

Joe Manchin III
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GREETING FROM JOE MANCHIN III UNITED STATES SENATOR

On behalf of the citizens of the Mountain State, and as your United States Senator, it is my honor to extend greetings to those here to honor Morgantown's Fourth Annual Gene Vance Jr. Day.

As we come together today, let us not forget the sacrifices made by the men and women who have come before us, the great people who have served our nation so bravely. I thank the veterans and family members in attendance today for the sacrifices they have made to preserve the freedoms we hold dear – life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Our veterans provide an irreplaceable service to our great state and nation and forever deserve the recognition they receive. Indeed, we are all indebted to these brave men and women who honorably served our nation. Today, as well as every day, is a time to thank them for their unrelenting commitment to our country.

That is why I am so proud to join each of you in paying tribute to the memory of SSGT. Gene Arden Vance Jr. and all the heroes of the Global War on Terror who boldly serve, who have fallen, and who have made great sacrifices for our safety and freedom.

I sincerely thank the West Virginia Army National Guard, the City of Morgantown, the Gene Vance Jr. Foundation for the Catastrophically Injured, and all those who contributed to making this special event possible to honor and support our service members.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Manchin III".

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United States Senator