



# INTERNATIONAL UNION OF POLICE ASSOCIATIONS

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## Statement of President Sam A. Cabral re: Veterans Day

Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day. It is a day we officially recognize the contributions and sacrifice of our American veterans. Many of our members are veterans. They have served and sacrificed unselfishly to obtain and protect the freedoms we enjoy, and too often are taken for granted in this great nation. They have guaranteed our way of life from the American Revolution until this day. We enjoy what so many of them have given us at the cost of their own lives.

The military is a microcosm of the American way, where people are judged and embraced by their brotherhood and contribution, regardless of their politics, gender, religion, or ethnicity. They are bound by a common goal and by their dedication to one another and to their nation.

Most of them make their decision to serve as youngsters and their lives are forever altered by their experiences – some for the better, some for worse. For most, it is a mixture of both. Twenty-two of them die at their own hands every day. Many are homeless. We can do better – we must. We will continue to support and advocate for programs and statutes that serve and protect the American Veteran.

The International Union of Police Associations joins America in saying “thank you” to each and every man and woman who serves or has served. The debt of gratitude we owe you can never be repaid.