

*Veterans Day
Appreciation Service*



**Sunday, November 19, 2017
10:30 A.M.**

**Messiah Baptist Church
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Los Angeles, CA 90016
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Perry J. Jones, Senior Pastor**

A Grateful Nation Thanks You For Your Service.



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2013 Veterans
Day**

**Messiah Baptist
Church**

Presidential Proclamation

Veterans Day, 2016

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

America has long stood as a beacon of hope and opportunity, and few embody that spirit here at home and beyond our borders more than the members of our Armed Forces. Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen are part of an unbroken chain of brave patriots who have served our country with honor and made tremendous sacrifices so that we may live free. On Veterans Day, we salute the women and men who have proudly worn the uniform of the United States of America and the families who have served alongside them, and we affirm our sacred duty as citizens to express our enduring gratitude, both in words and in actions, for their service.

Our country has the best-trained and best-equipped military force in the world, and we need to make sure we have the most supported and respected veterans in the world. We are a Nation that leaves no one behind, and my Administration has made historic investments to provide veterans access to the resources and education they need to share in our Nation's promise when they return home. Partnering with community leaders across America, First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden's Joining Forces initiative works to ensure our country's heroes can thrive by combatting veteran homelessness, promoting their emotional well-being, and advancing employment training and placement -- and we have made great progress. Today, the unemployment rate for veterans is lower than the national average, and veteran homelessness has been nearly cut in half since 2010. We also recognize that some of these courageous men and women have faced and overcome profound challenges, both physically and emotionally, in defense of our freedom. We must continue to provide high quality health care to our veterans and make sure they have the support they have earned and deserve.

The example our Nation's veterans set throughout their lives is a testament to the drive and perseverance that define the American character. Let us uphold our obligations to these heroic individuals and never forget those who paid the ultimate price for our liberty. On this day and throughout the year, may we sustain their lasting contributions to our Nation's progress and carry forward their legacy by building a future that is stronger, safer, and freer for all.

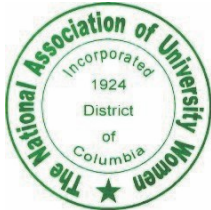
With respect for, and in recognition of, the contributions our service members have made to the cause of peace and freedom around the world, the Congress has provided (5 U.S.C. 6103(a)) that November 11 of each year shall be set aside as a legal public holiday to honor our Nation's veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2016, as Veterans Day. I encourage all Americans to recognize the valor and sacrifice of our veterans through appropriate public ceremonies and private prayers, and by observing 2 minutes of silence for our Nation's veterans. I call upon Federal, State, and local officials to display the flag of the United States and to participate in patriotic activities in their communities. I call on all Americans, including civic and fraternal organizations, places of worship, schools, and communities to support this day with commemorative expressions and programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighth day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.

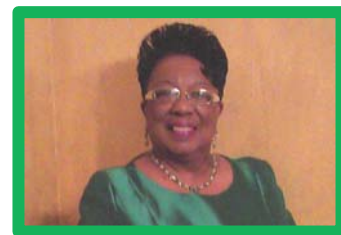
BARACK OBAMA





NAUW — National Association of University Women

"Women Moving Forward with Purpose and Pride"



VETERANS DAY GREETING

I extend warm thoughts to each of you on behalf of the National Association of University Women. Your presence today demonstrates that you too value the love, devotion, sacrifice and service rendered by men and women in our armed forces.

Throughout the history of the United States, this service has helped us to enjoy the fruits of liberty and justice. The Santa Monica Branch must be applauded for its vision to give honor where honor is due. What a wonderful way to show our appreciation to the many who have served! The Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled Veterans of America, are two groups which I have supported for many years. My heart goes out to the families who have given and suffered for all of us. Although I am unable to be there physically, please know that I am there in spirit. May you continue to be vigilant in service. I pray for the success of this gathering. May God continue to Bless America.

Sincerely,

Evelyn L. Wright

National President

National Association of University Women



History of Veterans Day

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11th as Veterans Day and called upon Americans everywhere to rededicate themselves to the cause of peace. He issued a Presidential Order directing the head of the Veterans Administration, now the Department of Veterans Affairs, to form a Veterans Day National Committee to organize and oversee the national observance of Veterans Day.

