-day-quiz/> (Accessed Nov 8, 2025).

## Slide 7 Endnotes

Answer taken from <https://honoringamericasveterans.org/veterans-day-quiz/> (Accessed Nov 8, 2025).

## Slide 8 Endnotes

Question taken from <https://honoringamericaveterans.org/veterans-day-quiz/> (Accessed Nov 8, 2025).

## Slide 9 Endnotes

Answer: d.) 16.2 million veterans taken from U.S. Census Bureau. According to most recent statistics from the U.S. Census Bureau, *there are 16.2 million veterans in the U.S.*. <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/facts-for-features/2023/veterans-day.html> (Accessed Nov 02, 2025).

## Slide 10 Endnotes

The number and names of military branches are considered common knowledge.

## Slide 11 Endnotes

Descriptions of the branches were taken from google search prompt "six branches of the military" and the AI Overview gave brief descriptions of each of the six branches.  
[https://www.google.com/search?q=six+branches+of+the+military&rlz=1C5MACD\\_enUS1092US1104&oq=six+branches+of+the+mi&gs\\_lcrp=EgZjaHJvbWUqBwgAEAAyGAQyBwgAEAAyGAQyBggBEEUYOTIICAIQABgWGB4yCagDEAAyFhgeMggIBBAAGBYHjIICAUQABgWGB4yCagGEAAyFhgeMggIBxAGBYHjIICagQABgWGB4yCagJEAAYFhge0gEJNTI2MWowajElqAIIsAIB8QVS nEoSoCVctg&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8](https://www.google.com/search?q=six+branches+of+the+military&rlz=1C5MACD_enUS1092US1104&oq=six+branches+of+the+mi&gs_lcrp=EgZjaHJvbWUqBwgAEAAyGAQyBwgAEAAyGAQyBggBEEUYOTIICAIQABgWGB4yCagDEAAyFhgeMggIBBAAGBYHjIICAUQABgWGB4yCagGEAAyFhgeMggIBxAGBYHjIICagQABgWGB4yCagJEAAYFhge0gEJNTI2MWowajElqAIIsAIB8QVS nEoSoCVctg&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8)  
 (Accessed November 2025).

## Slide 12 Endnotes

Question taken from <https://honoringamericasveterans.org/veterans-day-quiz/> (Accessed Nov 1, 2025)

"By statute, *veteran* is defined as a "person who served in the active military, naval, air, or space service, and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable." " Taken from 38 U.S.C. §101(2). *Space service* refers to individuals who serve in the U.S. Space Force. Data taken from URL: <https://www.congress.gov/crs-product/R47299#fn1> (Accessed 11/02/2025)."The term "former service member" is defined as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces who is separated, retired or discharged while the term "Veteran" means a person who served in the active military, naval, air or space service and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable as defined in 38 U.S.C. § 101(2)." Taken from URL: <https://discover.va.gov/transition-programs/faqs/what-is-the-difference-between-a-former-service-member-and-a-veteran/> (Accessed 11/02/2025).

The word 'veterinarian' as defined according to sciencedirect.com. Taken from URL: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/agricultural-and-biological-sciences/veterinarian> (Accessed Nov 3, 2025).

## Slide 13 Endnotes

Answer taken from <https://honoringamericaveterans.org/veterans-day-quiz/> (Accessed Nov 1, 2025)

## Slide 14 Endnotes

Question taken from <https://honoringamericaveterans.org/veterans-day-quiz/> Nov 1, 2025).

## Slide 15 Endnotes

Answer: As of Nov 9, 2025, President Donald J. Trump is the Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces.

## Slide 16 Endnotes

Question taken from <https://honoringamericasveterans.org/veterans-day-quiz/> (Nov 1, 2025).

## Slide 17 Endnotes

**Answer:** Veterans Day celebrates all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day remembering those who died while serving. <https://honoringamericasveterans.org/veterans-day-quiz/> (Accessed Nov 1, 2025).

## Slide 18 Endnotes

Though one of these answers is correct, there is also another president that signed bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day. (see Endnotes for Slide 19 for other president and why).

### Slide 19 Endnotes

Answer: d) Dwight D. Eisenhower. In 1954, Congress passed a bill that President Eisenhower signed proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day. With the approval of legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American Veterans of all wars. Later that same year, on October 8th, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first "Veterans Day Proclamation". It shall be noted that President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978 after President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law The Uniform Holiday Bill (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) which was signed on June 28, 1968, intending to ensure three-day weekends for Federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. Taken from the Department of Veterans Affairs website. <https://department.va.gov/veterans-day/history-of-veterans-day/> (Accessed Nov 1, 2025).

