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First Annual Spend A Day With A Vet
US VETS Houston Midtown Terrace

Dear Friends:

As you gather today to pay tribute to the veterans of US VETS' Midtown Terrace facility, I join with the members of Rolling Thunder-Texas Chapter 2 and the Rotary Club of Sharpstown to extend my deepest gratitude to all those who have so honorably served our nation in the military.

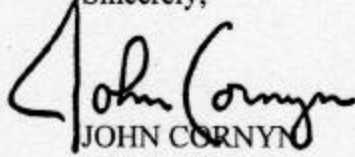
Whenever we reflect on the actions of the countless Americans who have served, and are currently serving our nation, the word *hero* comes to mind. I am also reminded of the profound words of President Ronald Reagan who once said, "Those who say that we're in a time where there are no heroes—they just don't know where to look."

These words resonate as I think of my father, a member of what has been called "The Greatest Generation," who served in World War II and was held as a prisoner of war in Germany. As with my father's generation, the military community today represents the best, brightest, most committed and most positive aspects of America. Although the uniforms and battlefields have changed, the strength and courage of America's military men and women has not. As Americans, we honor them as national heroes, and their courage and sacrifice should never be forgotten.

During my time in the U.S. Senate, I have made it a priority to pay tribute and give thanks all of those who have defended our nation's freedoms and way of life. We owe all our veterans, young and old, the care and respect of a grateful nation.

I ask you to join me in prayer for the servicemen and servicewomen who have served our nation, and for those whose return from battle we still await.

Sincerely,


JOHN CORNYN
United States Senator