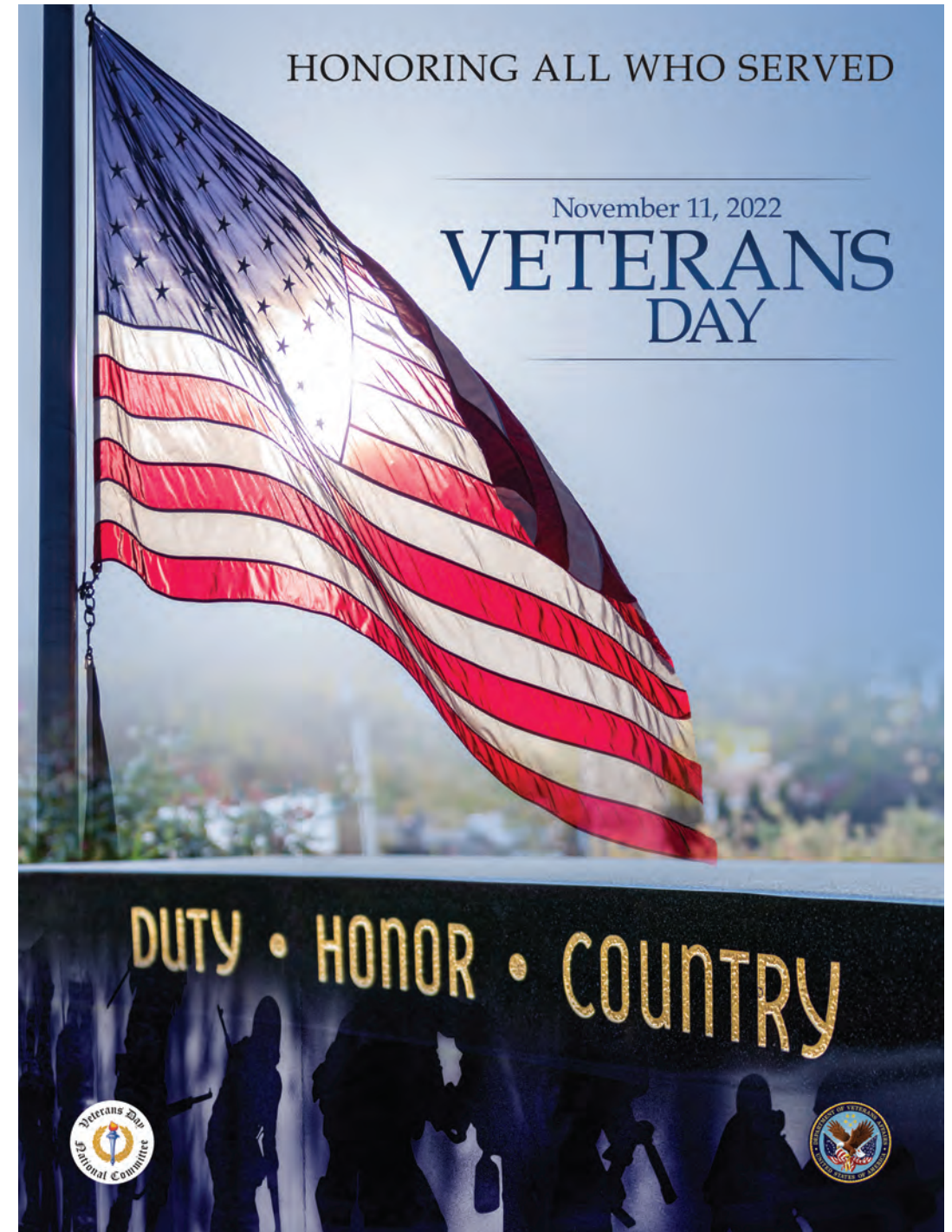


## Why We Celebrate Veterans Day

American Prep was founded on the belief that America's schools bear the responsibility to teach our children about the liberties they enjoy and the sacrifices made to ensure those liberties. We know that our freedom is not free, but has been earned by the men and women who have served our country and committed their lives to preserving our freedom. Our American Prep community is truly thankful for our servicemen and women and their sacrifice.

2022 marks our 14th Annual Veterans Day Celebration. Each year, thousands of students, parents, and staff join together to honor our veterans. We thank everyone for making these events a success and we are humbled to honor those who serve and protect our country.



## OUR AMERICAN IDEALS

At American Preparatory Academy, we espouse the following American Ideals:

### **LIBERTY**

Our forefathers fought to be free to pursue happiness including rights to property ownership, free markets, religious expression, association and free speech.

### **EQUALITY**

We believe all men and women are created equal, and must be treated equally under the law and in all our interactions.

### **DEMOCRACY**

All citizens have the right to vote for their chosen representation in our republic and for causes they espouse.

### **RESPECT FOR RULE OF LAW**

Our nation's laws aim to provide liberty and justice for all, and they should be willingly followed or changed through lawful processes.

### **PATRIOTISM: GRATITUDE AND RESPECT**

We remember the patriots who sacrificed to establish these ideals amidst great opposition. We show respect for public servants who uphold these ideals today. We support these ideals in word and action and express our patriotism to ensure they will be passed down to each generation.

## MY AMERICAN DUTY

### **AS AN AMERICAN, IT IS MY DUTY:**

1. To remember and uphold the ideals of our country: Liberty, Equality, Democracy, Respect for the Rule of Law and Patriotism.
2. To remember that we have these ideals due to the heroes who lived and died for them, and heroes today who still defend them with their lives.
3. To treat all others with dignity and respect.
4. To be willing to listen courteously, and with an open mind to others who hold different positions than mine, because increased understanding strengthens our democratic republic.
5. To remember the patriots who sacrificed to establish these ideals amidst great opposition.
6. To show respect for servicemen and women, and public servants who uphold these ideals today.

