

## “SERVICE AND SACRIFICE by AMERICAN VETERANS”

Every single thing that we Americans take so selfishly as a right instead of a privilege has been paid for in blood, tears and pure determination. We are the owners of the American dream and that famous ingenuity that has sparked so much greatness. And at the heart of all of that? Our soldiers. Our brave, selfless, always persevering soldiers.

So what are we thankful for? 1. We are thankful for our intelligences. 2. We are thankful for being able to question what's happening to us and who's controlling it. 3. We are thankful for our own Pastor – Dr Authur Werts and First Lady, Minister Sandra Werts. 4. We are thankful and owe every bit of it to the Veterans that have sacrificed so much for us.

After fighting for our freedom, Our troops also face an ever shrinking job market.... A housing market in shambles.... And a VA system struggling to keep up.

These times are a strong reminder of why we must support veterans of all ages, especially when the government falls short. Right here in Virginia, veterans and their families are turning to us in record numbers.

If you know of a disabled veteran who could use a helping hand, please let me know.

The purpose of the American War Mothers and Veterans of Foreign Wars (which I am a member of both Organizations) is to provide support encouragement and a

better life for the noble men and women who became disabled while upholding world peace and the freedom of the United States of America.

You can also honor our nation's defenders by flying your United States flag on all patriotic holidays that send s a strong message to our citizens, communities and young people that we must never forget the sacrifices made by our service men and women so that we all live free.

The guns in the mountains of Afghanistan and Iraq will fall silent someday, but the soldiers whose brain was wounded by the blast of a bomb planted along those tortuous roads will never be the same again.

Though our troops are leaving now and scheduled to depart Iraq in 2012 and will someday leave Afghanistan, you and I know these wars will never end for the sick and wounded. The battles will continue on the wards of hospitals...in the drive to rebuild ruined lives. More and more disabled Vets are coming home from war in desperate need of help. There are some 117,717 disabled veterans in VA alone.

With your support we can offer needed help on the front lines in Iraq, at the military bases and treatment facilities in communities and VA hospitals. As you select your holiday gifts for family and friends, please add one more to your list -- a gift for America's defenders --Our Veterans.

All donations are tax deductible. Our Vets will thank you.

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