The Christian Veterans Day

This past Tuesday, the United States observed Veterans Day. It is a day to honor, remember, and encourage, and thank current and former military members for their service to our country. Throughout scripture, we are shown that there is a spiritual war between the armies of God and the armies of satan (Dan 10:12-13, 20; Rev 12:7ff). Beyond that, the Apostle Paul tells us that we are soldiers in that very war. We are to equip ourselves for war; not against physical enemies, but spiritual ones. (Eph 6:10-18)

We are all spiritual veterans. We are all fighting the Christian fight against the devil. While it is a fight we will most assuredly win through Jesus (Rom 8:27), it still can be difficult and at times heartbreaking. The world is a dark place. We are at times dealt a terrible hand. Sometimes our ministries seem to fail and fall apart. Sometimes life just stinks. We need to be people who are constantly honoring "Christian Veterans Day." The Hebrews writer says encouragement is the point of the assembly (Heb 10:25). Paul says to bear one another's burdens (Gal 6:2). That is not a recommendation, but a command. We need to honor each other and our ministries, remember those Christians who are fighting in foreign fields, encourage those members who are struggling, and thank those who brought you closer to Jesus throughout your lifetime. Did you notice Eph 6:18? "Keep on praying for the saints."