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Veterans Day
November 11, 2021
Message from the Governor

The United States Armed Forces exists to protect our way of life. Every man and woman in the uniformed services is at their post voluntarily to uphold the tenets and ideals of our democracy. Veterans Day is a day set apart to honor all the men and women both past and present who have made sacrifices so that our freedoms and way of life may be preserved. It is a day of tribute and national rededication to the ideals that they served so well.

For centuries, our service members have protected our sovereignty in the air, on land, and at sea. We will never tire of paying tribute to the Airmen, Coast Guardsmen, Marines, Sailors, and Soldiers. Today, and every day we salute each and every one of you. Your past and present services to our country fill us all with pride; and our admiration and respect for you all is without limits.

You are the men and women who our country calls upon in times of crises. Whatever your branch, whatever your rank, not only do you represent every organization to which you belong; you represent the face of our Territory. Every brave man and woman who wears the uniform carries our military legacy forward. Per capita, more of our sons and daughters proudly wear the uniform of the United States Armed Forces than any other state or territory.

I have the greatest pleasure of honoring all the sons and daughters of our Territory who have dedicated themselves in service of our great Nation. The desire to serve has inspired many generations of American Samoans and is an integral part of our identity. We especially pay homage to those who have fought and made the ultimate sacrifice. In no way can we fully pay the debt we owe to the veterans who cannot be here with us today. May the memory of these heroes and their valiant deeds inspire us to face the trials of today.

On behalf of Lieutenant Governor Talauega and our families, we celebrate the sacrifices and selfless service of every Veteran- those who have gone before and those who continue to serve, as well as their family members without whose support they would not be able to serve our Country so dutifully. We honor the legacy passed down through the generations and we thank all our service members for their enduring commitment to defend our nation with unwavering resolve.

Happy Veterans Day and God Bless America and our beloved Territory of American Samoa!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lemaniu P. S. Mauga", written over a horizontal line.

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Aso o Fitafita Tuai
Novema 11, 2021
Saunoaga a le Afioga i le Kovana

O Vaegaau a le Lunaite Setete latou te puipuia aga o le soifuaga o loo tatou iai. O loo tula'i i o latou la'ei faavaegaau ma la latou filifiliga sa'oloto alii ma tama'ita'i, e siitia le loto ma manatu faatemokarasi. Ua faailogaina le Aso o Fitafita e tatou te faaeaea ai i alii ma tama'ita'i o le tuana'i ma aso nei ua tuuina atu faaositaulaga le soifua ina ia faatumau aga ma talitonuga e uiga i le soifuaga o o tatou tagata. O se aso o le lagona ootia ma le toe faamausaliina o manatu ua mafua ai la latou tautua matavela.

Ua faitau senituri o puipui malu e ala i le ea, le eleele ma le sami lo tatou tulaga pule sa'oloto. E lē mapu lo tatou faaeaea o Fitafita o le Ea, Fitafita e Puipuia Gataifale, Malini, Aliivaa, ma Fitafita o le Eleele. O le aso nei ma aso uma matou te laulaututū ai ma faaaloalo ia te outou ta'ito'atasi. E faatumulia i matou uma i le mitamita i la outou tautua i lo tatou malo i aso ua mavae ma aso nei; e leai se mea e gata ai lo matou 'ai'aiuli ia te outou.

O outou o alii ma tama'ita'i e tapa i ai lo tatou malo i taimi o faalavelave. Po o le a le vaega o e iai, ma lou tulaga, e te lē o tula'i mo na'o se vaega o e iai; e fai oe ma sui o lo tatou Teritori. O alii ma tama'ita'i totoa ta'ito'atasi o loo la'ei i le togiga a vaegaau o loo ia faaleleina le 'aano o la tatou tautua. A fua faatatau i le faitau aofa'i o o tatou tagata, e numera silia o tatou alo ma fanau i setete uma ma teritori e laei ma le mitamita i togiga a Vaegaau a le Lunaite Setete.

Ua ia te a'u le fiafiaga sili ou te faaeaea ai i atalii ma afafine o lo tatou Teritori ua tuuina atu o latou soifua e tautua ai lo tatou Malo Tele. Ua faatupuina le fia tautua e tamā ma augatupulaga o Amerika Samoa sa mua i malae ma ua avea ai lenei tautua ma vaega mautu o lo tatou faasinomaga. Ua matou faaaloalo faapitoa ia i latou sa tau ma i'u ai le soifua. E matuā le mafai ona totogi la matou aitalafu i vetereni ua le mafai ona tatou faatasi i lenei aso. Tau ia ina ia avea le manatua pea o nei toa loto tetele e faatupu ai lo tatou loto tele e feagai ma faigata o aso uma.

Matou te faailogaina faatasi ma le Afioga i le Kovana Lutena Talauega ma o ma aiga le tautua faaositaulaga a Vetereni ta'itasi – i latou ua tofafā i tia ma i latou o loo tautua pea, faatasi ma o latou aiga e ā latou le lagolago malosi ua mafai ai lenei tautua mae'ae'a i lo tatou Malo. Se'i o tatou manatunatu ma le faaaloalo i le tala faamauina i lea tupulaga ma lea tupulaga, ma tatou faafetai i fitafita uma i lo latou tuutoina o le soifua e puipui malu lo tatou malo.

Manuia le Aso o Fitafita ma ia Faamanuia le Atua ia Amerika faapea lo tatou Teritori Faapelepeleina o Amerika Samoa!


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