

# WHAT IS A VETERAN?

A military veteran is an individual who has served in the armed forces, completing a period of active duty and subsequently being discharged; he or she is someone who has dedicated a part of their life to defending their nation through military service, often experiencing unique challenges and sacrifices associated with combat or deployment.

## The Call to Duty By Kelly Roper

A call to duty is sent out  
And the strong and the brave reply.  
They do it for love of country,  
So there's never a need to ask why.  
They leave behind all that they love,  
Their families, their homes and their lives,  
Because to preserve these precious things  
Is the goal for which each soldier strives.  
So God bless our troops,  
The courageous women and men,  
Who fight to make sure  
The bells of freedom peal again.

The Committee would like to acknowledge Steve Vacca for his many years of service to our military veterans by playing Taps at the Veterans Day and Memorial Day ceremonies, and at cemeteries throughout Branford.



# VETERANS DAY

NOVEMBER 10, 2024  
BRANFORD, CT



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"IN HONOR OF ALL THAT SERVED"

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