### Slide 20 Endnotes

**George Washington** - Image taken from John Trumbull: 'George Washington before the Battle of Trenton'. This painting by John Trumbull (1756-1843) circa (1792-94) is currently located in 'American Paintings and Sculpture' at the Metropolitan Museum of Art (The MET) in New York, NY. This image/file (MET, 22.45.9) is made available under the Creative Commons CC0 1.0 Universal Public Domain Dedication. The person who associated a work with this deed has dedicated the work to the public domain by waiving all of their rights to the work worldwide under copyright law, including all related and neighboring rights, to the extent allowed by law. Any copy of this image may be modified, distributed and have further work performed to it even for commercial purposes, all without permission. <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/12823> (Accessed Nov. 3, 2025).

### Slide 21 Endnotes

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Franklin's remarks taken from President Ronald Reagan's "Proclamation 5138 - National Day of Prayer, 1984" in December 14, 1983. The beginning of the proclamation reads, "In 1787, a then-elderly Benjamin Franklin said to George Washington as he presided over the Constitutional Convention, *'I have lived, sir, a long time, and the longer I live the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid?'*" <https://www.reaganlibrary.gov/archives/speech/proclamation-5138-national-day-prayer-1984#> (Accessed Nov. 3, 2025).

All quotes used from Slide 21 were taken from a transcription of the **Declaration of Independence**, written in Congress, July 4, 1776, provided now by the National Archives. <https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/declaration-transcript> (Accessed Nov. 3, 2025)

The servicemember must take an **oath of service** before official military duty. See Title 10, US Code; Act of 5 May 1960 replacing the wording first adopted in 1789, with amendment effective 5 October 1962.

**"honour to whom honour"** taken from Rom 13:7 KJV. See Romans 13:7-10 KJV for full context. Romans 13:7-10 KJV "Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour. Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law...(See also the meaning of honour in Rom 13 in the article: "Honour to whom honour is Due" <https://livlearns.life/2023/06/27/honour-to-whom-honour-is-due/> (Accessed Nov 4, 2025).



#### Slide 22 Endnotes

**John Adams** - This portrait (circa 1792-1793) of John Adams, by artist John Trumbull (1756-1843) circa (1792-94) is the official Presidential portrait of John Adams and is currently located in the Blue Room of the White House (1986.1582.1). This work is public domain because it is a work prepared by an officer or employee of the United States Government as part of that person's official duties under the terms of Title 17, Chapter 1, Section 105 of the US Code. <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=21977905> (Accessed Nov. 3, 2025).

#### Slide 23 Endnotes

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#### Slide 24 Endnotes

**Patrick Henry** - This is a scanned image of 'oil on canvas' painting of Patrick Henry (circa 1891) by artist George Bagby Matthews (1857-1943). "Matthews was employed at the Capitol ... as a painter and restorer of art". As a work of the U.S. federal government, the image is in the public domain. [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Patrick\\_henry.JPG](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Patrick_henry.JPG) (Accessed Nov. 3, 2025).

Patrick Henry's "*Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death*" speech was delivered to the Second Virginia Convention on March 23, 1775, during a debate over whether the colony of Virginia should arm itself against British forces or seek a diplomatic resolution with the British. Henry's speech reframed the debate to whether Virginia wanted independence or safety and continued subservience to Great Britain. <https://www.ebsco.com/research-starters/history/analysis-give-me-liberty-or-give-me-death> (Accessed Nov 8, 2025).

According to *The Telegraph*, in John Chaikowsky's article *Your View: Reeder* (Aug 26, 2022), Chaikowsky writes, "Patrick Henry stated, "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not by religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ". <https://www.thetelegraph.com/opinion/article/Your-View-Reeder-17400275.php> (Accessed Nov 13, 2025). Due to those who believe this quote is spurious of Patrick Henry, it shall be stated in the 2025 Veterans Day Brush Arbor Christian School Chapel Speech, "It is said, that Patrick Henry said this, "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians: not by religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ". It shall be noted that *The Telegraph* (an American daily newspaper published seven days a week in Alton, Illinois, owned by Hearst Communications) has not retracted the article.

#### Slide 25 Endnotes

**Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.** Photograph 330-CFD-DF-SD-03-17914.jpeg; A sentinel from the elite 3rd US Army's 'The Old Guard,' stationed at Fort Myer, Virginia, guards The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia; 1/14/2002; DFSD0317914; Combined Military Service Digital Photographic Files, 1982 – 2007; Records of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Record Group 330; National Archives at College Park, College Park, MD. [Online Version, <https://docsteach.org/document/old-guard-tomb-unknown-soldier/>, December 4, 2025] Rights: Public Domain, Free of Known Copyright Restrictions.

"Here Rests In Honored Glory An American Soldier Known But To God" quote is still inscribed on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the inscription can be seen clearly on the US Department of War website. <https://www.war.gov/Multimedia/Photos/igphoto/2002888299/> (Accessed Nov 3, 2025).

#### Slide 26 Endnotes

Verses from Rom 6:23, Rom 10:9, Gal 5:13 were taken from the KJV.

#### Slide 27 Endnotes

Image taken from <https://g2mil.com/vetsday.htm> (Accessed Sep 1, 2025). (See slide 1 endnotes).

