



VETERANS DAY 2020



Welcome to today's Veterans Day Ceremony, and thank you for attending.

As we celebrate our veterans on this year's Veteran's Day, I am honored to be standing up here in front of you, standing before you in a very Politically challenging election year, and one that also challenged all of us to understand what "social distancing" really means. We all have also learned that this year, we are fighting a silent and invisible enemy that has no mercy on the health of man, woman or child.

The best way to honor our veterans is to take an active part in the maintaining freedom in America. We must teach future generations about what it means to be an American. We must volunteer in our communities, take care of veterans and their families, vote in elections and continue to make America the very best it can be.

Veterans Day is an important but symbolic way of saying thanks. But we should also insist that our elected officials produce meaningful laws and public policies that enhance to quality of life for veterans and their families.

Regardless of how one feels about policies that lead to war, let there be no doubt that veterans serve with honor. They serve to make lives better for others. They preserve our freedom.

Not all veterans have seen war, but a common bond they share is an oath in which they expressed their willingness to die defending this nation.

Perhaps most significant in preserving our way of life, are the battles that America does not have to fight, because those who wish us harm, sling away in fear of the Coast Guard Cutter, the Navy Aircraft Carrier, the Air Force fighter squadron, the Marine Corps fire team or the Army Infantry Squad on Patrol.

We can be secure at home because we have brave warriors protecting us in the air, at sea, on land and beyond our atmosphere.

All of our veterans have protected our democracy – our freedom – our way of life. Today, we honor them. And tomorrow we must continue to honor them. They have given us a chance to live in freedom today, and an opportunity to look forward to tomorrow. They have given us every day, and they have protected every freedom.

Those of us gathered here today to observe Veterans Day have already indicated our support for the outstanding men and women who have served our country. Tell veterans directly that you love them. That you appreciate them. That you are grateful for their service. Say “Thank you” for what you have done for our country.

We have gathered here at this Plover Area Veterans Memorial this year, to honor all American Veterans, who have served in any war, before or after World War 1 – to defend democracy.

We have gathered here today at this Plover Area Veterans Memorial Wall to pay tribute to our local and deceased veterans and former member of American Legion Post 543 and Veterans of Foreign War Post 10262.

On behalf of my Comrades from our American Legion and VFW Post's, I thank you all for remembering Veterans Day.