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Veteran Service Organizations Establish a Veteran's Creed

WASHINGTON, DC -- The Military Order of the Purple Heart is proud to join the eleven major veterans' service organizations today in announcing the development and adoption of the Veteran's Creed. The participating organizations will present the creed at an event on Flag Day, June 14, at 1:00 PM at the Reserve Officers Association headquarters, Minuteman Memorial Building, [1 Constitution Avenue NE, Washington, DC](#).

The Creed is the result of extensive discussions and consultations among the group that began last fall at Georgetown University. It is meant to inspire veterans to continue to serve and lead in their communities and our country, and to continue to make a difference in our world.

"I believe the Veteran's Creed could remind veterans of what they miss about their service and encourage them to continue to make a difference in their communities and across our country," said retired Gen. George W. Casey, Jr., former Army Chief of Staff. "We need their talents."

Each element of the Creed is rooted in shared military tenets, the missions of participating veterans and military service organizations, and in the altruistic ethos of veterans themselves. It is also meant to remind Americans that the principles and values veterans learned in the military – integrity, leadership, teamwork, selfless service – can greatly benefit our country.

"The Creed will help prepare veterans for their productive civilian lives," said Dr. Joel Kupersmith, Director of Veterans' Initiatives at Georgetown University.

"MOPH is proud to support the adoption of the Veteran's Creed. It is an expression of the values and traits each member of the military learns through their service and sacrifice for their country and which are carried forward in service to the communities in which they live and work after leaving the military. We are honored to join General Casey and our fellow Veteran Service Organizations in adopting the Veteran's Creed," said Neil Van Ess, MOPH National Commander.

The Veteran's Creed

- 1. I am an American Veteran***
- 2. I proudly served my country***
- 3. I live the values I learned in the military***
- 4. I continue to serve my community, my country and my fellow veterans***
- 5. I maintain my physical and mental discipline***
- 6. I continue to lead and improve***
- 7. I make a difference***
- 8. I honor and remember my fallen comrades***

The participating group of Veterans Service Organizations includes Military Order of the Purple Heart, AmVets, DAV (Disabled American Veterans), HillVets, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Paralyzed Veterans of America, ROA (Reserve Officers Association), Student Veterans of America, Team Rubicon Global, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Wounded Warrior Project.