



United War Veterans Council, Inc.

November 14, 2013

General Raymond T. Odierno
Chief of Staff
The United States Army
200 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310

Dear General Odierno:

On behalf of the United War Veterans Council of New York and on behalf of all of our veterans, I would like to thank you for attending America's Parade, the New York City Veterans Day Parade.

Your participation added dignity and importance to our tribute to veterans, especially veterans of the U.S. Army.

I also would like to thank and to comment the three chaplains who offered opening prayers at the Memorial Ceremony in Madison Square Park. Like the U.S. Army and all American military services, we honor our unity in diversity.

Maj. Jamison Bowman, the Garrison Chaplain at Brooklyn's Fort Hamilton, 1LT Elan Ginian, Chaplain to the 310th MP Battalion in Farmingdale, NY, and 1LT Asnage Castelly, Chaplain to the 1179th Surface Transportation Brigade at Fort Hamilton, lifted our spirits and reminded us that we all are God's children.

You and they and all our serving men and women have our gratitude.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vincent McGowan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Vincent McGowan, President