The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Office of the Secretary, Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships (CFBNP), in support of the President Donald J. Trump’s Proclamation to celebrate November as Veterans and Military Families Month. The VA CFBNP would like to encourage all houses and temples of worship (Christian, Muslim, Jewish, etc.) across the nation to honor Veterans and their families in their respective communities.

During prayer and worship services in November we’re asking that time is allocated to Veterans. Here are just a few suggestions:

1. Have all Veterans stand to be acknowledged and recognized
2. Invite Veterans to give a brief narrative (30 seconds or less) about their branch of service and why they joined the military
3. Why the Veteran is proud to have served in the military

For 98 years Americans have remembered those who have served in uniform on the 11th of November. This year, the VA is recognizing and commemorating their contributions for the entire month of November. The VA is asking that all Americans join them in this month of appreciation and recognize the men and women who selflessly served our Nation.

It was these great words uttered by Abraham Lincoln "To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan" by serving and honoring the men and women who are America’s Veterans. At the VA every day is Veterans Day, however, in November we especially want to express our sincere gratitude to our nation’s crown jewels by giving them the opportunity to tell their stories. Learn more about the various locations around the nation where Veterans are being hosted to give a personal account of their military service during Storytellers.

The VA CFBNP mission is engage, inform and educate faith-based, nonprofit, and community/neighborhood organizations about VA programs and services, in order to better serve the needs of Veterans, their families, Survivors, caregivers and other beneficiaries. VA CFBNP achieves its mission by developing and cultivating partnerships with organizations which already provide services to Veterans, who walk through their doors on a daily basis.

We hope your house of worship will join the VA and honor all who have served and celebrate our Veterans in November! For more information about VA CFBNP, please view our website.

Respectfully,

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