The Veterans Day National Ceremony is held each year on November 11th at Arlington National Cemetery. At 11 a.m., a color guard, made up of members from each of the military services, renders honors to America's war dead during a tradition-rich ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

The President or his representative places a wreath at the Tomb and a bugler sounds "Taps." The balance of the ceremony, including a "Parade of Flags" by numerous Veterans service organizations, takes place inside the Memorial Amphitheater, adjacent to the Tomb.

Veterans Day is to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

Many people confuse Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Both holidays were established to recognize and honor the men and women who have worn the uniform of the United States Armed Forces. But Memorial Day, which is observed on the last Monday in May, was originally set aside as a day for remembering and honoring military personnel who died in the service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle.

Introduction

“Throughout this Nation’s history, America’s soldiers; sailors, airmen, marines and coastguardsmen have bravely answered the call to defend our freedom, to aid our friends and allies, and to turn back aggressors.

We can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to the more than 650,000 American service members who died in battle or the 1.4 million who were wounded. We can, however, recognize and thank the 25 million veterans still living today.

Throughout the history of the United States, Americans have fought on battlefields, both near and far, in wars, both large and small, alone and with allies at their side, starting with the American Revolution in 1775 to the Iraq and Afghanistan war of the 21st Century.

These words are inscribed on the Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C.:

“Our nation honors her sons and daughters who answered the call to defend a country they never knew and a people they never met.” Those words apply equally to World War I, World War II, Vietnam War and Gulf War veterans as well. They apply to today’s active duty service members — to- morrow’s veterans — who are helping to maintain peace throughout the world.

Today, it is Messiah Baptist Church privilege to say “thank you” to veterans. To let them know that we appreciate them for their service and honor them for their sacrifices.

The price of freedom is high. We cannot afford to forget those willing to pay it. Today, we celebrate America’s veterans for keeping this Nation “the land of the free and the home of the brave.” (Excerpts were taken from the Department of Veteran Affairs”).

American Wars 20th Century Wars

“World War 1 1917-1918

Service Members	4,734,991
Battle Deaths	53,402 (approx.)
Living Veterans	0

Location: The Atlantic Ocean and Europe

November 11, 1918 marked the official end of the First World War. Known as the “war to end all wars,” the impact on Americans was great.

World War II 1941- 1945

Service Members	16,112,566
Battle Deaths	291,557 (approx.)
Living Veterans	1,711,000

Location: Europe, North Africa, Asia, Australia, and Pacific Islands including Hawaii.

Japan was the last to surrender on August 14, 1945 after the U.S. bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Korean War

11/1/1950 – 1953

Service Members	5,720,000
Battle Deaths	33,739 (approx.)
Living Veterans	2,275,000

Location: North and South Korea

The war reached a stalemate in June 1951. An Armistice was finally reached on July 27, 1953.

Vietnam War

1964 – 1975

Service Members	8,744,000
Battle Deaths	47,434 (approx.)
Living Veterans	7,391,000

Where: Southeast Asia

How it ended: The U.N. States withdrew after a ceasefire in 1973. North Vietnam proved victorious with the fall of Saigon in April 1975.

Desert Storm/Desert Shield/Persian Gulf War

1990 – 1991

Service Members	2,322,000
Deployed to Gulf	694,550
Battle Deaths	147 (approx.)
Living Veterans	2,244,583

Location: Iraq and Kuwait

It ended after a four-day ground war, an American lead coalition declared victory. A cease fire was signed on April 9, 1991

21st Century Wars

Global War on Terror

Afghanistan

October 7, 2001 - Present

Where: Afghanistan

How it ended: Intervention by NATO and Allied Forces in the Afghan political struggle following the terrorist attack September 11, 2001 - **Conflict Continues.**

Iraq War

March 9, 2003 – December 15, 2011

The **Iraq War** was an armed conflict in Iraq that consisted of two phases. The first was an invasion of Iraq starting on 20 March, 2003 by an invasion force led by the [United States](#). It was followed by a longer phase of fighting, in which an insurgency emerged to oppose [the occupying forces](#) and the newly formed Iraqi government. The U.S. completed its withdrawal of military personnel in December 2011. However, the [Iraqi Insurgency](#) continues to cause thousands of fatalities.

On December 15, 2011, the United States Defense Secretary officially, declared the Iraq war was over, at a flag lowering ceremony in Baghdad. The last troops left on December 18, 2011."

