

Veterans Day

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HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

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Ecumenical Service

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UIW MILITARY & VETERAN CENTER

The University of the Incarnate Word (UIW) Military and Veteran Center welcomes and recognizes all service members who are serving and who have served to protect the rights and freedoms of our country. We are here to assist UIW students using educational benefits under the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Educational Assistance Programs and the Department of Defense Tuition Assistance (TA) Programs in the pursuit of their educational goals.

UIW is incredibly proud to announce that it has been ranked #1 in the nation for the second year in a row by the Military Times in the 2024 Best for Vets: Colleges rankings. The Military Times Best for Vets: Colleges list is based on a survey of more than 300 schools and rates them in several different categories including admissions and registration policies, human resources and student success metrics. High student success metrics (completion, retention, persistence, GPA) of our military connected students led to UIW's #1 ranking for the second year in a row.

UIW's Military and Veteran Center offers a multitude of military-specific resources, services and events that contribute to the success of our military connected students. For assistance, reach out to the MVC at the phone number or emails below.

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VETERANS DAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Introduction & Prayer

Bishop Trevor Alexander

Posting of the Colors

Army ROTC Cadets

Chloe Ewing, Tessa Gann, Brandon Ortega,

Brock Ramzinsky, Mitchell Williams

“The Star-Spangled Banner”

Valerie Ramos, Assistant Registrar

Welcome

Mr. Philip W. Lopes

Associate Vice President for Planning and Campus Management Facilities

History of Veterans Day

Dr. Glenn James, Associate Professor

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Army ROTC Cadets

Brandon Ortega, Mitchell Williams

Responsive Prayer

Army Chaplain (Captain) Niphon Sukaun

Reading from Mass

Camille Piper, Mission & Ministry Graduate Assistant

Hymn - “Partners in the Mission”

Lena Gokleman, BM '85 & Carmen Aguilera

Flag Folding Ceremony

Dr. Alan Jones, Army ROTC Cadets

Izabella Estrada, Chloe Ewing, Tessa Gann

UIW Percussionist

Recognition of Service Members

Dr. Glenn James, Associate Professor

Student Veteran Reflection

Carlos Acosta Castro, BS '20, MS '23, PhD Student

Litany from “The Book of Worship for US Forces”

Army Chaplain (Captain) Brehan “Bre” Kirkpatrick

Benediction

Coach John Newman, U.S. Marine Corps, Retired

Retire the colors

Army ROTC

America the Beautiful

Lena Gokleman & Carmen Aguilera

WELCOME

Mr. Philip W. Lopes, Associate Vice President for Planning and Campus Management Facilities

Mr. Philip W. Lopes, Jr., has been with UIW since 2013. He currently serves as the Associate Vice President for Planning and Campus Management Facilities. He holds an Associate of Applied Science in Mechanical and Electrical Technology from the Community College of the United States Air Force, a Bachelor of Science in Government from the University of Maryland Global Campus, and a Master of Arts in Economics from the University of Oklahoma. In his current role, Lopes leads a diverse team responsible for construction management, facilities operations and maintenance and special events. Likewise, he oversees the contracted housekeeping services. Before joining UIW, Lopes served as Assistant Director of Facilities at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth or UMD. UMD is situated on 710 acres and has an estimated \$1.2-billion plant replacement value. Additionally, he was Senior Manager of Facilities and Special Projects at Evergreen Air Center, also known as Evergreen Maintenance Center (EAC/EMC) in Arizona where he provided senior-level facility planning and operational oversight. EAC/EMC is one of the largest commercial aircraft heavy maintenance and storage facilities in the world. Prior to his aforementioned roles, Lopes had a distinguished 21-year military career, culminating as Chief of Infrastructure Element for the 18th Civil Engineering Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan. There, he managed Pacific Air Forces' largest infrastructure element, supporting 6,100 facilities with a physical plant replacement value of \$7.9 billion.

HISTORY OF VETERANS DAY

Dr. Glenn James, Associate Professor

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, an armistice, or temporary cease fire of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in the First World War, then known as "the Great War."

The commemoration as "Armistice Day" began the following year, and November 11th became a legal federal holiday in the United States in 1938. In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became Veterans Day, a holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

led by Camille Piper

Leader: We remember today, O God, all those who have served under the colors of their countries.

People: **We commend them to you for their bravery, their patriotism, and their honor.**

Leader: Grant that those who serve today may be kept in your everlasting love and protection.

People: **Give comfort and encouragement to their families.**

Leader: We pray for the day when there will be peace on earth and the kingdoms of this world will have become the kingdom of our Christ.

People: **Hasten that day, O God, and help us to live in that hope. Imbue us with your spirit of love and forgiveness, in order that we may understand the nature of Christ's kingdom.**

Leader: Hear our prayers for our enemies in the world, that they may be converted to PEACE for the nations and join us in creating a better world community.

