



Veterans Day 2023 Message
Capt. Dru DiMattia, President AMMV

America honors all U.S. Merchant Mariners who served our Nation in times of peace and war, including military sealift support during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and six Expeditionary Operations in the Middle East and Northeast Africa. Laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Veterans Day this year is a historic first for the Merchant Marine. The American Merchant Marine Veterans are proud that our organization's veterans can represent the heroic contributions of the U.S. Merchant Marine, America's fourth arm of defense, to military successes and maritime leadership of the United States.

About the American Merchant Marine Veterans

Since 1984, the American Merchant Marine Veterans has been a not for profit, pro-American organization established to gain recognition for what American Merchant Mariners have accomplished for our country in times of war and peace. We are dedicated to promoting and educating the American people and the U.S. Government about the services that American Merchant Mariners have provided to our Nation in connection with military sealift support and preservation of national security.

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Honoring
U.S. Merchant Marine WWII Veterans

Wreath Laying Ceremony

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
Arlington National Cemetery



2023 Veterans Day Services Arlington National Cemetery

President Joe Biden will lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during his visit to Arlington National Cemetery on Veterans Day.



By invitation from the Department of Veterans Affairs, AMMV members and their chaperones will lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in a historic event to honor the dedicated service of U.S. Merchant Marine WWII veterans. Jack Kammerer, Executive Director of the U.S. Maritime Administration, will also lay a wreath at the ceremony.



**USMM World War II
Victory Medal**



**USMM Korean
Service Medal**



**USMM Vietnam
Service Medal**



**USMM Expeditionary
Award**

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