

# Letters to the UMB Community

## Gratitude for Our Veterans

Dear UMB Community,

On this Veterans Day, we take a moment to honor and express our gratitude to the people who have served in the armed forces, especially those who are part of our University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) community. We thank them for the sacrifices they have made, their courage, and their dedication to protecting freedom for our country.

At UMB, we take pride in the diversity of experiences, backgrounds, and perspectives that our students, faculty, and staff bring to this institution. Within our community there are many veterans who put service to their country above all else. Now at our University, they continue that legacy of service in different ways through our mission to improve the human condition and serve the public good.

We understand the unique benefits that veterans bring to the classroom and workspace – as well as the unique challenges they can face in transitioning to civilian life. We offer award-winning, flexible academic programs and services for active-duty military service members, veterans, and military spouses and families.

To all of our veterans, we offer our deepest gratitude. We recognize the personal and professional sacrifices that you have made, and we are proud to have you as part of our UMB community. Thank you for your service, your strength, and the example you set for us.

As we reflect on the sacrifices made by veterans, let us continue to honor their legacy by striving to build a community of respect, opportunity, and service to others.

Sincerely,

**Bruce E. Jarrell, MD, FACS**

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