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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this day dedicated to those who have served our country in the United States military, I ask you to join me in extending our gratitude to all of our veterans. Our Diocese has been greatly blessed by those living among us who have served with courage, honor, selfless attention to duty and the support of freedom throughout the world. In many effective ways, our veterans bring these values into the Church through their devotion to ministry in continued service to the mission of Christ.

As we pray in thanksgiving for these men and women veterans who have served us, we cannot fail to also remember in a special way those in active duty at home or deployed, as well as those who have given the ultimate sacrifice of their lives for the freedom which we have inherited today. May our Lord Jesus bless each of these servants and may Mary, Queen of Peace, watch over them and protect them always.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael F. Burbidge". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Raleigh