



November 11, 2024

**American Merchant Marine Veterans
Honor U.S. Merchant Marine
WWII Veterans**

Wreath Laying Ceremony

**Tomb of the Unknown Soldier,
Arlington National Cemetery**



2024 Veterans Day Services Arlington National Cemetery

President Joseph Biden will lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during his visit to Arlington National Cemetery on Veterans Day.



The Department of Veterans Affairs invited the American Merchant Marine Veterans (AMMV) to participate in the wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. U.S. Merchant Marine (USMM) WWII veterans, William Balabanow and James Dipelesi, and AMMV representatives, Dennis Ng and Joe Cox, will participate in the ceremonies. Midshipmen from the Maine Maritime Academy will present the American flag and USMM colors. This respectful event on Veterans Day will be the second time in AMMV's 40-year history to honor the dedicated service of USMM WWII veterans and their fellow Merchant Marine shipmates who served during other U.S. military sealift operations.



USMM
World War II
Service Medal



USMM
Korean War
Service Medal



USMM
Vietnam War
Service Medal



USMM
Expeditionary
Service Medal

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Veterans Day 2024 Message
Dennis Ng, AMMV Regional Vice President PA & NJ

On Veterans Day, America honors U.S. Merchant Marine veterans of WWII and all other U.S. Merchant Mariners who served our Nation in times of peace and war, including military sealift support during the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and six Expeditionary Operations in the Middle East and Northeast Africa. For the second year, the American Merchant Marine Veterans are proud that our organization's veterans and family members can represent the heroic contributions of the U.S. Merchant Marine, America's fourth arm of defense, to military successes and the global maritime leadership of the United States.

About the American Merchant Marine Veterans

Since 1984, the American Merchant Marine Veterans has been a not for profit, pro-American organization established to gain recognition for what American Merchant Mariners have accomplished for our country in times of war and peace. AMMV is dedicated to promoting and educating the American people and the U.S. Government about the services that American Merchant Mariners have provided to our Nation in connection with military sealift support, preservation of national security, and the success of the U.S. maritime industry.

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