

Honoring the Fallen on Memorial Day

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




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Dear Courtney,

This Monday, we observe Memorial Day to honor the brave service members who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty. Those who serve in the Armed Forces selflessly put their lives on the line every day, and tragically, some never return to their families. I write this letter with deep gratitude and reverence as we remember these heroes to whom we owe the freedoms we enjoy as Americans.

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Next year, the U.S. will celebrate its Semiquincentennial, which serves as an important time to reflect on the significant contributions of our neighbors from PA-11 and their service to our nation to defend our freedom. Our gratitude for the selfless service and courage of individuals from our community who made the ultimate sacrifice is forever memorialized in places like the The Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument in Lancaster, the Veterans Memorial Gold Star Healing and Peace Garden in York established by PA-11 resident Cher Kondor, and the Picket in Hanover. These monuments, among others across our community and nation, stand as lasting reminders of those who sacrificed so that we may remain free.

Among those fallen in service to our nation is First Lieutenant Edmund William Duckworth, a notable figure from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, whose courage and dedication exemplify the profound legacy of our community's heroes. First Lieutenant Duckworth was a well-respected leader. He graduated from Manheim Township High School and attended Elizabethtown College in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania before leaving school to enlist in the United States Army in early 1941. Duckworth served with Company E of the 16th Infantry Regiment in northern Africa, and Sicily, and later died in combat during the invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944. This year marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day, and I encourage you to read more about Lieutenant Duckworth's story courtesy of National History Day, a program supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities to encourage students to honor our nation's history.

As we gather with our families, loved ones, or friends this Memorial Day, let us all remember the significance of this day. Each year on Memorial

Day and every day, may we honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. We must never forget.

If you or your family have any questions, issues, or need assistance with a federal agency, please know that my office is here to support you. Since 2017, my office has assisted 13,287 individuals. I enjoy hearing from you and responding to your emails, phone calls, and letters. If you would like to share your concerns or opinions with me, or if you have any questions about legislation or specific votes, you can send me an email [here](#).

As always, if you have any thoughts on these or other issues that are critical to your family, please do not hesitate to reach out. You can call (717) 393-0667 or send an email by visiting smucker.house.gov/contact. You can connect on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) by searching Congressman Smucker and sign up for the [e-Newsletter](#) for the latest updates. It is an honor and privilege to serve you in Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lloyd", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lloyd Smucker
Member of Congress

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