



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Veterans Day Statement from Senator Winner

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America observes this year's Veterans Day with her troops still engaged in the war against terrorism and at a time when the world's political stage is embroiled in uncertainty and instability.

It truly is a momentous and dangerous time in world history, which means our annual tribute to the nation's veterans takes on many added shades of

meaning, reverence, and sentiment.

America's history has been, in so many ways, defined by America's military triumphs. So we honor the sacrifices and the victories of our veterans each and every Veterans Day.

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And since the tragic events of September 11, 2001, we have realized, all too painfully, that our freedom here at home can be threatened at any moment.

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We realize, as well, that our troops will always stand ready to protect us – and to stand in defense of freedom -- yet again.

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The freedoms we cherish have been hard-won by the servicemen and servicewomen of previous generations, and by those of this generation who continue to serve.

We're grateful to each and every one of them.

Sacrifice is the truth that we remember on Veterans Day.

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Our thoughts and prayers must turn to the incredible men and women who have been called upon again to defend our country and who continue to make the ultimate sacrifice in the name of worldwide freedom.

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It's an occasion, above all, to honor the memories of all those who have gone before. We pause in our daily lives to salute the brave men and women -- America's veterans -- who fought the wars that have made the United States the greatest nation on earth.