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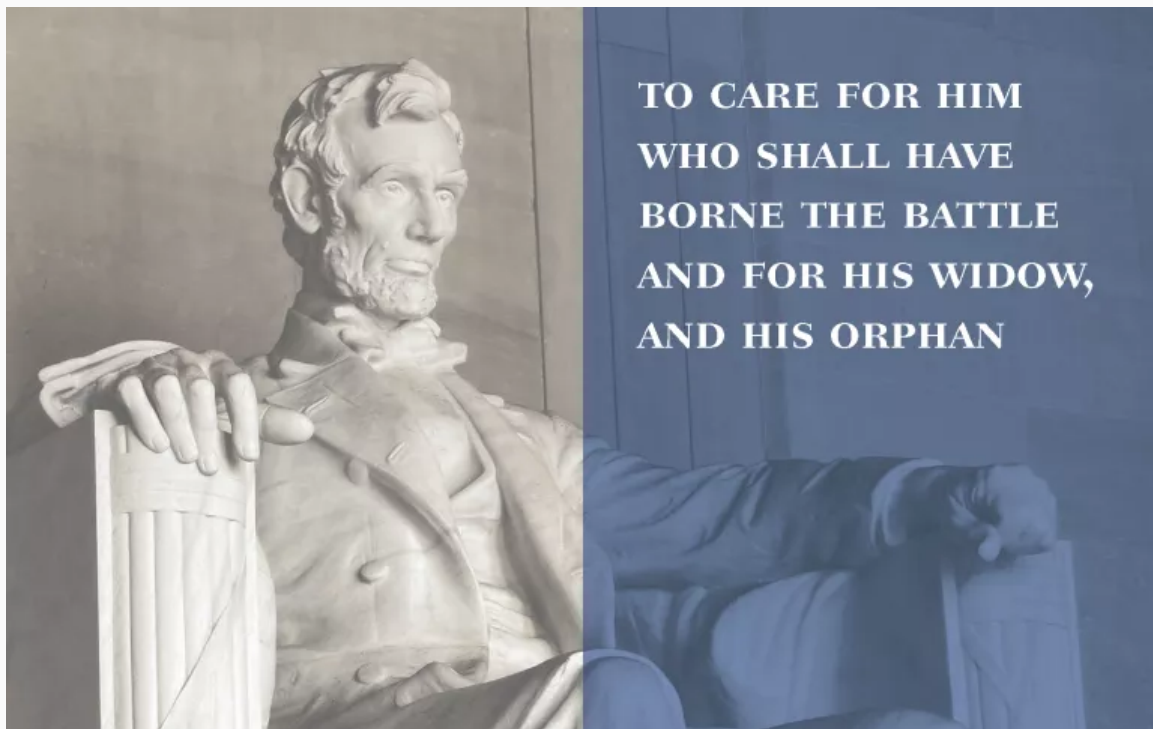
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Honor and Remembrance



- A. Lincoln, *Second Inaugural Address*, March 4, 1865

On Veterans Day, Americans honor the men and women of the U.S. military with parades, commemorations and public expressions of gratitude. For many citizens, Veterans Day also is a time for private reflection on service, sacrifice and the debt they owe to the people who keep the nation safe.

In 1918 — on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of the year — a ceasefire ended fighting between the Allies and Germany during World War I. A year later, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11 Armistice Day, announcing that it would give the country the opportunity “to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations.” Congress made Armistice Day a national holiday in 1938 and, with the urging of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, voted to rename the holiday Veterans Day in 1954.

Support for veterans since has spread to organizations across the United States, including Washington University in St. Louis and Brookings Executive Education (BEE). The university’s Olin Business School has been on *Military Friendly’s* top 10 award list. And more than half of BEE’s [Master of Science in Leadership](#) (MSL) students are veterans who use GI Bill® benefits to cover their MSL tuition.

“Brookings Executive Education takes great care to craft course content that helps military leaders transition to a civilian workforce,” said Brian Merrick, a retired Army colonel. “Many of the strategies I’ve acquired have enabled me to amplify and fine tune the lessons I learned in the Army.”

"MSL courses readied me to assume additional responsibilities in government," said Doug Brown, a U.S. Army colonel. "I credit Brookings with expanding my leadership profile."

"Brookings Executive Education reengineered my professional skills. In fact, an expanded leadership portfolio has been one of my greatest takeaways from its curriculum," added retired Col. Timothy Keasling.

Brookings Executive Education is deeply grateful to everyone who serves — or who has served — the nation.

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Welcome Col. Christian Griggs to BEE



Brookings Executive Education has appointed Christian Griggs manager of military and [veteran affairs](#). The position is a perfect fit for the former foreign affairs officer and attaché — and an opportunity to pay forward the knowledge and experience he acquired during his 25 years in the U.S. Army.

Griggs said his new responsibilities will be twofold. He will serve as a "mentor, coach, advocate and resource" for the active-duty officers and vets enrolled in Brookings Executive Education offerings. And he will "reach out to other junior- and senior-level members of the military to explain the many benefits of Brookings Executive Education.

"Military officers don't know how to toot their own horn. We hear that 'success has 1000 fathers; failure is an orphan.' Yet military officers are taught to credit their team with positive outcomes and to take full responsibility for negative results. Brookings Executive Education teaches them to articulate their accomplishments in ways that translate to government."

Griggs attended the University of Virginia, where he added military leadership courses to his curriculum. He graduated in 1991 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in international relations and affairs, then worked in Indiana state politics. Griggs applied to law school but

changed course to join the Army through Office Candidate School (OCS) in 2003.

"After I completed OCS, I signed up for one tour. The rest, as they say, was history."

Grigg's resume also includes a Master of Arts degree in Near Eastern studies from Princeton University; a fellowship with MIT's Seminar XXI, designed to educate U.S. national security leaders; and an Army War College fellowship with the Near East and South Asia Center for Security Studies. In addition, he has served tours in Europe, Iraq and Afghanistan.

"We're delighted to welcome Christian to the BEE team," said Mary Ellen Joyce, Associate Dean of Brookings Executive Education. "Christian brings deep knowledge of the military, foreign affairs, and executive development to our organization. We believe he will provide excellent support to active duty service members and veterans who are part of the BEE family."

"I'm looking forward to contributing to Brookings Executive Education success stories," Griggs said.

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