Information obtained from various resources

Messiah Baptist Church and Local Communities Veterans

World War 11 Veterans

Andrew Garrison United States Army/Air Force Corporal World Was 11 1943	Ervin Slaughter United States Army Sergeant WW11 1940's	Frederick Carl Burwell, Sr. Army Signal Corps Corporal
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Korean War Veterans

Dan Brantley United States Army Corporal 1951-1953	Elizabeth Cessna United States WAC Women's Army Corp	Sylvester Green United States Army- Infantry Special First Class 1955-1957
Gerald Barnes United States Army 9th Division 47th Infantry Regiment Mike Co 1954-1956	Helen Lucille Price United States Air Force Corporal 1951-1953	James Jackson United .States Marine Sergeant. 1956
*Jim N. Jones United States Army 1947-1968	Frederick C. Burwell, Sr. Army 1954-1956 PFC Korean War	*Ralph B. Jacob Army 1954-1956 PFC Korean War

Vietnam War Veterans

Charles Burks United States Navy E-5 Viet Nam War 1968 - 1972	Calvin Kemp United States Army Specialist 5 Vietnam War 1966 - 1969	Arthur L. Simmons United States Army Specialist 5 Vietnam War 1966-1969
Robert L. Smith United States Navy Viet Nam War E-3 1963 - 1969	Harry E. Stewart United States Army Specialist 4 Vietnam War 1968-1970	Willie L. Woodward United States Navy Petty Officer E5 Vietnam/Desert Storm 1962-1966/1974-1994
Marion Price United States Army Corporal E4 1963 - 1965	Paul Stelly United States Army Paratrooper 1 st Lieutenant 1971-1973	Carlton Jones United States Army 1966-1969

<p>*Clarence N. Jones United States Air Force 1966-1969</p>	<p>Trusse Norris United States Air Force Sr. Airman 1960-1966</p>	<p>Vernon Nickerson United States Army 1966-1968</p>
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*Deceased



Gulf War Veterans

Aldria Walker United States Army Specialist Gulf War 1989-1995	Shentill Floyd United States Army Sergeant 2006 to present	Renee Brown United States Navy Dental Hygienist 1996 - Present
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Peace Time Veterans

Fredrick Anderson United States Navy Petty Officer 1956	Horace Barker United States Navy Private First Class 1944-1946	Damon Bergeron United States Marine Corporal 1987-1991
Stephanie Chew United States Navy Petty Officer 3 rd Class Dental Technician 1984	Kevin R. Cattenhead United States Marine Private First Class 1978	*Leland Clark United States Army Private 2 1954 -1962
P.A. Edmead Jr. United States Air Force E4 1963-1967	M.H. Forte Private 1951 - 1952	James Graham United States Air Force Corporal 1947
Gregory Ishimoto United States Army Sergeant E5 1981 - 1989	Wesley King Jr. United States Navy E4 1975-1977	Verita Lewis United States Army Private E2 1976 - 1977
Robert McKinney Jr. United States Army Sergeant First Class 1969-2004	Leroy Patterson 3rd Class Storekeeper USS Rochester, ICA 12 United States Navy 1955-1959	Shentill Floyd United States Army Sergeant E5 2004 - Present Stationed in Korea
Linton Rutledge United States Air Force Airman First Class 1955-1959	Rev. Harold K. Smith United States Air Force Staff Sergeant 1952 -1956	*Ernest Webb United States Army Corporal Berlin Crisis 1962-1964
Renee Brown United States Navy Dental Hygienist 1996 - Present Leaving for Japan 10/31/2013	Jackie Foster United States Army E-4 1980-1983	Lamont Coleman United States Air Force Corporal 10 + years
Dr. W.L. Thomas United States Army Infantry 1955-1957		



In Memoriam



In Memory of Those Who Lost Their Lives on the Battlefield

“On November 11, 1920, England laid to rest an unknown soldier as a way to commemorate their losses in the war. France had carried out a similar act the same year.

On November 11, 1921, America followed up with their version. An unknown soldier, who had already been laid to rest at a cemetery in Europe, was selected and placed aboard a ship and brought to Washington, D.C. It was to fill the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The casket was placed in the tomb at 11:00 a.m. The single Unknown Soldier symbolizes America’s losses in the war.”

