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Arlington
National Cemetery

Veterans Day, 1974

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

On this Veterans Day, we pay tribute to those men and women whose service in our Armed Forces has contributed so profoundly to mankind's age-old quest for peace.

From Valley Forge to Vietnam, on battlefields around the globe, in World War I, World War II, and the Korean conflict, Americans have selflessly answered the call to arms whenever our freedoms and the freedoms of others have been threatened by tyranny and aggression.

Our Veterans have earned our deep and lasting gratitude for their valor, their patriotism, and their willingness to sacrifice so that others might remain free.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby call on all Americans to join in observing Monday, October 28, 1974, as Veterans Day. I urge both public ceremony and private contemplation in recognition of the precious gifts of freedom and security that are ours because those we honor have stood in our defense.

Let us give special consideration on that day to those who have died in our Nation's wars and those who have been disabled. Let this be a day of remembrance for those veterans who are in our hospitals, a day on which our appreciation is expressed tangibly by our visits and our attention.

Further, let this be a day on which all Americans take special cognizance of the needs of those young veterans who are currently readjusting to civilian life. Let us give them personal help and encouragement.

I direct the appropriate officials of Government to arrange for the display of the flag of the United States on this day. I request officials of Federal, State and local governments to support its observance and I urge schools, churches, unions, civic and patriotic organizations to participate in appropriate public ceremonies throughout the Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventh day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-ninth.

Gerald R. Ford

Placing of The Presential Wreath

TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER 11:00 a.m.

The Honorable
Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States

Accompanied by

MAJOR GENERAL FREDERIC E. DAVISON, Commanding General, Military District of Washington, Military Host for the Wreath Placement Ceremony

HONORABLE RICHARD L. ROUDEBUSH, Chairman, Veterans Day National Committee

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Placing of The Presidential Wreath (Con'd.)

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Program in The Amphitheater

NARRATED BY COOPER T. HOLT
Executive Director - Washington Office
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

CONCERT IN THE AMPHITHEATER U.S. Air Force Ceremonial Band
Captain James M. Danielsen, USAF, Director

POSTING OF THE COLORS IN THE AMPHITHEATER

INVOCATION Reverend William C. Sherman
National Chaplain, VFW

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE SFC Gary Lee Littrell - U.S. Army
Medal of Honor Recipient - Vietnam

NATIONAL ANTHEM U.S. Air Force Singing Sergeants
(Audience)

SELECTION "THIS IS MY COUNTRY" Singing Sergeants
Lieutenant H. Bruce Gilkes, USAF, Director

INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST SPEAKER Mr. R. D. Smith
Junior Vice Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars
of the United States

ADDRESS The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
The President of the United States

PRESENTATION OF
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS The Honorable Richard L. Roudebush
The Administrator of Veterans Affairs

SELECTION "Battle Hymn of the Republic" Singing Sergeants

BENEDICTION Reverend William C. Sherman
National Chaplain, VFW

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Arlington National Cemetery

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Commanded by Colonel Robert H. Clark

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Captain James M. Danielsens,
USAF, Conducting

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by Helping
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