

"Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices." – Harry S. Truman

Dear Brethren,

I write this letter to you as an appeal for your support of the Masonic Service Association's Hospital Visitation Program. This important program provides personal outreach, by Masons and Masonic family members, to our Nation's veterans in VA hospitals and in state veteran's homes.

Through my membership in the Order of DeMolay, I learned the importance of service which led me to enlist in the U.S. Marines when I was 17. While serving in the Corps, I was raised a Master Mason and discovered that military service provided regular opportunities to apply the principals and tenets of Freemasonry.



During nearly 32 years of military service, I rarely found the time to attend lodge. Nevertheless, I always proudly shared that I was a Mason and endeavored to well represent our beloved Fraternity and to "share the light of Freemasonry" everywhere I served.

Following the completion of my second combat tour in Iraq, I learned that the greatest value of our Gentle Craft is the true friendships we enjoy, and in my brother Masons I found invaluable support and stability at a time when I struggled with trauma from those experiences.

Our veterans need us! We owe them a debt which can never truly be paid but we can certainly provide them compassion, a caring companion, and comfort items to ease the challenges they face.

I'm asking you to support this important program through the MSA's Green Envelope Appeal. Please donate generously to our Hospital Visitation Program and, if you are able, please consider applying to serve as a program volunteer.

Semper fidelis,

G. Sean Metroka

Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret) Deputy Grand Master, California





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