

From Lord of Life's Military Family Support Ministry—

An Invitation For All Veterans


friday, november 14, 5:30 pm

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as Armistice Day with the following words: *To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations...*

It has been 95 years since President Wilson recognized the one-year anniversary of the end of World War I by declaring November 11 as Armistice Day. The name Armistice Day has since been changed to Veterans Day and is now entrenched in our nation's calendar as a day to remember and honor all veterans who have proudly served our great nation.

Throughout the country on this Veterans Day there will be many ceremonies to celebrate our veterans. At Lord of Life we also recognize the importance of celebrating veterans' service; we do so by hosting an evening of good food, good stories, and great camaraderie. Each year we have a keynote speaker, and Lord of Life's Military Family Support Ministry is excited to announce this year's speaker, Maple Grove resident Joe Kovar:

Mr. Kovar is a World War II veteran who served under General George Patton's famed 3rd Army. On D-Day plus 30 days in 1944, Mr. Kovar landed on Omaha Beach; he also fought in the Battle of Cherbourg and the Battle of the Bulge. After crossing the Rhine River into Germany his division made it to Austria and liberated four concentration camps. Mr. Kovar sustained injuries during the war and received a Purple Heart. He is a member of the Order of Purple Heart, an organization that provides aid to fellow veterans. Mr. Kovar is a man of faith and has enjoyed passing on his story. He is very excited to participate in Lord of Life's annual Veterans Day Dinner.

On behalf of Lord of Life's Military Family Support Ministry, we would like to extend an invitation to all veterans and a guest to please join us in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 pm on Friday, November 14. It will be an evening of great food and great fellowship with fellow veterans. If you attend the dinner, you are encouraged to either wear your uniform or bring it for display. Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 12, to lordoflife.org/militaryfamilysupport. 

Lord of Life's Canticle Choir will also be honoring all veterans with a military musical medley during the regular Saturday/Sunday worship services on November 8/9 so if you are a veteran or would like to honor a veteran by inviting them to one of these services—please do!



Purple Heart Recipient Joe Kovar
Battle of the Bulge Veteran and 2014 Keynote Speaker
In lieu of a speaker's fee, a freewill offering will be taken with 100% of proceeds benefiting the Minneapolis Veterans Home.

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For students and others interested in history, you are invited to hear Mr. Kovar's story. After the dinner about 7:15 pm, Fellowship Hall will be opened up for more guests to hear his first person narrative of World War II. Dessert will be provided after the speaker's message.