The annual day of thanks will soon be here and most of us will gather with family and friends to share food, fellowship and give thanks for all that we are blessed. As you gather with your family and friends please reflect and give thanks to all that have sacrificed to preserve our democracy. Remember that others have given so much for us to live in a country of free men and women. Remember the families of our servicemen and women and their sacrifices, for they too have endured heartache and loneliness. Be thankful and include our military personnel along with their families in our blessings.

Give special thanks to that family member who served this country in the armed forces, allowing you eligibility in our great American Legion Family. Bow your head in silent prayer, remembering those that no longer dwell among the living. We are family, brothers and sisters of the great American Legion Family, stretching from coast to coast and around the world. I am blessed and so thankful to be a part of The American Legion Family and proud to call all of you my brothers and sisters.

Wishing all of you a Happy Thanksgiving!

Danny Smith

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