



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

**Veterans Day
November 11, 2023
Message from the Governor**

The United States Armed Forces stand as the guardians of our cherished way of life. Every uniformed service member has chosen the path to uphold our democracy's core principles and ideals, bravely carrying our proud military legacy forward. Veterans Day is a sacred occasion, dedicated to honoring the sacrifices made by our brave men and women; it is a day for us to reflect, show our deep respect, and reaffirm our commitment to the values they have defended so valiantly.


Throughout the centuries, our service members have safeguarded our sovereignty in the skies, on land, and at sea. Today, and every day, we salute each and every one of you— our Airmen, Coast Guardsmen, Marines, Sailors, Soldiers, and Space Force Guardians. You are the brave souls our country calls upon in times of crisis. Regardless of your branch or rank, you are the face of our beloved Territory.

The innate urge to serve has been ingrained in countless generations of American Samoans, and I have the distinct honor of paying tribute to all the sons and daughters of our Territory who have devoted themselves to the service of our great nation. Today, we pay special homage to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. We can never fully repay the debt we owe to the veterans who cannot be with us today. May the memory of these heroes and their valorous deeds continue to inspire us as we confront the challenges of our time.

On behalf of Lieutenant Governor Talauega, our families, and our entire community, we honor and commemorate the sacrifices and selfless dedication of all Veterans – both past and present. We also extend our gratitude to their family members, whose steadfast support empowers them to serve our nation with such dedication.

Thank you, **VETERANS**, for your dedicated service.

Happy Veterans Day, and may the Lord continue to bless America and our beloved Territory!



LEMANU P. S. MAUGA
Governor