On battlefields of long ago and today, America’s military and veterans made sacrifices for all of us. Through their service, their pride, and their patriotism, the men and women of our armed forces made our nation what it is today. They defended our freedoms. They fought for justice. They preserved our ideals. Through it all, they forged our character. They are our real heroes. Indeed, our nation was built, and continues to be built by their actions.

Since 1917, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has demonstrated its compassion for the veterans of our armed forces through numerous programs and activities. Since 1946, the order has maintained the pledge, “So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.”

Each November, the Elks observe National Veterans Remembrance Month. We ask everyone in our communities throughout Florida to join the Elks as we thank our veterans. Let’s all do our part to remember these men and women.