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A Veterans Day message from Senator O'Mara

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Since the terrible unfolding of September 11, 2001 this generation has realized, all too painfully, that our freedom here at home can be threatened at any moment. We have been reminded, as well, that our troops always stand ready to protect this freedom again and again. The freedoms we cherish have been hard-won by the veterans of previous generations and by those of this generation who have continued to serve. They are true American heroes, and we are grateful to each and every one of them.

Duty and sacrifice are the fundamental truths that we remember and honor on Veterans Day.

To always honor our veterans is the reason that New York State government seeks to constantly recognize military service through the development of new laws and the administration of programs and services that seek to address the many challenges facing today's veterans in areas such as health care, employment and education.

The state **Division of Veterans' Affairs** was established in 1945 to assist veterans, members of the armed forces, their families and their dependents. Since then, the division -- in concert with its offices in counties locally and statewide -- has strongly advocated for New York's millions of veterans and veterans' issues at the local, state and national levels. It's a proud history of service.

The observance of Veterans Day is appropriate and meaningful as one way that we, as American citizens, collectively show our support for our troops, as well as keep those we know in our thoughts and prayers.

It's an occasion to honor the memories of all those who have gone before.

It is an opportunity, as well, to reaffirm our pride, our patriotism, and our gratitude to all those who serve.

Thank you.