



# **AZ Veterans Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony**

## **Remarks by Gov. Jan Brewer**

Friday, October 30, 2009

It is indeed an honor to be with you today, to be a part of the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

It is an honor, because I am surrounded by heroes.

I know you do not consider yourselves heroes.  
But, you are to me.

You are to your families.

You are to your state.

So, how could you NOT be?

You served in different places, at different times, but you were ready when our country needed you, ready to sacrifice, to fight, and if necessary, to die for your country.

The fields of battle where many of you served are filled with far different sounds today.

Instead of bullets and bombs, there is the sound of buildings, of bustling cities.

Instead of cries of pain, there is children's laughter.

Instead of fog and darkness, there is warm hope of sunshine.

All of this because -- instead of fear, there is the sound of freedom.

These changes are because of you.

Whether you served in peacetime or in the worst of battles, you have the gratitude of all Americans, of all Arizonans.

You have shown that your love of country is not only performed in uniform, but also in works at home; and your spirit of service is alive and strong in Arizona today.

So, today, we pay high honor to 19 special veterans -- not for what they did during their military service but for what they have accomplished and the inspiration they have provided since taking off the uniform.

We can never adequately repay our noble veterans, but with this Hall of Fame honor we can say you are living examples of the timeless truth that freedom is not free, that the greatness of our country is the people who served it in uniform – and who serve it still.

Thank you for the honor to be with you, may God bless you and your families, may God bless Arizona, my God bless America and her veterans.