



Focus on Religious Freedom

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Honoring Veterans - Champions of America's Freedoms

As all freedoms and especially, religious freedom, are under assault around the world, we speak and pray on November 11 to honor the Americans who have served in all areas of the military in defense of liberty.

Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the signing of the armistice ending World War I on the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918. Unlike Memorial Day that honors service members who died in service to their country, Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans - living or dead - to give thanks for serving their country honorably during war or peacetime.

From WWI to the present post-9/11 conflicts, approximately 40 million have served in all branches of the military. Women have been approximately 9.1% of active members. These military men and women who protect the U.S. come from all walks of life and from every state.

(history.com/topics/veterans; va.gov, 11/2019; military.com/veterans; archives.gov; nationalww2museum.org)

Happening Now: 3 Killed in Knife Attack at Notre Dame Basilica, Nice, France

French bishops ordered a "death knell" to ring from every church of their country, as an act of mourning, after 3 people were hacked to death in Notre Dame Basilica in the southern Mediterranean city of Nice on Oct. 29th while they were preparing for Mass.

The Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal Parolin, wrote, "Entrusting France to the protection of Our Lady," Pope Francis "wholeheartedly gives his apostolic blessing to all those affected by this tragedy." ⁽¹⁾
"... with this attack in Nice, it is freedom of religion (under attack)." said French Prime Minister Castex. ⁽²⁾

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