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## Veterans Day 2013

What is a veteran? A short etymological excursion will explain the meaning.

The nomenclature comes into the English language in approximately 1509 meaning *old, experienced soldier*. The word derives from the Indo-European word root **wet-** meaning *year*, which appears in Germanic *\*wer-ru*, when it meant *yearling*. The suffixed form *\*wet-es* appears in Latin as *vetus*, meaning *old, having many years*.<sup>1</sup> This is cognate to Greek *étos*, meaning *year*.

The first use in the English language when referring to a *former member of the armed forces* or *an ex-serviceman* is in American English in 1789. The extended meaning of *a person who has had a long service in any position* goes back to 1597. The meaning of *having had experience in war* is traceable to 1611 and the meaning of *having grown old in service* is first recorded in 1728.

On this day I wish that you pay respect to the millions of American servicemen and women, Americans who are still held captive by the enemy, prisoners of war of the Obama regime who have been sentenced to punishment in Fort Leavenworth, American soldiers and sailors who survived and those who gave their lives for the United States of America in World War II, the Korean War, the Gulf War, the War in Iraq, the War in Afghanistan, where the Rules of Engagement deliver them over to the enemy.

President Abraham Lincoln once said, "Honor to the Soldier, and Sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor also to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field, and serves, as he best can, the same cause -- honor to him, only less than to him, who braves, for the common good, the storms of heaven and the storms of battle."<sup>2</sup>

On September 16, 2013 at Lambeau Field, the home of the Green Bay Packers football team, Green Bay, Wisconsin, the half-time ceremony paid tribute to America's Veterans. This was not broadcast or referenced by America's lamestream media. Being patriotic is not characteristic of them. Being presstitute to the Obama regime is their main goal. Enjoy this *Thank You to Veterans*<sup>3</sup> on the following pages.

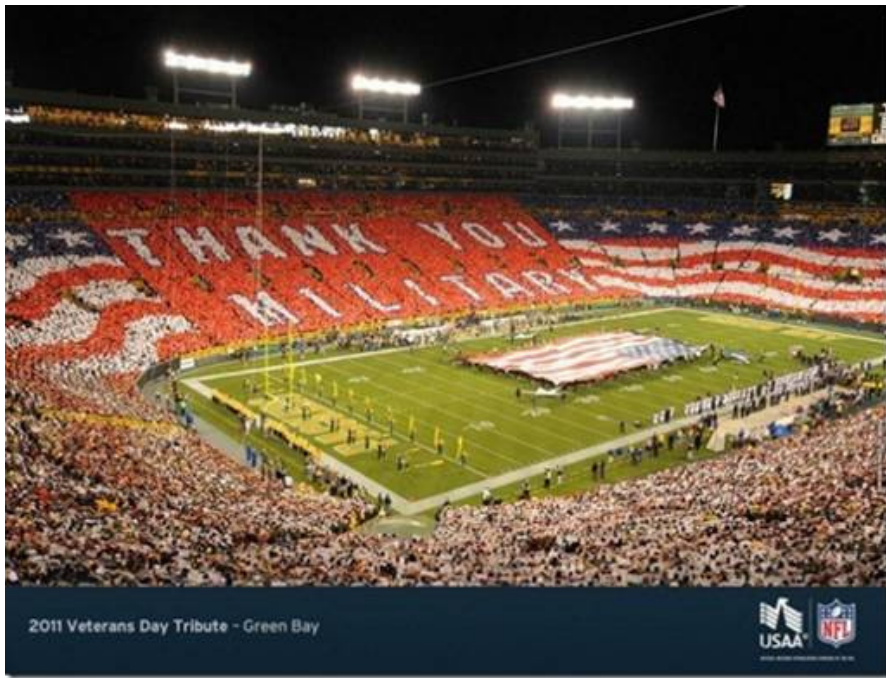
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<sup>1</sup> Julius Pokorny, *Indogermanisches Etymologisches Wörterbuch*, Band I, A. Francke Verlag, Tübingen und Basel: 2005. Entry *uet* p. 1175.

<sup>2</sup> Letter to George Opdyke and others, dated December 2, 1863 at <http://www.abrahamlincolnonline.org/lincoln/speeches/tributes.htm>.

<sup>3</sup> <http://de.sodahead.com/united-states/this-is-what-espn-failed-to-show-you-9162013-on-monday-night-football/question-3972957/?link=ibaf&q=&esrc=s>. Please read the comments.





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