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Nov. 22, 2017**Thanksgiving Message from VA Secretary David J. Shulkin, M.D.**

As Americans across the nation celebrate Thanksgiving this week, I am most grateful and thankful for our country's Veterans and their families. I am also thankful that we have dedicated employees who are providing care and helping Veterans secure hard-earned benefits.

Honoring our history and traditions through President Lincoln's timeless words, "To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan," we are proud to serve all Veterans, including women Veterans and Veteran families.

President Trump has made clear since taking office that VA has one purpose and that is to care and provide for those who have served our country so well in uniform. Under the President's leadership, and with strong support from members of Congress, we have made strides to improve VA at every level.

While much work remains, our efforts to improve care and services represent the nation's unending thanks to our Veterans.

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and hope that you and your families enjoy this great American tradition.