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### **To The Veterans of the 39<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group**

As we approach the anniversary of the victory in Japan, the Nation salutes the World War II veterans of the 39<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group. Sixty years ago, you answered the call to defend freedom and protect our way of life. We praise your courageous response from the training fields of Salina, to Guam's North Field and the skies over Japan. Each of you proudly stood on the front lines of freedom for a grateful Nation.

The heroism you displayed years ago beats in the hearts of Service men and women today, as they stand guard over our way of life with unwavering vigilance. At home and abroad, Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines are fighting and winning the War on Terrorism. Like you, they fight for freedom from tyranny, and risk their lives every day to serve the same cause of liberty you bravely defended.

On behalf of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, please accept this humble tribute to the veterans of the 39<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group and my sincere gratitude for your noble service. May God bless you, our Nation and the men and women of the US Armed Forces.

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