



The *Colby Free Press* would like to thank all those who have served or are serving in uniform. Whether Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, National Guard or reserve forces, your service for your country is an inspiration to millions of Americans.

Whether in a command center in Washington, D.C. or the mountains of Afghanistan, active duty personnel are deployed in more than 150 countries, with more than 369,000 serving outside the United States and 1,211,255 serving here at home. These men and women are the sword and shield of the nation, defending both Americans and innocents worldwide.

There are more than 21 million living veterans in the United States. They represent service in wars from World War II to Iraq and the peacetime in between. We would like to encourage everyone to take a moment and thank a veteran for their service.

We would also like to take a moment to commemorate those who have fallen for their country. Their sacrifice continues to honor all those who have labored in the cause of freedom.

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