

Thank you, vets

This Saturday, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, marks the 99th anniversary of the ending of World War I. What was once known as Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954 and proclaimed a day to honor all veterans for their service to our country.

I'm often asked what motivated me to serve our country, first as an officer in the United States Air Force and now as a Montana state legislator.

It's simple. Duty, honor, to defend our Constitution, to serve God, our families, and for love of our country. Our country, which is founded upon the undeniable truths that all men and women are created equal, our inalienable rights are bestowed upon us by God, and that our Constitution establishes a limited government that is "of, by, and for" the people.

There is no higher calling than to serve in the defense of our country.

There is no greater sacrifice to be made than to lose one's life while defending our country, our people, and our Constitution.

On behalf of my family, thank you to all veterans and their families for your service and the sacrifices you have made while serving this great nation.

God bless you all, and God bless the United States of America. —Albert Olszewski, Kalispell