

## **Armed Forces Day 2018**

## Take time to thank our country's true heroes

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**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Armed Forces Day, May 19, offers the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. and every American the opportunity to express our gratitude to the men and women who do their duty to our nation day in and day out, and to celebrate their service.

Those who have worn America's uniform understand firsthand the costly price of freedom and the struggles military service can bring. It is fitting that this Armed Forces Day, we recognize the men and women selflessly serving, standing watch on foreign soil, bringing food and medical supplies to people in distress, and heroically standing between America and the evils of terrorism.

Through the years it has been the powerful force of our soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen who – for more than 240 years – have provided our nation with the very security which makes those freedoms possible.

This Armed Forces Day, the 1.7 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary encourage all Americans to reflect on those freedoms, and to take time to thank our country's true heroes for their selfless service and sacrifice.