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Veterans Day

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Good morning,

This week we take a moment to appreciate those who made the ultimate sacrifices and those that continue to make them over and over again. Take a moment of silence and contemplate every freedom that has been provided to you from those sacrifices. The freedom to have a difference of opinion, to travel to just about anywhere in the world, to experience life, be who you want and do what you want. In the existence of our country, we have experienced downfalls, depression, and anguish. We have also experienced growth, the right for holidays, endless successful opportunities, and a safe place to raise a family. In our world of labor, we have earned the right to unionize, and on the other side of the coin some states have the right to work. What is very important to realize around this time of the year is to be thankful, to be compassionate and reminiscent. As we grow closer to the Holidays, not all have something to celebrate; some have scars that are not visible on the surface. For these friends of ours we should consider the [power of 8-minutes](#), if you or someone you notice is struggling through internal battles please reach out to a friend, co-worker, college and ask if they have 8 minutes. 8 minutes may be the difference between life or death. Call 988, the crisis hotline, or check out programs like [#22ADAY](#) for veteran suicide awareness.

I always have 8 minutes.

Hope to see you all at the VALOR event on 11/14/25.
Please reach out if you need info on RSVP.

And Happy 250th Birthday to the United States Marine Corps.

I am truly grateful to work alongside you all.

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The power of 8 minutes:

<https://youtube.com/shorts/2IH6x5zn0GI?si=V16bjlSJRZj9au5F>