

Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished veterans, and cherished friends,  
Today, we gather not just as individuals, but as a family bound by shared experiences and sacrifices. Being here with each of you fills my heart with deep gratitude and reverence for all you have done and continue to do.

We have all faced challenges, endured hardships, and stood shoulder to shoulder in times of both triumph and loss. It is this unyielding spirit and camaraderie that have built us into who we are today.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your unwavering dedication, courage, and sacrifices. Your service and commitment have made an indelible mark on our lives and the lives of future generations.

Today, let's celebrate the bonds we've forged, remember the stories that connect us, and honor the sacrifices that have brought us together. May we continue to support and uplift one another, as we have always done, with the same steadfast loyalty and love.

Thank you for your service, thank you for your friendship, and thank you for being the heroes we deeply admire.

Welcome home.