**We support these ideals in word and action and express our patriotism so that our free nation might be preserved for our children and grandchildren.**

## **God Bless the USA**

By Lee Greenwood 1984

If tomorrow all the things were gone I worked for all my life,  
And I had to start again with just my children and my wife,  
I'd thank my lucky stars to be living here today,  
'Cause the flag still stands for freedom and they can't take that away.

**And I'm proud to be an American where at least I know I'm free,  
And I won't forget the men who died who gave that right to me,  
And I'd gladly stand up next to you and defend Her still today,  
'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land God Bless the U.S.A.**

From the lakes of Minnesota to the hills of Tennessee,  
Across the plains of Texas from sea to shining sea,  
From Detroit down to Houston and New York to L.A.,  
Well there's pride in every American heart and it's time we stand and say,

(Repeat Chorus)

## **Thank you, Soldiers**

By Michael & Angela Souders

When I lay my head down ev'ry night and go to sleep in peace,  
I can stay there knowing all is well, while you're standing on your feet.  
Keeping watch, protecting shore to shore, in the air and oceans, too,  
Defending freedom at all cost, for the red, white and the blue.

Thank you, oh thank you, men and women brave and strong,  
To those who served so gallantly we sing this grateful song.

To the soldiers who have traveled on to countries far and near,  
In peace and war you paid the price for the cause you hold so dear.  
That we may wake each morning bright, and know that freedom rings,  
Because of your great sacrifice, your country joins to sing.

## **The Things That Make A Soldier Great**

By Edgar A. Guest

The things that make a soldier great and send him out to die,  
To face the flaming cannon's mouth nor ever question why,  
Are lilacs by a little porch, the row of tulips red,  
The peonies and pansies, too, the old petunia bed,  
The grass plot where his children play, the roses on the wall:  
'Tis these that make a soldier great. He's fighting for them all.

'Tis not the pomp and pride of kings that make a soldier brave;  
'Tis not allegiance to the flag that over him may wave;  
For soldiers never fight so well on land or on the foam  
As when behind the cause they see the little place called home.  
Endanger but that humble street whereon his children run,  
You make a soldier of the man who never bore a gun.

What is it through the battle smoke the valiant soldier sees?  
The little garden far away, the budding apple trees,  
The little patch of ground back there, the children at their play,  
Perhaps a tiny mound behind the simple church of gray.  
The golden thread of courage isn't linked to castle dome  
But to the spot, where'er it be – the humblest spot called home.

And now the lilacs bud again and all is lovely there,  
The homesick soldiers far away know spring is in the air.  
The tulips come to bloom again, the grass once more is green,  
And every man can see the spot where all his joys have been.  
He sees his children smile at him, he hears the bugle call,  
And only death can stop him now – he's fighting for them all.

## **2022 Veterans Day Program**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**National Anthem**

**Welcome**

**My American Duty**

**America the Beautiful - 1st Grade**

**Essay Winner**

**This is My Country - 2nd Grade**

**Essay Winner**

**America (My Country 'Tis of Thee) - 3rd Grade**

**Essay Winner**

**Armed Forces Salute - 4th Grade**

**Introduction of Veterans**

**God Bless America - 5th Grade Choir**

Please join us in singing the last chorus

**The Things That Make a Soldier Great - 6th Grade**

**Remarks by APA Staff Veteran**

**God Bless the USA**

Staff and Student Soloists

Please join us in singing the last chorus

**Tribute Song - Thank You Soldiers**

**Veterans Walk of Honor**

**Special thanks to our music teachers**



### **Star Spangled Banner**

By Francis Scott Key 1814

Oh say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.  
Oh say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Oh, thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand  
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation!  
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n rescued land,  
Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserved us a nation!  
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,  
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust!"  
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

### **America the Beautiful**

By Katharine Lee Bates 1910

Oh beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain  
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

Oh beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare of freedom beat across the wilderness!  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw  
Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law!

Oh beautiful for heroes proved, In liberating strife  
Who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine  
Till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!

### **This is My Country**

By Don Raye and Al Jacobs 1940

This is my country!  
Land of my birth!  
This is my country!  
Grandest on earth!  
I pledge thee my allegiance,  
America, the bold,  
For this is my country  
To have and to hold.

What difference if I hail  
From North or South  
Or from the East or West?  
My heart is filled with love  
For all of these.  
I only know I swell with pride  
And deep within my breast  
I thrill to see  
Old Glory paint the breeze.

### **God Bless America**

By Irving Berlin 1918, additional lyrics by David Leavitt

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea, Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free.  
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair, As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer:

**God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her  
Through the night with a light from above.  
From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam,  
God bless America, my home sweet home.**

We the people gather in a common cause. Standing firm together for a land of laws  
Founding Fathers' vision reaches far and wide. Liberty and freedom swell our hearts with pride.

### **America - My Country 'Tis of Thee**

By Samuel Francis Smith 1874

My country 'tis of thee  
Sweet land of liberty  
Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died  
Land of the pilgrims' pride  
From ev'ry mountainside  
Let freedom ring!

My native country, thee  
Land of the noble free  
Thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills  
Thy woods and templed hills;  
My heart with rapture thrills  
Like that above

Let music swell the breeze  
And ring from all the trees  
Sweet freedom's song;  
Let mortal tongues awake;  
Let all that breathe partake;  
Let rocks their silence break  
The sound prolong