

Administration of Donald J. Trump, 2026

Message on Armed Forces Day

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America's fighting force stands as the most powerful, accomplished, and courageous military the world has ever known. On Armed Forces Day, we salute the men and women proudly serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Space Force—the courageous heroes who stand as the steadfast protectors of our Republic's security and sovereignty.

As we celebrate 250 glorious years of American independence this year, we acknowledge that our precious freedom, enjoyed and embraced by generation after generation, has been secured for all citizens by the providence and grace of Almighty God and the service and sacrifice of every member of our military. Throughout the history of our Republic, America's warriors have always answered the call to protect our way of life without failure or retreat.

Day after day, at home and abroad, the inspiring valor and professionalism of our joint forces are on display. No other military in the history of the world can rival their unrelenting effort and supreme dominance in all domains: land, sea, air, space, and cyberspace. America remains a beacon of liberty because of the steadfast devotion, incredible resolve, and unparalleled lethality of those who wear our Nation's uniform and willingly put their lives on the line to safeguard our history, our constitutional heritage, and our freedom.

As Commander in Chief, I vow to always stand with our warfighters. When duty calls, America's defenders answer without hesitation—and under my leadership, they will always have the resources, equipment, and training they need to achieve decisive victory on any field of battle.

America's valiant warriors are the foundation of our peace and prosperity. On this day, and every day, the First Lady joins me in saluting our Armed Forces and their faithful families, to whom we are eternally indebted.

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