

Remarks of Mayor Noam Bramson Memorial Day 2022

Ladies and gentlemen: good morning. Commander Morash, thank you for bringing us together and thank you also to the Veterans Advisory Committee for your outstanding leadership and, of course, we offer our esteem to all the veterans and service members present.

We are grateful for the participation of New Rochelle's finest and bravest. Thank you for the Boy Scouts for being here. And let's give a big round of applause to the New Rochelle High School band, who make every event more special.

Today, we remember with solemn gratitude every member of our armed forces who has given their life in service to the United States of America.

We also wrap our arms around all those left to mourn -- around sons and daughters, mothers and fathers, friends and neighbors, across the span of generations, knowing that their grief, too, is a sacrifice laid at the altar of freedom.

We do this especially for those who called New Rochelle home. For the fallen, who once walked our streets and attended our schools, who shopped in our stores and played in our parks and dreamed of a long life that was not to be -- New Rochelle's most precious and sacred contributions to conflicts reaching back to the founding of the Republic.

Through the pageantry of this day and through the more durable memorials we construct, like those throughout New Rochelle, we acknowledge a profound debt that can never truly be repaid, and we offer the fervent prayer that our nation shall prove worthy of the blood spilt on her behalf.

We pray and commit that America shall remain a place where we enjoy the freedom to be ourselves, to choose our own leaders, to make a future of our own design -- and to accept as our own anyone, from any origin, whose shares our faith in enlightened liberty.

May we through our dedication to such values give even greater meaning to this Memorial Day, may we ensure that the sacrifices of blood and grief are never made in vain, and may we earn God's blessing on the USA and all for which she stands.