



Holiday Greetings

Christmas is coming and New Year's is just around the corner. From coast to coast we begin to prepare for Christmas with trees that brighten the winter days and mistletoe that hangs above the doors. Christmas carols fill our minds and homes for the holidays. It's a wonderful time of year when we spend time with family and friends. Christmas in America is a time to be thankful. A time to be thankful for our family, friends and the freedoms we treasure and enjoy each day.

During this wonderful time of year we must all remember the hundreds of thousands of men and women in America's military services that spend Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day serving our nation. As they serve in all the corners of the world we need to let them know that we are proud of them and that they are in our thoughts. We should also take a moment to remember the hurricane victims and hope that this year they will be able to recover from the devastation that they have endured.

We all get preoccupied with our busy lives, but let us remember that we must all take time to hope that this holiday season will be safe for our nations veterans, and those servicemen and women who protect our freedoms. We hope that those protecting our nation have a safe return to their loved ones.

On behalf of the National VA Council, my wish for you and your family is to enjoy the most joyous holiday season!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alma L. Lee". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

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