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Carve Out Time For Our Veterans!

Every holiday season I seem to over indulge in the pies, cookies, candies, and anything sweet. It just seems to be part of the holidays! Even if my resolution is to lose fifteen pounds, when the holidays roll around the resolution is forgotten and the foodie in me marches forward!

Every new year gives us an opportunity to make changes in our lives, make new resolutions, appreciate all the blessings we've been given, and add a new chapter in our book of life. There are new questions to be asked and new answers to be discovered about ourselves.

As we turn our calendars to 2018, please keep our veterans in your hearts. Include in your list of resolutions, a goal to reach out and support our veterans. Each month as you tear a leaf off your calendar, please ask yourself two questions – “Did I carve out time this month for veterans and what opportunities do I have next month to show them my appreciation?”

Veterans pledged their allegiance to our country by serving in the military and fighting for America's freedom. Whether it's a family member, friend or complete stranger; veterans need your support. I'm asking all of you to, each month, carve out time to support our veterans.

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