This Saturday the Navy Midshipmen and Army Black Knights will meet one another on the gridiron for the 118th time.

The rivalry is real and the competition is fierce. But the competition against one another on the football field pales in comparison to their loyalty to one another on the battlefield.

When the football uniform comes off and the service uniform is donned, our Sailors and soldiers are the fiercest of teammates, and our nation is the victor.

On December 9th, I will be cheering for the Midshipmen. But on every day before and after, I will cheer for every Sailor, Soldier, Marine, Airman, and Coast Guardsman.

So here is to 9 December, Go Navy, Beat Army. Helm Yeah.