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The following message by Director of National Intelligence Dennis C. Blair was sent to employees of the United States Intelligence Community regarding Veterans Day:

On November 11, our nation observes the time-honored tradition of paying respect to its military veterans. On behalf of the Intelligence Community, which includes within its ranks active duty members, reservists, Guardsmen, and veterans alike, I offer our deepest thanks to those who have nobly answered the nation's call to serve.

The tragic events at Fort Hood are a somber reminder of the many sacrifices our servicemen and women make every day. On this Veterans Day, we will not simply be remembering those of the Armed Forces who have served so well in the past; we will also remember those who continue to put themselves in harm's way for their fellow citizens.

Like all Americans, our thoughts and prayers are with those in service around the world, with those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country, and with their families.

As you take a well deserved break this Veterans Day holiday, please offer your thanks to the men and women who have honorably worn the uniform of the soldier, the sailor, the airman, the Marine, and the Coast Guardsman.

Dennis C. Blair