



Ohio Adjutant General's Department

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Adjutant General's Veterans Day message

This week, we will commemorate Veterans Day and recognize all who have served our nation with honor and distinction.

I also want to honor and celebrate our National Guard Citizen-Soldiers and -Airmen who have served proudly and distinctively in every major conflict our nation has faced.

For nearly a century, we have celebrated Veterans Day on the anniversary of the armistice that ended the fighting along the Western Front in World War I on Nov. 11, 1918. As a nation, we must make sure the service and sacrifice of our veterans is never forgotten.

Service doesn't end when you retire from military service. Across Ohio, veterans continue to serve our communities by making positive contributions, building stronger futures and inspiring future generations.

Two great examples of that are Wanda J. Dillard and Gary Loxley.

Dillard, a retired Ohio Army National Guard major who served as company commander for the 684th Medical Company, is working in her community to advocate for health care access for marginalized communities.

Loxley, a former Ohio Army National Guard member and currently a judge in Warren County, is serving his community to include the founding of a specialized court to help rehabilitate veterans who get into legal trouble.

Both are being inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2021. Please join me in congratulating them and the 18 other Buckeye veterans being inducted this year.

We owe a debt of gratitude for the devotion, patriotism, and selfless service shown by all of Ohio's veterans.

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