People: **Let your holy will prevail among all people, and your name be exalted forever.**

All: Amen.

READING FROM TODAY'S MASS

led by Army Chaplain (Captain) Niphon Sukaun

Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

A reading from Luke 17: 1-6

And the Apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."
The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

“PARTNERS IN THE MISSION”

Lena Gokleman, BM '85, Piano
Carmen Aguilera, Cantor



1. In the lives of all who suf-fer, In the fear and in the
2. We are part-ners in the work of Bring-ing faith and hope to
3. While on earth this is our call-ing; Learn to bear the beams of



1. pain, God is there when in our tri - als Christ is
2. birth; Seek-ing whole - ness for the bro - ken, We, the
3. love. We are sent to live for oth - ers, Sent on



1. cru - ci - fied a - gain. May we rec - og - nize our Sav - ior
2. hands of Christ on earth. Like the saints who came be - fore us,
3. mis-sion from a - bove; Though we trem - ble at love's bur - den,



1. In the stran - ger on the road; May we bend to bind the
2. Let our deeds and wit-ness be Liv-ing prom-ise of the
3. It is eas - y, it is light; As we seek e - ter - nal



1. wound - ed, Help the bur - dened bear the load. _____
2. King - dom, And a sign of u - ni - ty. _____
3. splen - dor, May our souls with love burn bright. _____

Peter Fisher Hesed
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FLAG FOLDING CEREMONY

led by Dr. Alan Jones
CDT Izabella Estrada, CDT Chloe Ewing, CDT Tessa Gann
UIW Percussionist



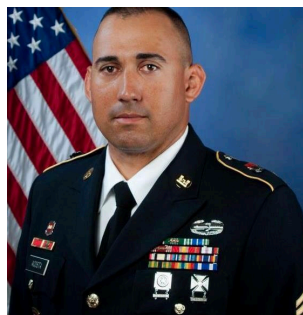
RECOGNITION OF SERVICE MEMBERS

led by Dr. Glenn James, Associate Professor

All U.S. and Foreign Services will be recognized.

STUDENT VETERAN REFLECTION

given by Carlos Acosta Castro BS '20, MS '23, PhD Student



Carlos Acosta Castro was born and raised in Puerto Rico. After earning an Associate Degree in Civil Engineering Technology in 1998 from the University of Puerto Rico-Ponce, he joined the Army in 1999 and served for 17 years, including five combat tours. He medically retired in 2016. He has been married to his wife, Sharmon, for 21 years. Castro is a passionate sports fan, especially of Boston teams. Additionally, he enjoys playing sports, running and swimming. Carlos holds a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Kinesiology and has worked as a Sports Site Director at the YMCA and as an Intramural Sports Coordinator at UIW. He has been a student at UIW since 2017 and is pursuing a PhD. in Student Services and Higher Education Administration. He is a current member and past Vice President of the UIW SVA.

LITANY

led by Army Chaplain (Captain) Brehan "Bre" Kirkpatrick

A Litany Adopted from "The Book of Worship for United States Forces (1974), no. 625"

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties. For all the wonder of our country's story:

People: *We give you thanks, O God.*

Leader: For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth:

People: *We give you thanks, O God.*

Leader: For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the world's common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows:

People: *We give you thanks, O God.*

Leader: For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

People: *We give you thanks, O God.*

Leader: O almighty God and most merciful Father, as we remember these your servants, remembering with gratitude their courage and strength, we hold before you those who are serving and those who have served. Look upon their service with your mercy. As this day brings them memories of those they have lost, may it also bring your consolation and the assurance that their loved ones are alive now and forever in your living presence.

BENEDICTION

Coach John Newman

Lord, by Your touch, by which we feel Your GRACE,
We take Your GRACE to our communities.

Lord, as we trust that You already provide all we need,
We share our FAITH in our communities.

Lord, inspired by Your promises to us,
We share Your HOPE in our communities.

Lord, by Your LOVE we are healed,
We take Your LOVE to our communities.

Lord, by Your Spirit of PEACE we are reconciled to one another.
We go in PEACE to be Your healing presence in our communities.

Amen.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

Lena Gokleman, BM '85, Piano

Carmen Aguilera, Cantor

O beautiful for spacious skies,

For amber waves of grain,

For purple mountain majesties

Above the fruited plain!

America! America!

God shed his grace on thee

And crown thy good with brotherhood

From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet

Whose stern impassioned stress

A thoroughfare for freedom beat

Across the wilderness!

America! America!

God mend thine every flaw,

Confirm thy soul in self-control,

Thy liberty in law!

STUDENT VETERANS OF AMERICA

The mission of the Student Veterans of America is to expedite, facilitate, and reinforce the successful transition for U.S. military veterans and their families to university life while fostering a lasting bond of friendship with veterans of allied armed forces and mentoring the next generation of military and civilian leadership.



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HOW TO JOIN



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