



*COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA*  
*Office of the Governor*

Robert F. McDonnell  
Governor

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Dear Service Members:

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Virginia, I would like to thank you for your military service and wish you and your family Happy Holidays. Your commitment to your country is an invaluable asset to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

As we take time this month to celebrate Christmas and Hanukkah, we must also pause and recognize the many sacrifices that you and the members of your family have made in support of freedom and democracy throughout the world. Your continued service speaks to your commitment to the beliefs that so many before you have fought and died for on battlefields on our own soil and in foreign lands. The citizens of our Commonwealth are proud to say that you are our sons and daughters, and we will be forever indebted to you for your courageous service and dedication to our nation and to the safety of its citizens.

On behalf of all Virginians, thank you for your distinguished service and best wishes for a joyous and peaceful holiday season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert F. McDonnell".

Robert F. McDonnell