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"The American Veteran"
By Christopher Eric Bouchat

The American veteran was conceived on April 19, 1775 at the battle of Lexington & Concord.

Afterwards there laid 39 wounded and 49 offered up to the Lord.

From this courageous movement of freemen committed to liberty's passion,

The Revolutionary war lasted eight years with unrelenting sacrifice and concession.

With every battle engaged be it the battle of Brooklyn with the esteemed Maryland 400 to the siege of Yorktown,
Average citizens rose up as resilient, seasoned and disciplined soldiers capable of defeating the dreaded British
Crown.

This rare breed of man unknown to the rest of the World's enslaved,

Built the foundation of self-government, elected public service and insured others shall be saved.

The American servicemen and women need not be pressed into military sacrifice.

For every veteran since 1775 knows freedom and a sovereign people comes with a high price.

They know, more so than others, that duty, determination and loyalty are a just offering.

So never forget the veterans as the Star-Spangled Banner strikes up and you begin to sing.

For without their devotion, professionalism and love of nation,

Our history would be a continuous repeat of suffering and devastation.

So we must annually gather in humility, honor and remembrance,

On this day and many more for our nation's preservation depends on our individual perseverance.

Humble we must be for all veterans from 1775 to this day.

From Divine Providence we are blessed with veterans because nothing can stand in their way.

God Bless America.