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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Hampton University Community,

Today, our nation pauses to honor the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Veterans Day is a solemn reminder of the courage, sacrifice, and steadfast commitment required to defend the freedoms and values that define our democracy.

Service and sacrifice are deeply rooted in our founding story. General Samuel Chapman Armstrong, who served with distinction in the U.S. Army during the Civil War, brought his leadership, discipline, and dedication to country into the creation of this institution. His experience as a military leader shaped a vision built on education, character, leadership, and service to others – values that continue to guide and inspire us today.

Across generations, countless members of our Hampton University Community have proudly served in uniform—answering the call to defend our nation, support our allies, and protect peace and human dignity around the globe. From Desert Storm to the mountains of Afghanistan, our veterans have stood watch so that liberty may endure.

Today and every day, we salute all veterans who served or currently serve in the Armed Forces. We honor your sacrifice, we cherish your service, and we thank you for answering the call to defend our nation and protect the freedoms we hold dear.

Sincerely,

Darrell K. Williams
President