

# A New Mission: COMING HOME

## WAR COMES HOME THE LEGACY

**U.S. wars are mostly fought abroad, allowing many Americans distance from the personal implications. The war experience, however, remains with veterans for the rest of their lives. Often veterans are not properly prepared to reintegrate into civilian life and come to terms with their services.**

**The implications of sending men and women to war are profound and enduring. Just as veterans and their families have served our country, society can serve them better by understanding their experiences. The legacy of war should come home for all of us.**

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LETTER TO HIS PARENTS,  
END OF WWI, 1918



Now that it is all over,  
what is there to look back upon? The fifteen  
months in France have been like a book with  
strange chapters, a book that one reads and  
casts aside as improbable, but a book that  
leaves a lasting grip on the imagination...

There was a war, a great war, and now it is  
over. Men fought to kill, to maim, to destroy.  
Some return home, others remain behind forever  
on the fields of their greatest sacrifice...

*Photo credit: American soldiers returning home on the Agamemnon, Hoboken, New Jersey, 1918, National World War I Museum*

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