

Remembering our Heroes



May 31, 2021

Sisters and Brothers,

This Memorial Day weekend, we remember military service members who have fought and died for our freedom. They were willing to put their lives on the line, at home and abroad, to defend us against all enemies, both foreign and domestic. These heroes died protecting the many freedoms we enjoy today from the comfort of our own homes.

This year's holiday seems very significant, as our country is wrapping up the mission in Afghanistan and bringing our troops home.

Since the horrible terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, nearly 1 million U.S. service members have deployed to Afghanistan to take the fight to the enemy, with more than 2,300 of them paying the ultimate price. Americans have been kept safe from Al Qaeda terrorists because of their service, and ultimately their sacrifice.

We also owe a great debt of gratitude to our Sisters and Brothers in Canada who have given their lives protecting the values we share.

As we spend this weekend remembering those who lost their lives for our country, I ask all of you to think about how we can honor them through our own actions. Focus on what we can do as individuals, and collectively, to make their families

even more proud of the freedoms they gave their lives for.

In solidarity,

Robert Martinez Jr.

International President