Veterans Day

Programme

Presiding – Rev Damon Bergeron
United States Marines
1987-1991

Entrance of Veterans

Posting of Color	Song --- Onward Christian Soldiers – Sanctuary Choir	Los Angeles High School, JROTC CSM (R) Roosevelt J. Mitchell
Pledge of Allegiance		Matthews Espy
National Anthem		.Inspirational Choir

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Moment of Silence*

Devotion		Sister Lenora Brantley, Deaconess & Mothers
Words of Welcome		Deacon Raymond Williams
Greetings		Sister Yvonne Meredith, President NAUW, Santa Monica Branch
Scripture Reading	Psalm 20	Sister Margarette Crockett
Selection		Inspirational Choir
Tithes, Offering, & Benevolent	~ Offertory Prayer ~.	Deacons & Trustees
Altar Prayer...		Mother Katie Webb
Selection		Inspirational Choir
Recognition of Veterans		Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines
Special Presentations		Honorees
Selection		. Men's Choir

~Message~

Invitation to Christian Discipleship		Ministers Pastoral Concerns
Closing Remark		

Benediction, Recessional Veterans
Reception/Video Following Service



Honoring Our Veterans – 2013

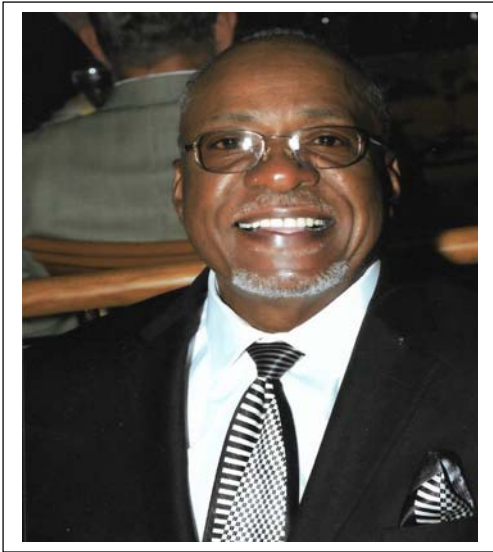


*David Lillard
68th Colored Infantry 1864-1866
Civil War

Lonnie B. Jones Jr.
Army 1980-1983
PFC

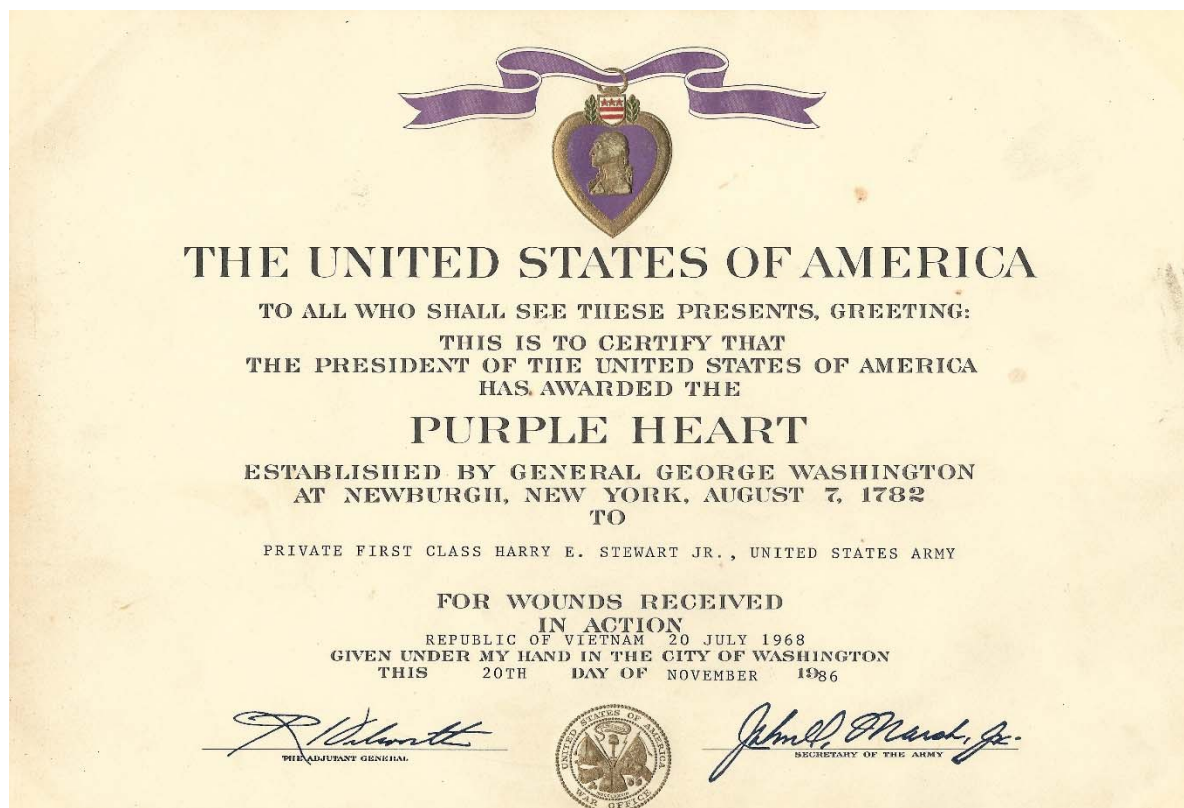
Dennis Taylor
United States Navy
1984-1988

