

*Honoring All
Who Served*



VETERANS DAY

**50th Anniversary
November 11, 2003**



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“God Bless America”

Irving Berlin, 1918, revised 1938

God Bless America, land that I Love

Stand beside her and guide her

Through the night with the light from above

From the mountains, to the prairies,

To the ocean white with foam

God Bless America, my home sweet home!

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Veterans Day 2003

As Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee, and on behalf of Army and Navy Union, USA, this year's host organization, I welcome you to the 50th annual Veterans Day National Ceremony.

Among the great days of national remembrance, Veterans Day is held in the highest esteem. On this special occasion, our Nation joins together to salute those valiant individuals, both past and present, who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Our hearts are full of gratitude as we remember the millions of patriotic men and women who answered the call to duty. Today's service members honor the legacy and memory of those who previously served by continuing the protection and preservation of our freedom, and the freedom of future generations to come. America will always owe a great debt of gratitude to our veterans, who sacrificed youth and life, so that liberty may forever reign.

Our veterans have not sought personal glory. They sought peace and freedom. Each veteran represents the spirit that has preserved our great land. They deserve our recognition throughout the year and a special tribute for a job well done on this, the 50th anniversary of our national Veterans Day holiday.

Today, I join with you, in honoring all veterans. Thank you for remembering and honoring those veterans who fought for the liberties of this great Nation -- keeping it united, strong, and free.

Anthony J. Principi

Veterans Day Ceremonies

National Ceremony

Arlington National Cemetery.....Army and Navy Union, USA

Regional Ceremonial Sites and Hosts

Alameda County, California Alameda County Veterans Affairs Commission
 Albany, Oregon Veterans Commemoration Association
 Atlanta, Georgia Georgia Veterans Day Parade Association of Atlanta, Inc.
 Auburn, Washington City of Auburn
 Birmingham, Alabama National Veterans Day in Birmingham
 Bonham, Texas VA North Texas Health Care System
 Brevard County, Florida Brevard Community College/MOWW
 Brunswick, Maryland City of Brunswick
 Columbus, Ohio MILVETS
 Douglas County, Oregon VFW/Marine Corps League
 Emporia, Kansas Chamber of Commerce/Convention and Visitors Bureau
 Houston, Texas City of Houston
 Mobile, Alabama Veterans Day Planning Commission
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin Veterans Day Parade of Milwaukee Committee
 Nashville, Tennessee Davidson County Veterans Coordinating Council
 New Castle, Delaware Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs
 New Orleans, Louisiana Greater New Orleans Veterans Council
 Ponca City, Oklahoma Ponca City Veterans Day Parade Committee
 Port Angeles, Washington City of Port Angeles
 St. Louis, Missouri St. Louis Regional Veterans Day Observance
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Veterans Day Program

November 11, 2003

Army and Navy Union, USA, Host Organization
Ms. Lee Thornton, Master of Ceremonies
Colonel Gary Lamb, The United States Army Band Conductor

MUSICAL PRELUDE.....	Tribute to Veterans The United States Army Band
PRESIDENTIAL WREATH CEREMONY.....	The Honorable George W. Bush President of the United States
MUSICAL SELECTION.....	The United States Army Band
PROCESSION OF COLORS.....	National Emblem March
PRAYER FOR VETERANS.....	Chaplain Hugh A. Maddry Acting Director, VA Chaplain Service
THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.....	Mr. David Berger National Commander, Army and Navy Union, USA
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS.....	Ms. Lee Thornton, Ph.D., Master of Ceremonies Eaton Professor of Journalism, University of Maryland, College Park
WELCOMING REMARKS.....	Mr. David Berger, Army and Navy Union, USA
INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER.....	The Honorable Anthony J. Principi Secretary of Veterans Affairs
ADDRESS.....	The Honorable George W. Bush
RETIRING THE COLORS.....	The United States Army Band

Courtesy transportation by Tourmobile, Disabled American Veterans, and Paralyzed Veterans of America.

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Placing of the Presidential Wreath

TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN.....11:00 A.M.

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The Army & Navy Union of the United States of America, Inc. is honored to serve as the host organization for the 2003 Veterans Day Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. The Army & Navy Union was founded in 1886. It is the oldest Veterans Organization in America. Membership is not limited to any specific branch, place, or nature of military service rendered, nor is membership restricted by considerations of racial origin or religious creed. Any and all individuals who have ever served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States or are currently serving in uniform are eligible for membership, provided they obligate themselves.

In 1894, the Army & Navy Union became the only Veterans Service Organization whose organizational badge was given Congressional recognition. Members in the Service belonging to the organization are permitted to wear the badge on Class A uniforms.

The Army & Navy Union respects and supports all veterans, Veterans Service Organizations, the United States Constitution and the flag of our country and stands ready to serve and help in any civic duty whenever called upon.

“TO SERVE OUR COUNTRY IN PEACE AS WELL AS IN WAR”

