



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Office of the Governor

Robert F. McDonnell  
Governor

September 15, 2011

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia, I am pleased to extend warm greetings to everyone attending the 59<sup>th</sup> Land Clearing "Bushwackers" Reunion in Arlington.

A grateful Commonwealth thanks you for your dedicated and faithful service to defending the freedoms we enjoy. During these challenging times, the courage and devotion that you displayed as members of the United States military are more important than ever.

It is important to recognize the dedication and sacrifice of our armed forces and their families. I want to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to send my gratitude. Virginia is home to tens of thousands of military service members, veterans, and their families and many thousands more are stationed in far away places across the globe. Rest assured that Virginia's thoughts and prayers are always with them.

I wish you a successful event and thank you for your courageous service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert F. McDonnell".

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