SERVICE AWARD - 2017



Harry E. Stewart, United States Army
Specialist 4, Vietnam War
1968-1970

Received many awards including: Purple Heart
It is one of the most recognized and respected
Medals awarded to members of the United States Armed
Forces. Introduced as the "Badge of Military Merit" by
George Washington in 1782, the Purple Heart is the nations
oldest military awards.





THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

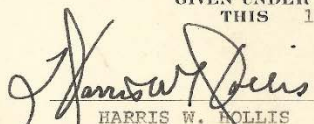
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AUTHORIZED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER, 24 AUGUST 1962
HAS AWARDED

THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER
TO

SPECIALIST FOUR HARRY E. STEWART JR. US67063234 UNITED STATES ARMY

FOR
MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT
IN GROUND OPERATIONS AGAINST HOSTILE FORCES
IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DURING THE PERIOD APRIL 1969 TO JUNE 1969
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON
THIS 12TH DAY OF JUNE 19 69


HARRIS W. HOLLIS
MAJOR GENERAL, USA
COMMANDING




STANLEY R. REOR
SECRETARY OF THE ARMY



AIR MEDAL;
ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL with 1 bronze oak leaf cluster with letter "V" device;
GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL;
NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL;
VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL with 2 bronze service stars with 1 silver service star;
OVERSEAS SERVICE RIBBON with number 2;
COMBAT INFANTRY BADGE 1ST AWARD;
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN RIBBON;
SHARPSHOOTER BADGE with rifle bar;
MARKSMAN BADGE with Auto Rifle Bar

Harry Stewart continues to provide services as a member of the Usher Board, Messiah Baptist Church. We also thank him for greeting all of us as we enter to worship.

We thank you for your services and the sacrifices you made in helping to protect our Country. The many awards you received, including the Purple Heart demonstrate this. Our country is free because of people like you.

We pay special tribute to you for your military service and your service to Messiah Baptist Church.

