



To: BSEE/BOEM Employees

Subject: BSEE/BOEM Veterans Recognition

This Veteran's Day, we are extremely honored to recognize the continuing service of our military veterans and current members of the National Guard and reserve forces. We hope each of you will join us in thanking the dedicated men and women who served our nation through military service. These are special people, individuals who are willing to make any sacrifice, and who continue to show their dedication as public servants each and every day.



One of our goals is to find ways to continuously honor those who have served. Nearly one of every three people in BSEE and BOEM has served in the United States Armed Forces. One out of every three! That tells us that every time we see people gathered for a BSEE/BOEM meeting, one-third of them have been willing to wear the uniform and commit their lives to keep our great nation free.



This level of representation fills us with a sense of awe. We are humbled by the fact that we have the honor of leading teams of professionals that count among their ranks people who have volunteered to defend this country.



On Veteran's Day 2017, we will join Secretary Zinke in recognizing and honoring all our veterans. We thank each and every one of you for your service to our mighty nation; and we acknowledge that a primary reason America is mighty is due to sacrifices made by you and your families.



We would like to add a little more structure to our efforts to unite the 34 percent of employees who bring years of military experience to our bureaus. Therefore, we have asked Rick Reibel and Gig Kocher to lead the process of gathering the names of BSEE/BOEM military veterans who are willing to be recognized during appropriate activities. We are asking each BSEE/BOEM staff member who has served, or is serving, in our nation's armed forces to send their full name, branch of service, and the years they served to this address: Veterans@bsee.gov. We are going to engrave plates with this information and add it to a large board to be displayed at the Sterling office to remember those who contributed to our mission. We're also reaching out to former members of MMS and BOEMRE so that we can add their names to our board as well.



We look forward to spending time getting to know more about our bureau's veterans and hearing stories of military service. For now, please join us in thanking our veterans for their service. And please don't forget to thank their families; because we all know families are an integral part of everyone's service to the American public.

On the weekend of November 11th, please enjoy a safe holiday as you reflect on the contributions of our veterans, and take a moment to honor them with a simple message of thanks.

With gratitude,

  
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