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**MESSAGE FROM THE U.S. ATTORNEY WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
VETERANS DAY 2012**

LAFAYETTE, LA: During this Veteran's Day, we pause to remember the service and sacrifice of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen who have answered the call to protect our Nation wherever and whenever needed, during peacetime and war. Since the birth of this country, American Soldiers have courageously, faithfully and honorably defended liberty.

Veteran's Day marks the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I - the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. President Woodrow Wilson first proclaimed Armistice Day on November 11, 1919. In 1938, Armistice Day became a federal holiday, giving all Americans the opportunity to honor veterans of WWI. This year, my office will recognize veterans of the Western District in a presentation located in the lobby of our Shreveport and Lafayette offices all week long.

As the United States Attorney, I have had the privilege to serve this country for the last 21 years in the United States Air Force and am humbled to be counted amongst these extraordinary citizens. Please join me in saluting the contributions of the men and women who have served our nation and now are serving the Western District of Louisiana. In addition, we salute all those around the globe who continue to serve our country, especially those at Barksdale Air Force Base and Global Strike Command, Bossier and Fort Polk Army Post, Leesville, Louisiana.

May God continue to bless our Veterans, and God bless the United States of America. Thank you for your Service!

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United States Army

Aaron Broussard
Michael Campbell
Robert Gillespie
Brett Grayson
David Hudson
Vincent Mangum
Joseph Mickel
Howard Parker

United States Navy

Joseph Jarzabek
Daniel McCoy

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