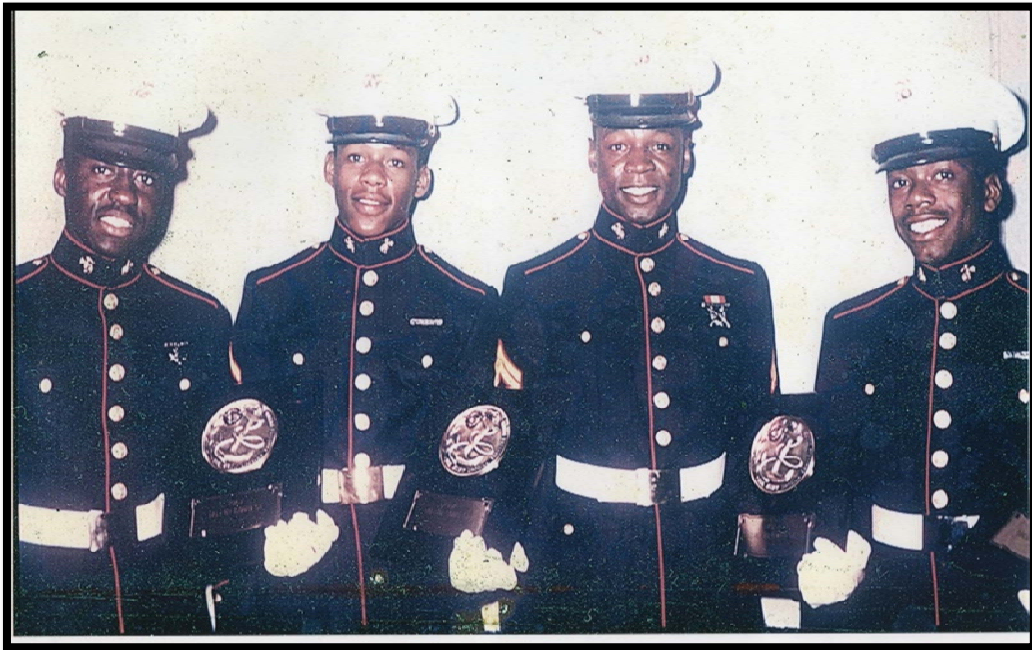


General Keith Ware- Harry Stewarts Captain
 He made Major after he was killed on 9/1968. Made General 12-6-68 12-6-1968



SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD- 2017

James Jackson
United States Marine
Sergeant
1956



James Jackson



Historical Entertainment Achievement

In 1957, Four Palms Doo Wop Combo made history. James Jackson is a member of the Four Palms

The Four Palms was formed on the grounds of Camp Pendleton at Twenty –Nine, Palm California. The group consisting of all African Americans, created a history that can never be duplicated. They through entertainment became the first and only, Black artist, to win the Worldwide, All-Navy Talent Contest. The process of competing in a worldwide competition is daunting in and of itself, but to win it, regardless of race is a once in a lifetime achievement. The first place winner's prize was an appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show.

They appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show in 1957 and 1988.

The Four Palms Group:

CPL. Nathaniel Thomas, Chicago, IL - Bass

PFC Hasker Nelson Jr., Cincinnati, Ohio – Baritone, Lead

PFC James Jackson, New Orleans – Baritone-Tenor

PFC Louis Faison, Detroit, MI - Tenor

Sergeant James is a member of Messiah Baptist Church and continues to shares his extra ordinary musical talent on Sundays with the congregation.

He is to be commended

For Historical Entertainment Achievement

In Recognition of Your Historical Achievement as part of your service to our country Messiah Baptist Church, Perry J. Jones, Pastor and the National Association of University Women-Santa Monica Branch pay tribute to you for all that you have accomplished.



Veterans Thank You For Your Service



Santa Monica Branch
National Association of University Women

Enjoy Your Day

Bro Andrew & Sis Florine Garrison

I am Family/Friend

STAND BY THEM. WE'LL STAND BY YOU.



From The Pastor's Desk



Veterans Appreciation Day

On Behalf Of Messiah Baptist Church and the entire membership, I would like to extend a hardy welcome to all that have come today. We have come to celebrate and commemorate the contributions made by the brave men and women that have served in our country's military service.

This day that we now call Veterans Day, was originally called Armistice Day. On the 11th day of the 11th Month in 1918, World War I ended. In 1921, an unknown soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Similarly, unknown soldiers had been buried in England at Westminster Abbey and in France at the Arc de Triomphe. All of these memories took place on November 11th to commemorate the end of the **“war to end all wars.”**

Soon after the end of World War II, a veteran of that war named Raymond Weeks organized **“National Veterans Day”** with a parade and festivities to honor veterans. He chose to hold it on Armistice Day. Thus began annual observances of a day to honor all veterans, not just the end of World War I. In 1954, Congress officially passed and President Dwight Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day. Due to his part in the creation, of this national holiday, Raymond Weeks received the Presidential Citizens Medal from President Ronald Reagan in November 1982.

