

Last week, millions of Americans went to the polls to vote. The act of voting, whether by marking a paper ballot or using a touch-screen computer, is something too often taken for granted.

It is important to remember that the electoral process is a cornerstone of our government's foundation – a cornerstone laid by our founding fathers and sealed in the blood of those who have fought to protect it.

Today is Veteran's Day. It is a time for us to reflect on the courage, the honor and the sacrifices of those who have worn the uniform of the American military and fought for the principles that make our nation great.

Across the country, ceremonies will be held to recognize America's veterans. It is important for us to take the time today to thank those who have served – but it is also important for us to remember them throughout the year.

When you voice an opinion about our government, think about our veterans. When you walk into church, think about our veterans. When you step into a voting booth, think about our veterans.

They're the reason we can do these things.

I'm Ronnie Musgrove, and this has been the Mississippi Minute. Thanks for listening.