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If you're a Veteran, I'd like to thank you for serving our great country. Because of your personal sacrifices, military training, and steadfast loyalty, America is safe and secure. I'd also like to thank Veterans' spouses and children for enduring a challenging military family life. It's never easy when mom or dad, husband or wife, is gone for several months at a time. Without our Veterans and their family's support, America would be a much different place.

This week I'd like to share a poem written by a Veteran (author unknown):
If I should die tomorrow,

Thank a Veteran

*Let it not be said I died forgotten,
For I have done what I can do.*

*My country called,
I served in uniform.*

World War I. World War II.

Korea. Vietnam.

The Cold War.

And hot spots around the globe.

*I served with pride, fear, dreams of
glory, heroism, determination,
and hope.*

*I fought beside some of the best men
I ever knew.*

Not all of us made it home.

*I carry those I knew in my mind and
heart, and soul.*

I came home to cheers

or jeers or silence.

But I'll never forget.

Will anyone remember?

I must believe they will.

*For those long days and endless
nights shaped how I see the world.*

And, I think, how the world sees me.

My actions alone changed nothing.

*In concert with my fellow soldiers
we changed, and made, history.*

Duty, Honor, Country.

If I should die tomorrow,

Let it not be said I died forgotten.

For I have done what I can do.

~ The End ~