

Remarks

Presented by the Congregational Liaison

AMMO Cans for Veterans Day

Good morning. My name is _____ and I am the congregational liaison for (insert name of church) LMSG chapter. We're a fairly young organization with an important mission – providing Christian support to our military and their families. We need your help.

LMSG stands for Lutheran Military Support Group. LMSG is a partnership of ELS and WELS veterans who are working to grow awareness of and bring Christian support to military members and their families in our congregations and beyond.

The population of the United States is slightly more than 323 million people. Do you know how many of our citizens are currently serving in the military? {Pause}

In 2015, Department of Veterans Affairs statistics stated that 3.5 million men and women were actively serving in our nation's military. That's 1 percent of our population. One percent . . . who are protecting and defending you and me from from enemies around the world.

With so few serving so many, today's warrior may have been deployed three . . . four . . . five . . . or six times. They leave their families to report to duty in places like Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran and Korea. They respond when natural disasters like Hurricanes Harvey and Irma occur. They witness atrocities that we can only imagine. They return with visible and invisible battle scars. Their families sacrifice financially and emotionally while their loved ones are away.

As Veterans Day approaches, our LMSG chapter reminds each of you to pray for these men and women who are working 24x7 to protect our freedoms. Pray that God grants them strength to carry out their orders, comforts those who suffer from injuries and loss, and sustains each and every one throughout life.

In the narthex, you will notice an AMMO can. If you can financially support the work of LMSG, your offerings will be used in a variety of ways -- from training and educating chaplains who serve our military on bases and in hospitals, to family assistance for things like child care, transportation assistance or snow removal. Our dollars are also expanding the reach of *Time of Grace* broadcasts to military bases around the globe so our men and women can hear God's precious word wherever they are stationed. A more complete list of programs is found on the back side of the LMSG insert found in today's bulletin.

I will be available after the service to answer any questions about LMSG. We welcome involvement from veterans and non-veterans.

Thank you for your time. And, thank you for joining LMSG in giving thanks to God for the men and women who faithfully answered the call to serve in our nation's military.