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Commander Jay Vogel
American Legion Post 40
500 5th Avenue SE
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Dear Commander Vogel:

On behalf of the citizens of Anne Arundel County, I was honored to join you for your Memorial Day Laying of the Wreaths Ceremony. The American Legion Post 40 has an extraordinary legacy of promoting patriotism and honor, upholding the heritage of our veterans and supporting our troops and their families.

For more than 200 years, millions of Americans have answered our nation's call to defend our freedoms and our democratic form of government against all enemies. Their service has required great sacrifice, dedication, courage and the highest level of patriotism. The sacrifices these guardians of peace have so selflessly made to pay the price for liberty, peace and national security will impact countless lives for generations to come. We acknowledge that our peace is dependent upon the sacrifice and service of those in uniform.

I was pleased to join you in honoring and thanking all veterans for their undying devotion to our country, our people and our liberty. The flags that you placed on each grave were a tribute to each Veteran's service to this country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John R. Leopold", with a stylized flourish at the end.

JOHN R. LEOPOLD
County Executive