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To the CIO/G-6 Team:

Veterans Day honors all those who have worn the cloth of this nation for their dedicated and loyal service to their country. This federal holiday honors veterans for their service and acknowledges their contributions to and sacrifices for our national security.

Veterans Day dates back to the end of World War I as a time to commemorate those who fought and died in The Great War. Originally called "Armistice Day," November 11 is known as the date Allied nations and Germany signed the armistice on the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month of 1918. Congress declared Armistice Day a federal holiday in 1938, but changed the name of the holiday to "Veterans Day" in 1954 to honor all American veterans, wherever and whenever they had served.

As a Nation, we must never forget the debt we owe all veterans for securing the many freedoms we enjoy today. The Army is committed to lifelong success of our Soldiers, veterans, and their Families by continuing to provide them access to employment opportunities, education and healthcare. The Army's Soldier for Life program, which connects civilian industry with transitioning Soldiers and Families, has significantly reduced veteran unemployment rates in the last few years.

Although much has been done to salute our veterans, much still needs to be done. We must never forget the sacrifices that our veterans have made for their country, and continue to make daily. Recognizing and assisting in overcoming life's challenges is one of our top priorities.

As you enjoy your well-deserved time off this Veterans Day, please also take a moment to pause and recognize the 180,000 Soldiers in over 143 countries deployed in support of Combatant Commander requirements.

What has always made, and continues to make, our Army the pride of many and a beacon of hope are the generations of patriots who have dedicated themselves to the defense of our great Nation. Please join Dianne and me in honoring all of the veterans within CIO/G-6, Army-wide, and across all the Services.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Crawford", is written over the typed name.

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