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veterans day

charles michael province, u.s. army, wrote the poem:

it is the Soldier, not the minister
who has given us freedom of religion.

it is the soldier, not the reporter
who has given us freedom of the press.

it is the soldier, not the poet
who has given us freedom of speech.

it is the soldier, not the campus organizer
who has given us freedom to protest.

it is the soldier, not the lawyer
who has given us the right to a fair trial.

it is the soldier, not the politician
who has given us the right to vote.

it is the Soldier who salutes the flag,
who serves beneath the flag,
and whose coffin is draped by the flag,
who allows the protester to burn the flag.

i think it an opportune time for all of us to remember
the sacrifices made by so many. so many today receive
freely, and often ungratefully, of their sacrifice.

"greater love has no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friends." john 15:13

God has indeed blessed america. i pray we all remember from where we have fallen. "render to all what is due them: taxes to whom taxes are due, respect to whom respect is due, fear to whom fear is due, and honor to whom honor is due." romans 13:7