So many of our young people have been sacrificed in so many wars and conflicts that on this day, I can't help but think of Abraham Lincoln. As he stood looking over a battle field in Pennsylvania, called Gettysburg, and spoke these immortal words: **“...that we are highly resolved that these dead shall not have died in vain and that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom and that government of the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”**

TODAY WE SAY THANKS



Veterans Day Appreciation Service

Committee Members

Sis. Margaret McCrary
Sis. Martha Lovelace
Sis Yvonne Meredith
Dr. Kathye Jenkins
Sis. Zola Jones

Gifts

Sis. Patricia Smith, Chair

Reception

Sis. Hazel Jackson, Chair
NAUW -Santa Monica Branch

Hostess

Sis. Vanessa Hatcherson

Media and Program Design

Sis. Beverly Thomas

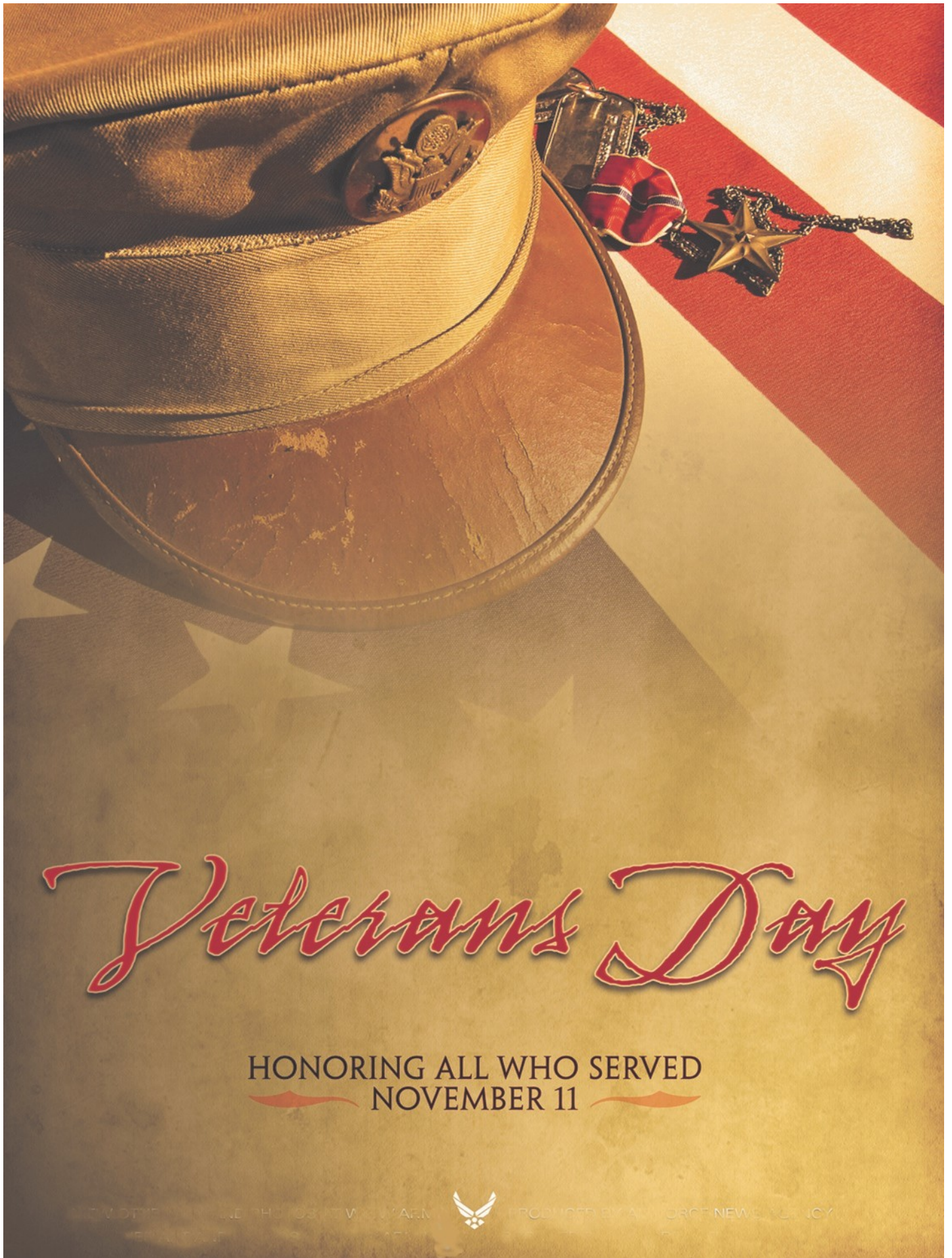
The committee wishes to thank all of those who contributed to the success of the Veterans Day Appreciation Service. We thank all of the veterans who have joined us today.

Veterans Day Word Find

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Veterans Day

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED
NOVEMBER 11

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