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Almost thirty million Americans living today are veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States. Their service has had significant influence on America's role in world affairs and has merited the gratitude of their fellow citizens.

The million and a quarter veterans who are admitted each year to Veterans Administration medical centers across the country are among the many deserving of our special awareness and concern. I believe that all of us should seek ways in which to express, in our own communities, our collective appreciation for their service and sacrifice.

I invite all citizens to join me in this annual Salute to Hospitalized Veterans through appropriate ceremonies, activities, and visits to those veterans who are hospitalized in Veterans Administration medical centers, nursing homes, and domiciliaries across the country.

Together, let us show our thanks for their great gift to this nation.

To Karen Draper (389-2664), VA, when signed. ASAP

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