

THE WHITE HOUSE

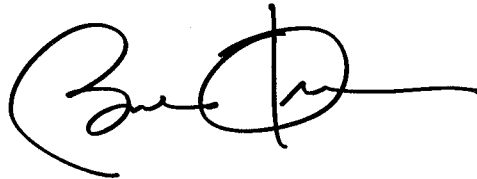
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As service members, you were united by a commitment to country and a dedication to duty. As veterans, you share an unbreakable bond with those who stood beside you and proudly wore the uniform of the United States. Now, you gather together to reunite with friends, tell old stories, and honor those no longer with us.

As you celebrate this occasion, I join a grateful Nation in thanking you for your service and sacrifice. Our sacred obligation to the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces begins at enlistment and never ends. America's first President called this obligation "a debt of honor," and I will keep that covenant with our Nation's heroes.

I wish you all the best for a wonderful reunion.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be Barack Obama's signature, consisting of a large, stylized 'B' followed by a circular flourish and a horizontal line extending to the right.